Welcome to California State University, Northridge and the CSU Fully Online Courses Program

Now that you are enrolled in a CSU Fully Online Course at Cal State Northridge for Spring 2017, we’d like to offer some guidance, advice and resources to help you complete your online course successfully.

You are a student at Cal State Northridge (CSUN) and with your CSUN Student ID, you have access to abundant online resources, including the CSUN Mobile App (see www.csun.edu/it/csun-mobile-app).

Your CSUN student portal is myNorthridge Portal; log in at www.csun.edu. The portal links to:

- Student and Academic Policies - www.csun.edu/catalog/policies/alphabetical
- Student Programs and Services - www.csun.edu/currentstudents including Disability Resources and Educational Services - www.csun.edu/dres
- Campus Directory for students, faculty and staff - www.csun.edu/directory

Set up your myNorthridge Portal account using the steps at www.csun.edu/it/user-id-and-password.

CSUN’s academic calendar may differ from that of your home campus. Some key dates are:

- First day of classes: Sat, January 21, 2017—including Fri-Sat classes
- Last day to drop a class using self-service registration: Fri, February 10*
- Spring Recess (no instruction; offices open weekdays): Mon-Sun, March 20-26
- Last day of classes: Fri, May 12
- Final exams week: Sat-Fri, May 13-19
- Grades available starting: Sat, May 13
- Campus closed for holidays on: January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); March 31 (César Chavez Day); and May 29 (Memorial Day).

Find more dates at www.csun.edu/admissions-records/calendars.

*Should you wish to drop your CSU Fully Online course once you have been successfully enrolled, please review www.csun.edu/admissions-records/late-add-drop-classes. On and before February 10, 2017, you can drop online through self-service registration (see www.csun.edu/admissions-records/drop-or-swap-classes). After February 10, however, you must formally withdraw with written approval.
You are taking a fully online class at CSUN, and our online course delivery platform may differ from that of your home campus:

1. Our courses use the technology platform called Moodle. To become familiar with Moodle, see www.csun.edu/it/student-moodle-help. (A few professors might be using Canvas; learn more at www.csun.edu/it/canvas and select the “Canvas Guides” link.)

2. You will be able to access myNorthridge Portal at www.csun.edu, but first set up your account following the steps at www.csun.edu/it/user-id-and-password. Should you experience problems with portal access, contact our IT Help Center at 818-677-1400, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

3. The syllabus for your CSU Fully Online Course will have the information you need to successfully complete course requirements. The syllabus is posted in Moodle (or Canvas).

4. You have access to all our Oviatt Library resources and services at http://library.csun.edu.

5. The CSU also provides you with a free online library of supplemental learning resources at www.merlotx.org. You are welcome to explore and use these free resources.

6. The course materials you need for your CSU Fully Online class can be purchased through our CSUN Campus Store - www.bkstr.com/csunorthridgestore/home. Assigned textbooks are also listed in Class Search at www.csun.edu/class-search.

7. If you have questions about using CSUN technologies, call our IT Help Center at 818-677-1400, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. You can also visit our IT Frequently Asked Questions at www.csun.edu/it/faqs-students.

8. The CSU is committed to providing an electronic environment that is accessible to everyone including individuals with disabilities. If you encounter any accessibility problems and need assistance, please contact CSUN Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES) at www.csun.edu/dres.

9. If you need a tutor or help improving your study skills for your Fully Online Course, contact CSUN’s Learning Resource Center at www.csun.edu/lrc.

Finally, we want you to succeed! If this is your first time taking a fully online course, we recommend that you self-assess your readiness for online learning at:

- CSU Stanislaus Online Learning Readiness Checklist
- University of North Carolina Online Learning Readiness Checklist

Best wishes for your academic endeavors and the CSU Fully Online Course you’ve chosen at CSUN.