

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADVANCED RESEARCH STUDY

International Institute for Policy Review & Development Strategies

ONLINE STUDENT ORIENTATION AND ASSESSMENT TEST

SUBJECT: Orientation Information for Online Students

FROM: ISARS

Dear Student.

Welcome to online learning and thank you for enrolling into International School of Advanced Research Study! You are about to embark on an exciting opportunity... to learn online! We know you can succeed and we are here to help you get ready for online learning at ISARS.

As you may already know, ISARS provide amazing flexibility in allowing you to attend your classes wherever is convenient to you. This can save you time, travel costs, and fit nicely into your already busy life! It is important to note, however, that our courses follow the monthly schedule, have weekly assignment deadlines, require regular participation in discussion boards, and are as rigorous as on-campus courses.

It will be very helpful for you to be self-motivated and disciplined to ensure that your assignments and course requirements are completed on time. Please take a moment to review the remainder of this letter to ensure you start off the course on the right track!

Tips for Online Success

There are 3 key steps to success in online learning:

STEP 1: Before the Class Begins – Be sure to review the readiness tips, login and learn how to use Blackboard, and access your online student email.

STEP 2: The First Week of Class – Make sure that you login on the first day of class, become oriented to the course, and read the entire syllabus.

STEP 3: During the Duration of the Course – Be sure to login daily, keep a schedule and planner, and submit assignments or assessments on time.

Online Readiness

If you have never taken an online course the subsequent page highlights **6 key readiness tips** that can help you to prepare for your online learning experience. These include:

1. Getting Oriented

Learning about learning online, how to access your course etc.

2. Knowing Your PC

Navigating technology and ensuring reliable Internet access is important so that it doesn't get in the way of learning the content.

3. Reading

Access your course and ensure you read the syllabus and instructions presented.

4. Logging in Daily

This is how you attend class... by logging in!

5. Being Self-Disciplined and Engaged

Stay motivated, keep a schedule, and participate.

6. Believing in your Abilities and Asking for Help

You can do it! Don't get behind, if you have a technical issue, ask for help. If you need help with content or the class, contact your instructor and/or a tutor.

On the Course start date, we strongly encourage you to login immediately to begin your course. Also,

- 1. Be sure to log in at least once a day to the platform and also to check your student email.
- 2. Don't get behind on turning in assignments and doing homework.
- 3. Keep track of due dates to better manage your time and priorities with what work needs to be done first.

Be sure to log in daily, stay motivated and be self-disciplined so that you can get course work done by the established deadlines.

Student Welcome Assessment Test

To start up with your activity, please take some time out to read through the student resources on the website. The titles are interesting and the articles are written to prepare you for an existing online career. The topics are,

- 1. How to overcome the common challenges of online learning
- 2. How to develop online learning skills
- 3. Self discipline and academic performance, and
- 4. Stay motivated with your online studies.

We believe that you can use a day or two to ready the articles. After reading please respond to the under listed questions and submit to our Enrolment Advisors:

- 1. State clearly your objective for enrolling in the study
- 2. Identify 5 challenges you envisage you may be faced with in the course of your study.
- 3. How do you intend to overcome them and succeed in your study?
- 4. Mention any 5 activities you will need for self discipline
- 5. How do you intend to stay motivate in the course of your study.

Please respond honestly to the above questions and submit through Enquiries platform on the school website not later than 5 working days.

More Information
If you have a question or need assistance, don't delay!
Ask your instructor or contact the help desk so you don't get behind.

Thank you for taking an online course at ISARS. We hope you will have a great semester! Sincerely,

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