



Quick test:

Is an online/distance course the right choice for me?

No.	Question	0 – does not apply	1 – applies to a certain extent	2 – applies
1	I prefer to allocate my learning time as it fits my own rather than to a school timetable.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
2	I enjoy writing.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
3	I would describe myself as a visual learner.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
4	If I don't know how to spell a particular word then I'm more likely to write it down than say it out loud.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
5	I learn better in a familiar learning environment than in an unfamiliar learning environment.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
6	I actively use web-based social networks.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
7	When I visit a city for the first time a map is of more use to me than asking a passer-by.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
8	I'm better at learning on my own than with other people.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
9	I enjoy working with the written word.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
10	I like the fact that distance courses are cheaper than bricks-and-mortar options.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
11	I memorize things better when I've written them down.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
12	I understand new concepts better if I can see them in my mind's eye.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
13	I see learning as active rather than passive.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
14	It annoys me when classmates ask about things I've already understood.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
15	I find it easier to gain a grasp of new concepts by looking at them on my own than by being taught them by someone else.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
16	If I want to find out about something I'm more likely to research it on the internet than ask somebody.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
17	I want to learn at my own pace – not at that of faster or slower learners.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
18	If given the choice between writing a book or making a presentation on a complicated subject I'd sit down at my computer and start typing.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
19	When inviting someone to my birthday I'm more likely to send them a card or an email than call them on the phone.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
20	I do a lot of typing.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
21	I understand complicated issues better when I read about them in my own time than when I listen to someone talk about them.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
22	I learn better in a quiet environment.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
23	I've read a lot of books.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
24	I need to put abstract concepts down on paper in order to understand them.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
25	I prefer studying at home rather than in the classroom.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
26	I'm a good learner even when not sitting in a classroom with a teacher.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
27	I enjoy reading.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
28	I've already had positive experiences with distance learning.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
29	I understand diagrams better than audio guides.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2
30	When reading novels or short stories I find it easy to put myself in the characters' shoes.	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2

Now add up your points and take a look at the next page to find out what your score means...

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Is an online/distance course the right choice for you?

40-60 points

You are clearly suited to distance learning. You find it easier to learn by seeing or reading something than hearing about it or touching it. Working with the written word and pictures poses you no problems at all – in actual fact you exhibit above-average skills. You enjoy being able to shape your own learning environment and wish to remain free from outside influence. You are able and appreciate the opportunity to define your own study times and learning speed. You see flexibility in terms of your place of learning as a highly important factor. Distance learning is the ideal educational format for you.

20-39 points

Distance learning is just as suitable for you as bricks-and-mortar options. You feel equally at home whether studying documents and images, receiving verbally taught content or “learning by doing”. In terms of your learning environment you are able to both adapt to rules laid out by other people and define your own set of learning guidelines. You can cope with a strict timetable and work alongside faster or slower learners, yet you are also capable of setting your own study times and learning speed.

0-19 points

Distance learning is a relatively unsuitable form of teaching and learning for you. You learn best in a classroom situation, for example when the teacher explains something to the class or you have the opportunity to discuss a topic with your fellow learners. You prefer non text-based learning materials. Self-management of the learning process is not one of your strengths and you would rather hand over responsibility for it to someone else. You are better off with a bricks-and-mortar option.