

# YOU CAN STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR CLASSES!

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## **Check your AU email regularly.**

Your instructor will use [your@augusta.edu](mailto:your@augusta.edu) to send course notifications and updates because it is the only way they can reach you.

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**Online courses can vary as much as face-to-face classes.** Your instructor might include recorded lectures, provide power points, open chat rooms for discussions, create activities for you to do at home and, of course, have assignments to assess your learning.

**Keep connected and on track by treating the online options like F2F.** [Take notes](#) on lectures. Annotate the PowerPoints. Read the chapters before class. Participate in the discussion.

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**Talk to people!** Email or text folks. Maybe set up a group text with your classmates. Watch this [video](#) on how to create a group in **Microsoft Teams**. Or, radical, make a phone call.

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**Engage as much as you can.** Ask questions. Go to chat rooms. It will make a difference. Create a VSG – [Virtual Study Group](#) – with classmates in Teams. Get some tips for online study groups [here](#) and in this [video](#).

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**Your instructors will still have office hours** and options to chat with them. They want you to talk with them. You are NOT bothering them. Honest.

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Remember, your instructor is probably learning how to do some of this technical stuff too. They are used to watching faces and taking cues from in-person behaviors. Now, they need you to be deliberate and ask for clarification or indicate understanding. Give them some feedback and don't leave them hanging!

And please be kind. They do want you to succeed.

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## **References**

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