



Distance Learning

INFORMATION SHEET FOR TELECOURSE STUDENTS

"This instrument can teach, it can illuminate; yes, and it can even inspire. But it can only do so to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise it is merely wires and lights in a box."
Edward R. Murrow

"A telecourse is much more than a course on television. It is a learning system, with each of its components - video, audio, print, other media - complementing the others and offering students a genuinely new kind of learning experience."
James J. Zigerall. [A Guide to Telecourses and their Uses.](#)

Telecourse students are expected to:

1. **WATCH/TAPE TELEVISION BROADCASTS**

The television component of the telecourse is aired once over WXXI-TV and multiple times over Time Warner CH4 (TW 4) in the Greater Rochester area. It also is aired over cable (TW 4) in the residence halls. Streaming video is available via broadband connection for a limited number of telecourses distributed by Annenberg Media. We encourage you to tape the programs for review purposes. When taping, tape 15 minutes before and after the listed broadcast time to ensure full program taping. Students who miss a particular lesson or wish to review the material may view the programs at The College at Brockport's Drake Library, Circulation Reserve Desk (585/395-2288 for library hours). A media rental option is available for most of the telecourses at www.learner.org.

It is important to prepare yourself to view the programs. Many telecourse students view the programs sitting at a desk or a table. Read the text and/or study guide materials in advance of the program, take special steps to avoid interruptions, and take notes while viewing the broadcast. [Learn to program your VCR and tape courses for back-up/review.](#)

Keep in mind, we sometimes experience technical difficulties beyond our control. If you encounter any broadcast problems, please contact us immediately (585/395-5726) and report the nature of the problem. Please include your name, daytime phone number, program time, date, day and station information.

Distance Learning Office (2107 Morgan II)
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
Weekends and evenings – leave a message at 585/395-5726 with your name and daytime phone number

2. **ATTEND ON OR OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES**

On or off-campus classes have been scheduled for presentations, discussion, questions and student evaluation. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please inform the instructor at once. Attendance policy is left to the discretion of the instructor.

3. **COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS**

Each telecourse has a textbook and/or study materials, which are coordinated with the television programs and can be purchased at the College Bookstore. The course syllabus lists assignments and course expectations. For most telecourses, one copy of the text and study guide is on reserve (2-hour loan) at the Drake Library Circulation Reserve Desk and at the SUNY Student Resource Center.

4. **CONSULT WITH THE INSTRUCTOR**

In addition to class times, instructors are generally available before and after class. They also are available for consultation by telephone if you have questions on any aspect of the course.

5. **CONTACT THE DISTANCE LEARNING OFFICE**

If you have any questions or suggestions other than those that are course content related, please contact Karen Schuhle-Williams, Ph.D., Director of Special Sessions and Programs, 585/395-5724.
For registration questions and general information, contact Kandie Gay, 585/395-5726.