Tips for Parents and Guardians to Support your Online Student

Successful learning at a distance involves strategies for the individual student as well as dedicated support from their parents/guardians. The following guidelines will help distance students complete their Summer At SLU Academy courses.

- Even though students are not sitting in a classroom, they are still going to school. A regular schedule with dedicated time to complete the online course will help assure success.

- A place to participate in class learning activities and do homework away from distractions (as much as possible) is important to success.

- Students can expect to spend a minimum of **127.5 hours** to complete a 3-credit hour course. The Summer At SLU Academy courses are all eight weeks, so an average of **16 hours/week** will be required to complete each course.

- Students need access to the internet to view lectures and other learning materials. Some courses include videos or media requiring significant bandwidth to view. Simultaneous use of the internet by others in the household may prevent the student from being able to view the course videos.

- Course instructors are available to respond to inquiries and generally respond to student questions within 24-48 hours. Interactions with the course instructor and between students may occur via several technologies including, but not limited to, web conferencing, discussion boards in the learning management system (Canvas), and email.

- Questions or concerns about a Summer At SLU Academy course may be directed to Brett DeLaria (bretton.delaria@slu.edu).