

# Student Success in an Online Course: A Student Perspective

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## Abstract

Many students are starting to take more college courses in an online environment. Amid the growth of Internet access, this trend has slowly been building over the past decade. With the onset of this type of learning environment we are forced to evaluate student success in these courses. There are many avenues to explore, in regard to student success. We can look at student grades, retention in the course, student-learning outcomes for the content and the overall student experience in the course environment. This research study will focus on the last avenue, a student's perspective about the online course experience. The study looks at four areas of interest that might contribute to student success in an online course: 1) course navigation, 2) learning objectives, 3) online discussions, and 4) faculty feedback.

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