



## Online Course Attendance Requirements

Western Dakota Tech (WDT) online courses are required to provide faculty-initiated, regular, and substantive interaction between faculty and students. Students are required to participate in course activities and communicate per the expectations and timelines provided by the instructor.

Faculty may interact with students through email, chat, announcements, participation in discussion boards, feedback on student work, faculty office hours, and other tools that provide meaningful interaction. Faculty are expected to return email and phone calls within 24 hours and graded work within 72 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) unless students are otherwise notified.

Students must engage in an academic activity before the official last day to drop a course as published in the [academic calendar](#), or the student may be withdrawn from the course. Activities that qualify as engagement include submitting an academic activity, participating in an academic conversation on the discussion board, and engaging with the instructor regarding course content through email, chat, and any other tools that provide for meaningful interaction.

Students who fail to have regular and substantive participation throughout the course per the expectations and timelines communicated by the instructor risk administrative withdrawal from the course, which may impact a student's financial aid. (See "Administrative Withdrawal Due to Non-Attendance" in the WDT [Student Handbook](#).)