



## ONLINE COURSE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Western Dakota Tech online courses are designed to provide robust interaction between faculty and students. Students are required to participate in course activities and communicate per the expectations and timelines provided by the instructor. Students' participation must be regular and substantive.

Students must engage in an academic activity before the Census Date of the semester as published in the [Academic Calendar](#), or the student may be withdrawn from the course by the Registrar.

Students who fail to have regular and substantive academic 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 your [WDT Student Handbook](#).)

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