Tips for a Successful Online Learning Experience:

1. **Check your TTU email** ([https://mail.ttu.edu](https://mail.ttu.edu)) and **Blackboard** ([https://www.depts.ttu.edu/lms/](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/lms/)) daily. It is important to stay on top of assignments. Use the tools provided to communicate with your professor/instructor. Effective communication between you and your professor/instructor is vital.

2. **Have access to a computer and reliable internet service.** A habit of logging in daily is essential for your success.

3. **Utilize Apps.** Most programs (like Blackboard) have apps available for use on your phones and/or tablets.

4. **Treat your course as if it were face-to-face.** Dedicate time for your course! Treat it as your job so that you commit time and focus to each class.

5. **Create a schedule and study plan.** Be willing and able to commit to 8 hours per day to classes and study. Keeping up with the class and completing all work on time is important. Manage your time well.

6. **Be self-motivated and self-disciplined.** With the freedom and flexibility of the online environment comes responsibility. The online process takes a real commitment and discipline to keep up with the flow of the process.

7. **Be willing to “speak up” if problems arise.** If you are experiencing difficulty on any level (either with the technology or with the course content), you must communicate this immediately. Otherwise the professor/instructor will never know what is wrong.

8. **Create a space dedicated to focus on studying.** Create a space of peace. Avoid distractions such as games or social media. Set up good lighting and comfortable seating.

9. **Be mentally engaged.** Be an active listener. Allow yourself to absorb and process information.