How to Study From a Distance: Students Share Their Tips

The new restrictions have left the institutions for higher education closed with studies transferring online. How will you succeed in your studies from the home? Here are a few tips from students.

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As a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, most institutions for higher education have decided to enact their studies at a distance, online. So what should you be doing when learning from your bedroom or living room and not in a lecture auditorium? And what should you not have by your side? Students provide some advice.

Alon Miller, Student of Industrial Engineering and Management, Open University
Miller began his studies in 2017 whilst completing his military service. “I was discharged from the army only three months ago, and in the course of my studies I studied at night, in the office, listening to classes while driving, and even on special occasions I studied while flying,” he tells. “In recent years I have taken my studies with me everywhere - military expeditions, flights, drives.”
In terms of my personal experience, says Miller, “The distance education provides me with heightened attention - I continue with my life and study while at the same time. In the classroom there are many distractions - people all around me, conversations, and more. When studying at home, all of these factors disappear and the content is absorbed directly in a refined way, it is like receiving an injection of information. Online studies don't detract from the student, rather just the opposite - it is much better, and for many students this increases the production rate.”

Ilana Blitty, Student of Industrial Engineering and Management, Open University
Blitty started her studies in 2015. “All the students, including myself, log in to the class through the course website, there is a professor, whoever chooses to be active in the class may ask questions, the option is given to be present in the class with or without a camera, and there are recordings which allow us to rewatch the lessons,” She explains. “Education from a distance enables studying in the place which is the most comfortable - in whatever corner you may choose in your home.”

Ilana Blitty adds, “When you are a student with a full-time job, such as myself, this is very convenient. Especially in these recent days, studying from a distance offers an excellent solution and allows us to continue in our routine. Studying in a classroom or from home is the same degree of education, if anything studying at home saves travel and time. The best tip I can give to students studying from home is to develop discipline. Self discipline is important to collect oneself and to succeed. In recent times when the routine is less present, there is no doubt that it is harder to succeed in terms of self discipline.”