

Posted by u/alwayswanloveyou 8 months ago

# Is anyone else finding this online semester to be more difficult than usual? I find it to be 3x more harder than regular in-person classes or even the ones we had during Spring & Summer.

Discussion

For example, I have *twelve* papers of all sorts, i.e. research papers, analysis, criticism, media reporting, etc., this semester, each of which have an requirement of 7-12 pages. Discussion board question responses, for each course, due every week at various times, sometimes even overlapping (which can be confusing) + additional writing assignments. Overwhelming amount of readings, anywhere between 30-90 pages every night + articles. I mean do they not realize that just because everyone is home doesn't mean give us unreasonable amount of work that further negatively affects us in many ways. We all have our mental health and other life things to manage and take care of. I'm feeling extremely overwhelmed and anxious, can anyone else relate?

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[deleted] 8 months ago  
They're really be doing to much.  
It's only the second week of school and I'm already drowning in schoolwork.  
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Gabbyy007 8 months ago  
Yes, i don't understand why I am already behind and its only the second week.  
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Miserable\_Departure 8 months ago  
One of my professors told us he usually wouldn't make his student do annotations or discussion boards. Now, we have to do annotations (and show him), 2-3 page response papers, and answer prompts based on the readings. All for a 100 class  
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MusicFreakx3 8 months ago  
It's only week 2 and im already sleep deprived...  
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dadbot\_2 8 months ago  
Hi feeling that way as well and I've taken a few online courses in the past, I'm Dad  
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CVPR434 8 months ago · edited 8 months ago  
While this all sucks, I am glad to know that I am not alone in this. I wholeheartedly agree that this semester seems insanely intense right off the bat. I have a 100 level class that has the workload of a masters level course (says my roommate who is working on his PhD).  
It's absolutely ridiculous that they are piling this much work on us, knowing the stressors of what's happening in the world right now. It would be difficult to keep up with a typical workload right now, but it seems that they have doubled down and piled work onto us just to keep us busy.  
Just for some perspective, I've had a 4.0 every semester and I've taken multiple 300 & 400 level courses, but nothing has compared to what is being thrown at us this semester and I am already having panic attacks about being able to keep up.  
If enough of us are experiencing this issue, maybe it would be worth it to write an open letter to CUNY that we can all sign.  
tl;dr I am experiencing the same thing. I feel like CUNY has told professors to double down on workload since we are working online. We should write an open letter to CUNY.  
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Deadmemesaregreat 8 months ago · edited 8 months ago  
inb4 the professors calling us lazy, and not willing to put in the work. Honestly its almost like they didnt learn anything from the spring and summer semester. So many professors are just reading off their pp slides or textbook, rushing through the contents then drop a huge workload on us while we're still confused about the subject or the class in general  
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nygdan 8 months ago  
CUNY hasn't told profs anything like that, to be clear. CUNY central stays very hands off on that sort of stuff, which in part is why so many profs are going overboard, they have no oversight. Profs really do rule their classrooms.  
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CVPR434 8 months ago  
I just heard from a friend whose professor told him that it was actually NY state that stepped in and told schools to give more work, otherwise it would be "too easy." They think just because courses are online, we have more time and that we need more work to fill out our days.  
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nygdan 8 months ago  
That didn't happen, the state didn't do anything like that, or if they did they only told a few profs. It's just something these profs and maybe their chairs have decided.  
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CVPR434 8 months ago  
May I ask if you're a professor? Not saying you're wrong or that I'm right, you just seem very certain about the situation that the rest of us are struggling to grapple with.  
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nycfairy 8 months ago · edited 8 months ago  
Although I'm sad to see how many of us are feeling overwhelmed, I agree with some people in the comments: I'm glad I'm not alone in that!! Week two, and I've literally not closed my laptop in days. Just wanted to say u/ CVPR434 you might be onto something with the open letter suggestion if this persists... Anyway, psych major here, so anyone feel free to vent away in the comments if needed! We got this guys!  
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youknowjusthere 8 months ago  
this semester already has me wildly stressed. and not to mention- since it's all online they seem to be even fucking dumber. i've had a professor tell me FOUR different class times and now it looks like i've missed class a bunch.  
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garbanzo000 8 months ago  
I think a lot of professors believe they have to assign more work in order to compensate for not meeting in class. What they don't realize is that assigning multiple papers & group projects PLUS the usual work is not a fair substitution. I dropped 2 classes after seeing the syllabi because it was just ridiculous.  
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nygdan 8 months ago  
Try talking to the profs and explaining what you just explained here about the amount of work you have.  
All of that really sounds like they're overdoing it.  
Make sure you keep to a work schedule for your classes, actually block out time in your daily/weekly schedule for it, being a student requires about a 40 hour a week commitment (yes I agree what you're talking about here sounds like more than that, it's equivalent to a full time job. Don't 'wing it', make an actual schedule and tell people your schedule comes first. You're paying for this time, it's your time, tell other people no.  
And again I agree, it sounds like your profs are all overloading you. Do it in bits and pieces so you don't fall behind.  
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heebergeeber 8 months ago  
I had this same realization and ended up dropping a class  
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TDHunter 8 months ago  
On the same boat. It's already overwhelming enough that we have to deal with online classes. However, with expectations on readings before class (which is normal), big assignments, AND weekly quizzes on top of labs (for me at least), it's frustrating.  
I'm not one of them but I also heard many other students on their final semester/year and they are struggling to get their last classes to graduate.  
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aly666 8 months ago  
I feel the same way & it doesn't help that one of my professors (for calculus 2!) has chosen to email everything instead of using zoom and blackboard. He emailed us & told us he's considering doing so after labor day.  
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