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I really don't know if I can do another semester online

Discussion

This isn't a COVID thread, I'm not advocating for the school to open up amidst a crisis, I ask that it not devolve into that.

I feel very sad right now, because I need to be able to get a good education, and that includes real life interactions with students and faculty. After I read that the board of trustees opted for virtual learning in the spring I had a mental breakdown.

No, I'm not suicidal or anything, I'm going to be fine.

The online learning is very difficult for me. I'm not doing as well as I know I could because I don't have access to all the system I need to succeed.

I understand that world circumstances has put my needs on hold for the moment. That doesn't change that it still hurts.

I'm not sure what to do at this point. Drop out of spring and do what...? Sit in my apartment all day? That's equally arguably worse.

The option that's really dancing around in my head is just leaving NYC and moving somewhere cheaper, where i can buy a house for what I'm paying in rent here. But that is going to complicate my education a lot, and quite frankly, I don't want to leave. But sitting in a box all day, everyday, until... April? May?

Again, this isn't some thinly veiled political message. My needs aren't being met, I understand world circumstances complicate matters, but I'm at a loss and every day seems to be getting more difficult with school, and life in general. It is making me re-evaluate what I have to do to get my needs met, and putting my education on hold, and perhaps leaving NYC may unfortunately have to happen

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Jb7112 6 months ago
I'm sure many are feeling the same way as you are. Some of my professors seem to think were in lockdown again and have all the time in the world with the amount of work they've been assigning. I can relate in terms of putting education on hold if virtual learning is causing you to feel the way you do. It's only best however you wouldn't sit in your apartment all day. Find ways to improve!!! For example find an internship volunteer if you can. Use that time to work on yourself instead of being at home watching Netflix or whatever. Then re-enroll In the fall and hopefully some courses will be back in person by then. Best of luck

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nygdan 6 months ago
If you had a mental breakdown then you really shouldn't be going to online school next semester. Talk to advisors and see what you need to do to "pause" your degree. Not end, just pause for a semester or two.

Seek any kind of therapy you can get. Focus on yourself. The school will be there in the future.

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tonyg31897 6 months ago
I don't want to minimize your situation, but rather show how online learning is working for me. This mostly comes down to professors attitude towards online learning.

I'm a biochemistry major at Hunter and I've noticed the learning/lecture process is roughly the same and honestly more comfortable. I'm used to large, hot and stuffy lecture halls. Being able to watch my lecture at any place with Wi-Fi, and in some instances at my leisure is such a benefit that I hope online lecturing is kept in place going forward. My professors have essentially done the exact same thing they would if we were in person. Some lectures have moved away from exams and shifted to online quizzes. Some have moved to a take home, limited time exam. All of these have helped significantly because they are, for the most part, open book exams. It's less stressful all around.

The problem comes in with professors that were never that good in the first place, becoming even worse online. I can't necessarily fault them, bc chances are they are adjunct professors barley making minimum wage. It's also CUNY's fault for not making standards and expectations of professors. For example, requiring all professors to use blackboard or canvas. If this was the central hub for all of your classes, it makes things easier to organize. But professors are using zoom, bbcollobate, and other sites to manage work and making it difficult to keep track of things. Additionally, some classes are requiring you watch lectures before class to then come and discuss during class. This creates a problem that students shouldn't be responsible for solving.

So I guess my point is that it's not the fact that classes are online, but rather that some professors do not know how to teach online

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trvrplk 6 months ago
I feel very much the same. Last night I had a dream I got grades back and got like a 72 with a curve (which would probably make me lose my scholarship irl). I was considering taking this semester off actually, but my parents pretty much wouldn't let me. You're definitely not alone.

Also, it's definitely not cheaper, but I live on Long Island (with my parents) and it's pretty much the same here as in the city in terms of feeling trapped. There's a bit more space, sure, but it's still restricted enough that I hardly leave the house. (Doesn't help that I don't drive ofc but even if you can it's not much better.) So I don't know how different it would be if you did go somewhere cheaper—especially since the pandemic is worse in many other parts of the country.

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talldrseuss 6 months ago
Sounds like you need a change of scenery. I would recommend looking into internships related to your field of study. Quite a few internships are also work from home. I know you're trying to get outdoors and interact with people, but the landscape will be changed till the vaccine comes out. So if you feel you're not getting what you want out of school, then build up some experience in your field of study, then come back when in person starts up again.

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DalekSupreme23 6 months ago
Hey! Listen online classes are not for everyone. They are times i wish there was better way to do online classes. I often hate being on zoom. It's easily to get distracted at home and sometimes depending on your neighbors you can't control the noise level. I am in the same boat as you about moving from NYC. I haven't taken a train and who knows in how long and clearly dont want to. And paying a lot for rent in this city right now is not worth it. If i were you i try to get in contact with some of the counselors in your school.

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Flako118st 6 months ago
After my midterm results. Which i took today. I will either take a W or just continue. Online learning for me it's just too much. I rather loose another year

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anonymou55sandWich 6 months ago · edited 6 months ago
Definitely not for everyone regardless of pandemic.

I did my BS through online courses (pre-covid) and it was super hard.

Also you can take a semester off or maybe take 2 courses and be a part time student.

I took a semester off after taking 5 classes on my first semester and working a 40/hr week job. I was super burned out.

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scumbagge 6 months ago
I feel the same way even though I graduate in two months. I feel like since the pandemic started, I haven't learned shit due to the online format and mind being cloudy due to stress. Not to mention when we all do finally graduate the economy is fucked. So we'll be lucky to even find a job. But if you do find a job, then you may get laid off during shutdowns. All around just negative energy.

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[deleted] 6 months ago
I just wrote a similar topic over on [r/Baruch](#). I'm a master's student and I just can't take this distance learning format. It's not good for me nor do I think it translates well to the field I'm studying. I got so frustrated that I sent an email to the president asking for lower tuition if this is going to be a thing.

I totally think the quality of education took a much deeper dive when we went online. I was already not a fan of it when it was in person, but I could at least feel productive. It's hard to care about classes when you work 8 hours and then log on to class for another 3 hours. It's honestly draining mentally.

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roverlover1111 6 months ago
This was very well put. I am just hoping for fall.

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