



Read this document before beginning your course.

5 STEPS TO START RIGHT

1 READ YOUR WELCOME LETTER

This letter contains, among other things:

- Your user code to access the Campus portal;
- Information about your tutor.

2. CHECK YOUR DELIVERY NOTE

If any material is missing, please contact us within 30 days at: inscription@cegepadistance.ca

After this period, additional fees will apply.

3. CONSULT THE OVERVIEW OF THE RULES AND REFER TO THE INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONS GUIDE

As a student, you are responsible for knowing the rules and procedures that govern your studies at Cégep à distance :

- Refer to the overview <u>below</u> for a summary of the main rules ;
- Read Introduction and Instructions at cegepadistance.ca/introduction

Policies and regulations

Cégep à distance is part of the Collège de Rosemont. You are subject to its policies and regulations. You can read them at cegepadistance.ca/rules.

4 LOG IN TO THE CAMPUS

Explore and navigate effectively through the different sections of the portal by watching this tutorial <u>The Cégep à distance</u> <u>portal</u> (available in French audio)

In the Campus:

- Click on the **title of your course** to view important dates and complete administrative tasks (confirmation, extension, etc.) related to the course.
- Click on Access my course to enter the learning environment.

5. START NOW !

First, familiarize yourself with your **Study Guide** as it will serve as your course plan.

You will find it in the **Resources** section of your learning environment.

To contact us

infoscol@cegepadistance.ca

To contact your tutor

In writing:

Send a message through the Campus messaging system.

Over the phone :

You can leave a voice mail :

- Dial 514 864-6464 or 1 800 665-6400;
- Press 2;
- When you hear the instructions, dial your tutor's voicemail number.

CHEAT SHEET OF RULES FOR CÉGEP À DISTANCE

Here is a summary of the various rules to follow to effectively organize your educational progress. All of the information mentioned here is excerpted from the *Introduction and Instructions* guide, available on our website (cegepadistance.ca/introduction) and from the **General Resources** section of your course.

Course deadline

Your final assignment must be submitted within the 6-month period allocated, following the submission rules. Assignments must be sent to your tutor in sequence, one at a time. You must wait for feedback before sending the next assignment.

Once the grade for your final assignment appears in your record, you have 3 months to complete all parts of the final evaluation.

All exams (including the evaluation interview) must be completed by the deadline to avoid failing the course.

Tutor's response and correction time

Tutors have :

- **2 business days** to respond to messages and phone calls;
- **5 business days** to correct an assignment or exam.

Extensions

To obtain an extension, your request must be completed no more than five (5) business days after the assignment submission deadline date or final evaluation date for your course.

- Only one extension is permitted
- The extension for assignments is two months (you must have at least one corrected assignment and the grade must appear in your file);
- The extension for exams is one month.

Withdraw and confirmation

You must report your intention to withdraw or continue a course, to avoid having a failing grade on your transcript.

At Cégep à distance, the **deadline to withdraw has been set at 30 working days after the start date of the course.**

- During the withdrawal period, your course will be confirmed automatically as soon as you submit evaluations worth 20% of the course grade. In that case, it will no longer be possible for you to withdraw.
- Withdrawing from one or more courses may change your student status. If you become a part-time student, you will have to pay tuition for your active courses in that session.
- After the withdrawal deadline, you will receive a letter informing you of the deadlines to confirm your course to avoid a failing grade being noted on your transcript.

Drop with mention (Starting Fall 2024)

Starting from the Fall 2024 semester, changes have been made to the academic calendar, allowing students to drop a course without failing.

At Cégep à distance, the **deadline to drop a course** without failing has been set at 60 working days after the start date of the course.

- After the withdrawal deadline, entering a result automatically confirms your registration.
- It is not possible to drop a course that is not confirmed.
- It is not possible to drop a course for which 60% of the weighted points have been accumulated.
- "AE" will be noted on the transcript for any dropped courses.

OUR TIPS FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING YOUR COURSES

PLAN YOUR TIME

- Set a realistic schedule that takes all your obligations into account: work, family, transit time, courses, activities, etc.
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- Stick to your timeline and adjust along the way if necessary.

3. ESTABLISH YOUR STRATEGY

- Before you begin, look over your schedule and set your priorities: which courses or assignments should come first?
- If possible, study every day; a brief period each day can really pay off.
- Don't forget to take a 10-minute break after every 50 minutes of studying.
- Don't hesitate to contact your resources—they are there to help you: tutor, Academic Advisor, Academic information technicians.

2. CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME AND PLACE

- Find a suitable location and get rid of all sources of distraction (cellphone, social networks, etc.) so you can focus without being disturbed.
- Establish your study ritual based on the time of day you are most efficient.
- Explain to your family and friends the purpose and goal of your studies (to help them understand your need to devote time to studying).
- Don't feel guilty about taking this time for yourself. Be proud: you are building your future!

4. BE AWARE OF YOUR MOTIVATION

- Remember what is motivating you to pursue your education: better job, better lifestyle, better salary?
- If you are feeling unmotivated, figure out why: the course, trouble understanding the material, schedule, sense of isolation, lack of support?
- Contact your tutor, who will be happy to give you advice, share tips or guide you to the resource you need to regain your motivation.

Visit <u>cegepadistance.ca/help</u> to discover a number of student success resources.