Scoring Rubric

If you scored between 41-50	Your responses indicate that you have good organization and time management skills. These are both very important for online learning, as you will have to work independently much of the time. You are prepared to pace yourself, figure out things on your own and communicate with people in writing. You generally seem to realize that taking an online course is more time consuming and requires more study discipline than a face to face class. Hopefully this survey has helped you assess whether or not you want to enroll in an online course. If so, then Good Luck! If you would like more information regarding online programs you can visit http://sienaheights.edu/Locations/Online.aspx?SkinSrc=/Portals/_default/Skins/siena_nohead_newNav/defaultIf (Links to an external site.) or you can inquire athttp://go.sienaheights.edu/inquiryform (Links to an external site.)
If you scored between 26- 40	You seem to be fairly well organized and learn fairly easily. That's good, but you have to remember that learning from an online course usually requires more time and effort, because you will often have to pace yourself and figure out things on your own or with limited support from the instructor. If you want to improve your organizational skills, you may consider allocating certain hours to work on each individual task to stay to track, to work on it the first thing each morning, and to keep a written record of your tasks and assignments. These strategies will help you not fall behind in the class. Most online courses consist mainly of written text, but a lot of them now also include audio recordings or podcasts. You will also have to communicate in writing with the instructor and your classmates. You may need to improve your basic learning skills, such as reading, listening, writing, and problem solving. Since you have reported that you are fairly good at using the computer and the Internet, you should have no problem interacting with the online course environment. However, you may lack some of the necessary technical tools. Make sure that your computer meets the online course requirements for the course you are considering by looking at the course syllabus or contacting the instructor. Make sure you have help from someone who knows computers. If you need technical assistance at any time during a course you can contact the Help Desk. Information will be provided in your course. Overall, you seem to need to work on some of your learning and time management skills before trying an online course. If you follow the recommendations above, you should be able to be fairly successful in an online course. Hopefully this survey has helped you assess whether or not you want to enroll in an online course. If you still have questions or concerns about online courses, please talk with your adviser.

If you scored between 11 - 25	According to your responses you might work better when external organization is imposed on you. While this may work just fine in a face to face class, an online class requires more independence in setting and following work goals and deadlines. In an online course you will have to pace yourself and figure out things on your own or with sometimes limited assistance from the instructor. As far as time management, you may want to develop a strategy for keeping yourself on track, such as keeping a written record of your tasks and allocating certain hours to work on each task. To become a successful online learner, you may also want to improve your basic learning skills, such as reading, listening, writing, and problem solving. Based on your answers about your technical readiness, it seems that you are not very comfortable using the computer for learning. The ability to keep your computer up to date, search the Internet and download files is very important for successful online learning. To improve your basic computer and Internet skills, try reading a book on the topic. You also need to make sure you have all necessary hardware and software. For a complete list of hardware and software required for online learning, refer to the individual course and its minimum requirements. Overall, it looks like you need to improve either your technology skills or your learning skills before you try an online course. Hopefully this survey has helped you assess whether or not you want to enroll in an online course. If you still have questions or concerns about online courses, please go visit with your adviser. They want you to help you be successful.
If you scored between 0-10	Your answers, indicate that your time management skills and study habits (such as keeping yourself on track, meeting deadlines and working independently) need to be further developed before you would be successful in online learning. It appears that you feel you have trouble learning new information, are not comfortable with written communications and participation in online discussions, or are not used to solving problems on your own. You may need to reconsider your decision to take an online course, as it usually provides less support from the instructor, than will be necessary for you to be successful. An online course also requires at least 10 hours a week, which you may not be ready to spend at this time. Regarding your technical readiness, you don't appear to have many of the necessary technical tools to take an online course and don't seem to be very comfortable surfing and searching online resources. At this point it looks like you might be more successful in a course that meets face to face, where you can have more support for your learning. You might try an online course when you have gained more experience with computer and study skills and time management. Hopefully this survey has helped you assess whether or not you want to enroll in an online course at this time. If you still have questions or concerns about online courses, please check out our website: http://sienaheights.edu/Locations/Online.aspx?SkinSrc=/Portals/_default/Skins/siena_nohead_newNav/defaultIf (Links to an external site.)