

# Good Start Checklist

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Use this checklist to prepare for your online courses for the semester.

<b>Before classes begin:</b>		
Locate your official college email and your D2L email.	You will have 2 email addresses while at Lone Star College. All official college correspondence will use <b>@my.lonestar.edu</b> . Email within a D2L course will use <b>@d2l.lonestar.edu</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="https://vlac.lonestar.edu/he">What is difference between D2L and LoneStar email? (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/he</a>
Install a browser supported by D2L.	If you use an unsupported browser, you could have problems.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_sup">Supported Browsers (https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_sup</a>
Learn about advising services available to you.	Visit Online Advising resources page	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a279">Advising Services for Online Students (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a279)</a>
Request accommodations if needed.	Download the Request Accommodations form from Disability Services. Link opens in a new tab.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.lonestar.edu/27404.htm">Disability Accommodations &amp; Services (http://www.lonestar.edu/27404.htm)</a>
Become familiar with VLAC (Virtual Learning Assistance Center).	You are looking at VLAC right now. VLAC is the knowledge base for students using our online learning management system, D2L.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://vlac.lonestar.edu/help">VLAC (http://vlac.lonestar.edu/help)</a>
Complete the Student Orientation for Online Courses.	The Student Orientation for Online Courses is the easiest way to learn to navigate a D2L course.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a276">Student Orientation for Online Courses (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a276)</a>
<b>First day of class:</b>		
Learn to use the D2L calendar.		<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/managing-calendar-tasks">Managing Calendar Tasks (http://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/managing-calendar-tasks)</a>
Confirm your classes are listed in D2L and the link to each is active.	If not, email your instructor.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a393">Find Online Class (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a393)</a>
Complete all introductory assignments found in the online course.		<input type="checkbox"/>