

Myths & Truths about the BAS HSA Program at SF College

	Myth	Truth
1	It is an online program and so there is flexibility with assignments due dates.	The online classes are flexible because you do not have set meeting times for lectures on campus. However, every course comes with specific objectives, expectations, timelines, and deadlines.
2	I received my AA and/or AS from Santa Fe, so the HSA program should be a piece of cake.	<p>The quality of writing and depth of analysis for a BAS degree is more intense than in an AA or AS degree program.</p> <p>The BAS HSA curriculum of study is rigorous and on par with BAS/BS HSA programs offered in other colleges or universities in the country. You can do very well, but you need to work hard and manage your time wisely.</p>
3	I am a nontraditional student with a family and a full time job. My professors should commiserate with me when I am late with assignments.	<p>Majority of students in this program are non-traditional students. While instructors often make allowances for emergency situations, you are still expected to make school a priority and work consistently across the semester.</p> <p>Find out from the course syllabus what the instructor deems an emergency. Do not let poor planning on your part constitute someone else's emergency.</p>
4	It is an online class so my professor does not know how often I log on.	Professors are very much aware how much time you spend in class. Students who flunk are those who spend little time in class, who fail to submit assignments, and/or who do not communicate with instructors in a timely manner.
5	I don't understand the course material, but I do not want to bug my professor with questions.	We are here to be bugged! If you ask a question that has been clearly outlined in the syllabus, the instructor may ask you to review the document. Other than that, we are happy to answer your questions and help you meet the expectations for the course.

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6	It is hard for me to grasp concepts using the material given, but I have no other options because it is an online class.	There are other options. Check the syllabus and contact the instructor. You may be able to arrange an in-person meeting, or have a discussion via phone or an online chat.
7	Professor X allowed me to turn in my assignment late for this reason, so Professor Y is going to do the same.	One of the wonderful things about the HSA program at SF College is the diversity among the instructors. You will have the opportunity to learn from instructors with different teaching styles. Instructors consider a lot of factors before making a decision. First, find out the instructor's policy on late assignments. Then communicate with the instructor as soon as possible if ever you have an emergency.
8	Professor Y uses the calendar, milestones, and reminders in ANGEL, so Professor X should do the same.	As articulated in #7, teaching styles are different. Some instructors may put all course-related information in the syllabus while others may also use ANGEL for a variety of functions. The best way to find out the format of your online class is to read the syllabus.
9	I am not happy about what is going on in my class, but if I complain, it may affect my final grade.	Instructors are used to receiving feedback from students. If you keep silent they would not know there is a problem—it would be a case of "no news is good news."
10	It is an online program so the instructors do not know who we are (maybe except our names).	Oh yes, we know who you are. Reading your bios, discussions and assignments, learning about your logon patterns, mode and frequency of communication, grades tells us a lot about you. We have a vested interest in your successful completion of this program. All the best!