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# DISTANCE EDUCATION CONNECTION

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Student Success Coordinator for Distance Education; Copyright Education and Independent Proctoring, is the first point of contact for online students and is devoted to your success. As a recent graduate of an online program, Dena is familiar with the needs and struggles of distance students.

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Dear Marshall student:

Welcome! I am delighted that you have chosen to pursue your education through one of our online degree programs. It is said that education is the great equalizer. You have now taken one of the first steps in your higher education journey and we are honored to have you as one of the Herd.

I, too, am taking my first steps as the 38th President of Marshall University. In fact, I started January 3, 2022. Perhaps, we are sharing some of the same excitement, eagerness and maybe even a bit of anxiety as we navigate these brand-new roles. To be sure, as we make this journey together the opportunities that await us will be transformational and robust.

Marshall offers an amazing tool for you to customize your educational journey through a contemporary learning environment. This flexible, convenient pathway to higher education allows students the world over to become part of the Marshall University family without ever leaving their own community. Whether you are in our beautiful state of West Virginia or living abroad, you are now part of the Marshall family.

Our online academic experience includes engaging faculty and staff, high quality technology capabilities and outstanding digital library services. We offer a 24/7 learning experience through discussions boards, blogs and email. Digital technologies available to us today allow for robust, enriching experiences for our students that just a decade ago were unimaginable. Simply said, today's devices are fueling a pace of change that is exponentially faster and you are part of that world!

Regardless of your field of study and even though you will be studying at a distance, I hope that you will feel connected to Marshall and look for ways to engage with the university community. Again, I welcome you to Marshall University and wish you the best in your education.

Best regards,

Brad D. Smith  
President, Marshall University



**JANUARY 18, TUESDAY**  
Withdrawal ("W") period begins

**JANUARY 28, FRIDAY**  
Applications for May graduation due in academic Dean's office

**MARCH 14, MONDAY – MARCH 18, FRIDAY**  
Spring Break – classes dismissed  
March 21, Monday  
Recommended date to apply for July/August 2022 graduation

**MARCH 21, MONDAY – MARCH 25, FRIDAY**  
Advance registration for summer sessions (open only to currently enrolled students)

**MARCH 25, FRIDAY**  
Last day to withdraw from a full semester individual course

**MARCH 28, MONDAY**  
Recommended date to apply for December 2022 graduation

**APRIL 1, FRIDAY**  
Approved thesis/dissertation must be submitted to ETD website for final review.

**APRIL 4, MONDAY – APRIL 15, FRIDAY**  
Advance registration for fall semester (open only to currently enrolled students)

**APRIL 22, FRIDAY**  
Last class day  
Last day to completely withdraw from spring semester

**APRIL 23, SATURDAY - APRIL 29, FRIDAY**  
Final Exams

**APRIL 30, SATURDAY**  
Commencement at Joan C. Edwards Stadium  
Official May graduation date

**MAY 2, MONDAY, NOON**  
Final grades due  
All requirements must be met for degree completion

**MAY 9, MONDAY – AUGUST 12, FRIDAY**  
Summer school sessions

**Online Learning**

One John Marshall Drive  
Huntington, WV 25755

[www.marshall.edu/online-learning](http://www.marshall.edu/online-learning)

## MUID REMOTE ID PHOTO SUBMISSION

As a public University, we are required by federal law (34 CFR §602.17(g) and the HEOA of 2008) to ensure online students are who they say they are. All distance education students at Marshall University are required to provide proof of identity by uploading a photograph and an image of a government issued photo ID such as a driver's license, passport, or military ID.

Please submit a photo using the following guidelines:

- Should be cropped to a head shot only.
- Should be taken against a plain, light background.
- Must be a color photo.
- Photo must not use any filters or artificial modifications.
- Must not include sunglasses or hats.
- Must be positioned directly facing the camera.
- Eyes should be open and looking at the camera.

After your photo has been submitted and approved by our staff you will receive a confirmation email. As an online student you are welcome to a Marshall student ID. All student IDs are now mobile within smartphone digital wallets.

For more information visit:

[www.marshall.edu/it/mobile-id](http://www.marshall.edu/it/mobile-id).

## STUDENT SUCCESS TIP: READ YOUR SYLLABUS!

A syllabus can be lengthy and repeat the same information for every class, but it's important to read every word because it is easy to miss dates and specific information.

Tip for success: A little prep time at the beginning of the semester can keep you on track and prevent missed due dates.

**What you need:** Colored highlighters and a planner, paper calendar or digital calendar.

- Assign a color for each course.
- Go through the syllabus and put every due date on the calendar. Include reading assignments and discussion posts. Record EVERY date.
- Highlight with that course's color.
- If you need a reminder a few days ahead use a separate color for reminders.
- Look at the calendar often (at least once a week) to make sure you know what deadlines are coming up.

Review the syllabus periodically to be of specific requirements for each class such as file format, citation styles, and posting instructions.

## WORKING ONLINE CAN BE A PAIN IN THE NECK...LITERALLY!

**POSTURE CHIN UP: THE CASE OF TECH NECK**

**TECH NECK = PAIN**

"Tech Neck" describes injuries and pain resulting from too much time spent looking down at wireless devices: headaches, upper back, shoulder and neck or arm pain.

**THE CULPRIT: MOBILE DEVICES**

Adults average 3.6 hours daily or +/- 1,300 hours annually.  
High school students: > 5,000 hours annually, with neck and upper spine 'forward flexed.'

**STUDIES SHOW**

- Looking down at your mobile device places up to a 60-pound weight on your neck – equal to 4 bowling balls.
- Poor posture affects your physical body, mood, self-image and how others perceive you.
- 80% of the U.S. population will experience posture-related pain in their life.
- 90% of that population has postural distortions right now that can lead to serious health problems.



To locate a doctor of chiropractic, visit: [www.f4cp.com/findadoctor](http://www.f4cp.com/findadoctor)

## WITHDRAWAL VS. FAILURE

We all struggle occasionally and sometimes life gets in the way. If you are struggling with a course and you have exhausted other measures to help you get back on track, you will need to officially withdraw from the course. Deadlines for withdrawal are listed in the Academic Calendar and should also be in your course syllabus. Failure to withdraw according to official channels will result in a grade of "F" in your records.

## STUDENT RESOURCES

### Libraries

[www.marshall.edu/library](http://www.marshall.edu/library)

Drinko Library  
Research: 304.696.2334  
Circulation: 304.696.2321

### Tutoring Services

[www.marshall.edu/uc/tutoring-services](http://www.marshall.edu/uc/tutoring-services)

Smith Hall Communications Building, Room 211  
304.696.6622

### IT Service Desk

[www.marshall.edu/it/departments/it-service-desk](http://www.marshall.edu/it/departments/it-service-desk)

Drinko Library  
304.696.3200 in Huntington  
304.746.1969 in Charleston

### Writing Center (online)

[www.marshall.edu/writingcenter/online-etutoring-appointments](http://www.marshall.edu/writingcenter/online-etutoring-appointments)

writing@marshall.edu  
Drinko Library  
304.696.6254

## HAVE YOU EVER ENCOUNTERED IMPOSTER SYNDROME?

Impostor syndrome (IS) refers to an **internal experience of believing that you are not as competent as others perceive you to be.** While this definition is usually narrowly applied to intelligence and achievement, it has links to perfectionism and the social context.


If you would like to share your experience with Impostor Syndrome for a research article, please contact [dena.laton@marshall.edu](mailto:dena.laton@marshall.edu).

## SPRING GRADUATES


Are you planning to graduate in May? If so, please contact [dena.laton@marshall.edu](mailto:dena.laton@marshall.edu) for inclusion in our graduate list in an upcoming newsletter.

*Did you know...*

In 1937, the Ohio River flooded campus once again, this time flooding buildings. In Northcott Hall, the Science Department used rowboats to salvage lab equipment.



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Turner, Ralph J., and Cora P. Teel. *Marshall Memories: A Pictorial History of Marshall University 1837-1987*. Huntington, WV: Marshall University, 1986, page 52  
Photo: University Archives

## SHARE YOUR STORY

We are looking for students to feature in our student profiles for upcoming newsletters. If you want to share your story, please send a photograph and a little information about yourself (major, hobbies, family, pets, etc.) to [dena.laton@marshall.edu](mailto:dena.laton@marshall.edu).

## FACEBOOK GROUP:

Join our Facebook group for Distance Education students. This closed group and is opt-in only and is a good way to stay connected to campus and other online students. Search for Marshall University Distance Education Students or find us on [www.facebook.com/marshallu](https://www.facebook.com/marshallu).

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### Online BA in General Business

The Lewis College of Business, home of Brad D. Smith Undergraduate School of Business, offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Business. This degree is delivered 100% online. This means students can complete the whole degree without coming to campus and without having to meet at designated times to complete lessons. The program is flexible and convenient.

### Program Features

The Online BA in General Business degree does not require you to choose a major. The "major" comes from 24 hours of any combination of upper level LCOB classes. For example, students can take classes in management, marketing, accounting, economics/finance to create your major. This will provide broad business knowledge that students can use in a variety of careers.


### Opportunities & Careers

Graduates from this program will become more employable, more valuable to their current organizations, and more competitive in finding new opportunities. Graduates will contribute to the economic development of their communities and regions.

For more information, visit [www.marshall.edu/cob](http://www.marshall.edu/cob) or contact Lacie Bittinger, Director of Student Services, by calling 304-696-2612 or emailing [bittinger@marshall.edu](mailto:bittinger@marshall.edu).

*Did you know...*

The President of Marshall University originally lived in a house on Fifth Avenue. However, in 1971, the current stately home in Ritter Park was purchased for \$95,000.



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Moffat, Charles H. *Marshall University: An Institution Comes of Age, 1837-1980*. Huntington, WV: Marshall University Alumni Association, 1981, pg 226  
Photo: University Archives

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**HERDCON**  
Marshall University's Annual Pop Culture Convention



**SATURDAY**  
**3.5.22**



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