

**West Liberty University**  
**Office of E-Learning**  
**Online Instructor Expectations**

As an online instructor, I agree to:

- \_\_\_\_\_ send out a “welcome” Message to students 3 to 7 days before my class starts. This message should include contact information, textbook requirements, and a copy of the syllabus. The same info should be posted as an Announcement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ interact daily with students during the first week of the course. This may take the form of individual or Messages or Announcements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ interact with students at least once per week during the remainder of the course (every other day for summer).
- \_\_\_\_\_ include an activity during the first week (three days for summer) so I may determine who is active in the course and accurately report this to the Registrar
- \_\_\_\_\_ contact by phone or email any student who is not active in my course during the first week (three days for summer).
- \_\_\_\_\_ contact any student who is one week or more behind in my course.
- \_\_\_\_\_ log into the course at least every other day, Monday through Friday to, at a minimum, check MESSAGES and respond to students.
- \_\_\_\_\_ respond to any Messages within 48 hours (M-F) or on Monday if sent on Sat or Sun.
- \_\_\_\_\_ provide contact information including email, WLU office hours &/or online hours, and a phone number.
- \_\_\_\_\_ provided feedback for submitted assignments within a week (3 days for summer). If this is not possible (e.g. term papers), I will provide the timeline for my students with the assignment instructions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ use a Sakai GRADES capability to release scores and grades to my students as they are determined.
- \_\_\_\_\_ work with the Sakai administrator or others to provide accommodations for any student with documented needs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ include START HERE information in my course so students know how to get started and what to do in my course.
- \_\_\_\_\_ include my expectations for student deadlines/late work, online etiquette, and academic honesty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ include a self-introduction and an opportunity for students to introduce themselves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ display the course and/or module learning outcomes/objectives in the course.
- \_\_\_\_\_ work to meet the Quality Matters Rubric Standards for online courses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ encourage students to complete the course evaluation at the end of the term.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_