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### Things You Should Know

#### Course Exchange Checklist

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**Textbooks**

The textbooks for your courses at SIUC will be available for you to pick up at the SIUE Textbook Rental Services. You can check what books are required for your course following this [link](#). Visit [textbook services](#) to pick up your books.

**Technology**

Courses at SIUC use a different learning management system than BlackBoard. In order to get familiar with Desire to Learn (D2L) and get access to the platform to access your course, please watch this [video](#) and familiarize yourself with the resources available to you by following this [link](#).

**Communication**

Communicating with your instructor is important for your success. Feel free to reach out to them and clarify expectations. It is important to read the syllabus and be familiar with the course outcomes and seek input from your instructor on a regular basis. They are here to help.

**Time Management**

Understand the schedule of your class and set aside time to stay engaged in your online course activities. Log into your courses at least three times a week and check your email and messages frequently. Stay focused and try to avoid distractions.

**Online Etiquette**

Be explanatory in your email when you write to your instructor and give credible details, referencing the material you are using as an example. Be respectful when engaging in a online conversation with your peers and instructors.