Is this the right course for you? What kind of student demographic are these online Organic I and Organic II classes really targeting?

- Note: NDSU Transcripts will NOT indicate in any way that this was an online course. The transcript displays the same as it does for the regular face-to-face course.

1. Science majors who need two semesters of organic chemistry.
   - Chemistry majors, Biology majors
   - Pre-med, pre-pharmacy, pre-dentistry, etc. pre-health students.
   - Not geared towards students who need a condensed one-semester course covering organic chemistry or both organic and biochemistry

2. Students who want to get through enough Organic I so that they can also take my live Organic II course (8-week period, mid-June through first week of August) or my online Organic II course during the same summer
   - Need to get through at least two of the four organic I tests first
   - Getting through three or all four of the four Organic I tests is much preferred

3. NDSU Pre-pharmacy students and medical laboratory science students
   - Students who need to take biochemistry, but need to finish organic chemistry first.

4. Students who want to be well prepared for the organic chemistry content on standardized tests such as GRE, MCAT, PCAT, DAT, OAT, etc.
   - My alumni have done very well on the organic chemistry parts of those! 😊

5. Students who need an online class for whatever reason, but would like it to be as much like a “regular” live class as possible
   - Lectures are primarily recordings of my actual recent live lectures
   - Anything I’d show on the screen, or say, or write, in my live lectures is here!
   - Except you can pause and rewind, if you want, which makes it better yet!

6. Students who may need some scheduling flexibility.
   a. Organic I could perhaps be attacked in 4 weeks, or 6 week, or 8 weeks
   b. If you start aiming for 4 weeks, but realize it’s too fast, you can slow down
   c. Similar for 6 week plan, can extend it to 8 as needed
   d. Organic II could also be done on 6-week or 8-week plans
   e. Either Organic I or Organic II could be started early

7. Students who need the lecture(s), but will be able to take lab(s) as separate course(s).
   - Each of these is a 3-credit course, obviously without an online lab!
   - NDSU students: you can take live labs during the summer, or in subsequent semesters

8. Students who like to see and work lots of sample problems in class so that they feel like they understand what they need to be able to do and understand

9. Students who are self-motivated, self-disciplined, and have time
   - Full-time job and softball two nights a week won’t work!
   - “I’ll do it later, I’ll do it later” won’t work!

10. Students who want a “rigorous and reasonable” organic chemistry course
    a. Demanding course with high expectations, as you’d expect for a chemistry course at NDSU
    b. Covers same material that I teach during full fall-spring semesters
    c. Not elitist: I assume the pace is less demanding than at Harvard….
    d. Limited pre-requisites: general chemistry is all
    e. I want to make things as understandable as possible, and provide as many resources as possible so that students succeed