

Distance Education Classes

What are Distance Education Classes?

“Distance Education” refers to a course delivery method in which students do not have to be physically present in the same location as the instructor or other students.

Our colleges offer different types of distance education classes. Not all distance education classes suit every student’s learning style. Check the definitions below to find the right fit for you.

Interactive Television - Live broadcast from our television studio/classroom. Attend face-to-face class, view at an outreach center, or view from home through cable television. There may be mandatory in-class orientation and assessments.

Online - Courses are offered via the Internet. There may be scheduled on-campus orientations and assessments. Online instructors use a variety of teaching approaches and assignments just as they do in face-to-face classes. The online student must have readily available Internet access at home, work, or school.

Telecourses - A series of television programs broadcast over local cable television, viewed in the LRC, or by rental tapes when available. There is a mandatory on-campus orientation session and, per instructor, a number of on-campus meetings throughout the semester for review and testing.

Hybrid - The perfect start for a student whose schedule is tight, but who is not sure if distance education is right. Hybrid classes typically have part of the course taught in the classroom and part completed through the Internet.

Best Practices for Distance Education Classes:

1. Be sure your technology is ready.
2. Have the textbook ahead of time.
3. Attend orientation.
4. Be organized and self-disciplined.
5. Plan ahead for class work time.
6. Keep in contact with professor.