



Distance Learning

Oregon University System (OUS) campuses are national leaders in providing educational opportunities through their broad distance education network and partnerships, which have grown rapidly in the last decade. Thousands of Oregon students today take advantage of distance education offerings, which range from individual courses to academic concentrations to complete undergraduate and graduate degrees. Distance education expands college access, allowing Oregonians from all geographic regions to complete OUS courses or degree programs without leaving their families, communities, or careers. In addition, on-campus students enroll in distance learning courses because they permit flexible scheduling and suit individual learning styles.

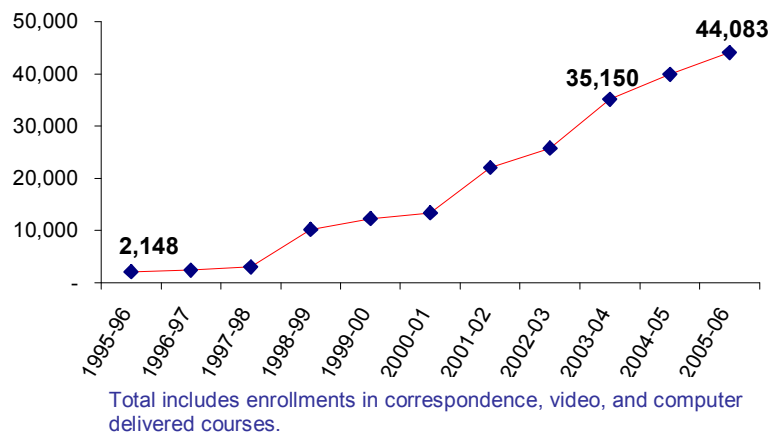
OUS campuses have delivered distance education degree completion and graduate-level programs to Oregon students for the past 15 years. Distance education courses are accredited and considered the same as courses taken in residence. Most are taught using internet resources, but other formats are also employed, including videotape, interactive video, CD-ROM, audiotape, and correspondence. Students typically communicate with instructors by telephone, fax, mail, e-mail, or through innovative virtual classroom programs such as Blackboard. Distance education students generally have access to the same student services as on-campus students, such as advising, orientation, and financial aid.

Enrollment Facts

Nationally, online learning enrollment has grown faster than higher education enrollment as a whole in recent years. Nearly 3.2 million students, approximately one in six, took one or more online courses during fall 2005, increasing from 2.3 million the previous year.¹

At OUS, enrollment in distance learning courses has grown tremendously in the last decade, increasing 25% in just the last biennium, with computer-delivered courses showing the greatest increase. The number of distance learning courses offered has grown steadily with enrollment, increasing from only 132 courses in 1995-06 to 3,161 in 2005-06. In the last biennium alone, the number of courses increased 16%.

OUS Distance Learning Enrollment, 1995-2005



Distance education is funded by OUS general fund budget components. The 2007 OUS Governor's Recommended Budget enrollment growth funding, as well as funding directed at program quality, would help to support the burgeoning distance education enrollment and responsive program growth in this high-demand area. Distance education can open up access to new populations of students regionally and globally, as well as provide new revenue sources, while also helping stabilize enrollment at regional OUS campuses.

¹ Making the Grade: Online Education in the U.S., 2006, by Elaine Allen and Jeff Seaman, The Sloan Consortium, 2006; More College Students Taking Web Courses, The New York Times, 11.9.2006, by AP.

OUS Distance Education Degree and Certificate Programs

All seven OUS institutions offer a broad array of distance education degrees or certificate programs:

- Eastern Oregon University's nationally recognized distance education network delivers programs both online and onsite throughout the state at 16 regional centers. EOU is one of 27 colleges nationally to be designated as a federal Distance Education Demonstration Project. The Southwestern Oregon University Center in Coos Bay is managed by EOU and offers distance-delivered courses from seven colleges and universities.
- As Oregon's Land Grant Institution, Oregon State University's programs extend nationwide and statewide through OSU Extended Campus (Ecampus), OSU Extension Service, Hatfield Marine Science Center, and the OSU Cascades Branch Campus. E-campus is a national leader in distance education, serving adult learners, K-12 students, and students from the Confederated Tribe of Oregon with college programs, online advanced placement, and pre-college education.
- Oregon Institute of Technology is one of the few colleges in the country and the only school in the Pacific Northwest offering web-based degree-completion programs in the high-demand health technologies, as well as information technology.
- Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, EOU, Western Oregon University, and OSU offer professional development to teachers throughout the state through online and weekend courses.
- Oregon Health & Science University offers baccalaureate programs in nursing in conjunction with OIT, EOU, and SOU, delivered offsite and with distance education technology.
- Four collaborative programs (the Oregon Executive Master of Business Administration, the Oregon Master of Public Health, the pharmacy doctorate, and the Oregon Master of Software Engineering) are delivered offsite and/or using distance education technologies.

Current OUS Distance Education Degree and Certificate Programs

Bachelor's Degree Programs

Agriculture	OSU
Business Administration	EOU, SOU
Business/Economics	EOU
Criminology and Criminal Justice	SOU, PSU
Dental Hygiene	OIT
Echocardiography	OIT
English/Writing (Lit/Film)	EOU
Environmental Sciences	OSU
Fire Service Administration	Joint EOU, WOU
Information Technology	OIT
Liberal Studies	EOU, OSU, PSU
Natural Resources	OSU
Nursing for RNs (RN/BS)	OHSU
Nursing, offered at	EOU, OIT, SOU, OHSU
Philosophy, Politics, & Economics	EOU
Physical Education & Health	EOU
Psychology	EOU
Radiologic Science	OIT
Respiratory Care	OIT
Vascular Technology	OIT

Certificate/Licensure/Endorsement Programs

Continuing Administrator (L)	PSU
Educational Media (E)	PSU
E-Learning (C)	PSU
Geographic Info. Science (Prof. C)	OSU
Health Management & Policy (Undergrad. & Grad. C)	OSU
Leadership 2000+ (L)	PSU
Medical Informatics (Grad. C)	OHSU

Certificate/Licensure/Endorsement Programs (continued)

Nonprofit Management (Postbac. C)	SOU
ReadOregon (E)	Joint EOU, OSU, PSU, SOU, WOU
Sustainable Natural Resources (Grad. C)	OSU

Master's Degree Programs

Adult Education: Development / Training	OSU
Adult Education: Workplace and Adult Skills Development	OSU
Applied Information Management	UO
Arts in Teaching	WOU
Business Administration (eMBA)	PSU
Curriculum and Instruction	PSU
Education	OSU, SOU
Educational Media	PSU
Electrical and Computer Engineering	Joint OSU, PSU
Library Science	EMPORIA STATE
Nursing	OHSU
Oregon Executive Master's in Business Administration	Joint OSU, PSU, UO
Public Health	Joint OSU, OHSU, PSU
Radiation Health Physics	OSU
Science in Education	EOU
Social Work	PSU
Systems Engineering	PSU
Teacher Education, Elementary	EOU
Teacher Education, Secondary	EOU

Doctoral Programs

Community College Leadership	OSU
Radiation Health Physics	OSU



For more information, see individual university websites (list at www.ous.edu) or go to the Oregon Network for Education (OregonOne.org).

