

# Regional Campuses and Distance Education

## Degrees, Minors, and Certificates

### Doctoral

Doctorate of Education (EdD) (EDNET)

### Graduate

ME Electrical Engineering

MEd Elementary or Secondary Education (Interactive Broadcast)

Entire degree not available via interactive broadcast;

contact Michelle Wilson at (435) 797-1473

MEd Health, Physical Education and Recreation

MEd Instructional Technology

—Emphasis in Educational Technology (EDNET)

MEd or MS Special Education (Interactive Broadcast)

MFHD Master of Family and Human Development

(Interactive Broadcast)

MRC Master of Rehabilitation Counseling (Audio)

—Contact Julie Smart at (435) 797-3269 or [www.rce.usu.edu](http://www.rce.usu.edu)

MS Computer Science (Interactive Broadcast)

MS English

—Specialization in Technical Writing (Online)

MS Agricultural Systems Technology

—Specialization in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Extension (Interactive Broadcast)

MS Computer Science

MS Psychology—Specialization in School Counseling (EDNET)

### Undergraduate

BS Business (Interactive Broadcast)

BS Computer Science (Interactive Broadcast)

BS Psychology (Interactive Broadcast)

BS Special Education

—Mild/Moderate (Interactive Broadcast)

### Certificates/Endorsements

Administrative/Supervisory in Education (Interactive Broadcast)

Special Education

—Birth to Age 5 Certificate (EDNET)

—Contact Marlene Deer at (435) 797-7011

Reading Endorsement (Interactive Broadcast)

School Library Media (Interactive Broadcast)

### Minors

Family and Human Development (Interactive Broadcast)

History (Interactive Broadcast)

Sociology (Interactive Broadcast)

## Regional Campuses and Distance Education

Regional Campuses and Distance Education allows time-bound and place-bound students to pursue a higher quality of life through higher education. Through a variety of delivery methods, course offerings are worked around a student's schedule and location, giving him or her access to classes and degree programs.

**Admission:** Admission to USU is not required for enrollment in Distance Education courses. Most Distance Education classes are taught on the semester system, and classes follow the on-campus calendar (except for summer semester). High school students may enroll in courses for college credit if they have completed their junior year, have a 3.0 minimum grade point average, and have a letter of approval from their parents. Individuals 62 years and older may audit any class, on a space-available basis, for \$10 per semester.

**Registration:** Registration is held at the Regional Campuses and Distance Education Office, located in the Eccles Conference Center room 103, or at any USU Regional Campus and Distance Education Center. Students may also register for these courses via the Regional Campuses and Distance Education website: [distance.usu.edu](http://distance.usu.edu).

**Books and Supplies:** Utah State University students may now avoid the long lines associated with buying books. The Bookstore has a program called Express-A-Book available to all students. By using Express-A-Book, students may have their textbooks shipped directly to their door. To order course materials, students may call (800) 662-3950, (435) 797-3950, or FAX (435) 797-8261. Students may also order books online at [www.bookstore.usu.edu](http://www.bookstore.usu.edu). Students should receive their book orders within five working days, depending on stock availability and UPS delivery schedule. If a class is canceled, books may be returned for a full refund, provided no marks have been made in them. Books may be purchased with Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit cards. Students who prefer to pay by check or money order should contact the Bookstore for the cost of the materials. Checks (payable to the USU Bookstore) should be sent to:

USU Bookstore  
Attn: Express-A-Book  
0200 Old Main Hill  
Logan UT 84322-0200

Books may also be purchased from the Distance Education section, located at the back of the USU Bookstore, or from any other convenient source.

**Late Fees:** There are no late fees for Regional Campuses and Distance Education courses.

**Withdrawals:** Students who plan to withdraw from a class must notify the Regional Campuses and Distance Education Office and complete a drop form. An *F* grade is recorded on a student's transcript when classes are not properly dropped. Drops cannot be accepted after the specified date. A signature is required on drop/add forms. No drops can be accepted over the phone.

**Exams:** Most exams for online and print-based classes are proctored and must be taken at Regional Campuses and Distance Education Centers throughout Utah. Students who live in Cache Valley may come to the Regional Campuses and Distance Education testing center in room 108 of the Eccles Conference Center to take exams. Students who live outside of Utah or are not close to a Regional Campuses and Distance Education Center should make arrangements with a proctor at a university testing center, military education center, or public library. Proctors at off-campus sites must be approved in advance by the Regional Campuses and Distance Education office.

## Interactive Broadcast Courses

In cooperation with the Utah Education Network (UEN), interactive broadcast courses are provided via satellite, EDNET, and emerging video-teleconferencing technologies to students throughout the state of Utah and surrounding areas. The technologies allow students at many locations to all be part of the same classroom and interact in real-time with their instructors and classmates. Classrooms at any one of 33 USU Regional Centers and Campuses, as well as at other cooperating sites, let students in every corner of the state attend classes close to home.

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**Programs and Courses:** Eleven graduate and four bachelor's degrees, as well as certificates, endorsements, and minors, can be earned through participation in interactive broadcast courses. General education classes are also taught.

**Broadcast Technologies:** Most courses are broadcast over the UEN Satellite System, which provides high-quality one-way video and two-way audio. The system connects instructors who teach students in a classroom from USU's Logan campus (or other originating sites) with students in classrooms scattered all over the state. All participants can see the instructor and hear and talk with each other.

Courses in the educational doctorate, instructional technology, special education, school counseling, and public administration programs use video-teleconferencing and the EDNET system. In this setting, a camera in every classroom allows all participants at all sites to both see and hear each other.

The technologies used in distance learning classes also provide the instructor with innovative ways of presenting information, including the use of still graphics, electronic overhead, videotapes, computer slide shows, computer applications, and the Internet.

**Class Experiences:** Broadcast classes are not all high-tech gadgetry. Classes are close to what students would receive in any university setting. Class discussions, lectures, presentations, and assigned readings are used as in any other classroom. Equipment in distance learning classrooms includes television monitors, computers, and fax machines, as well as a statewide distribution system facilitating homework, tests, and other materials between distance learning students and the instructor.

Students at a distance are encouraged to interact, not just with the instructor, but with the students at their sites and other sites. Initially, equipment can be intimidating to students, but within a short time the hardware becomes fairly transparent.

**Tuition:** Tuition for interactive broadcast courses follows the same tuition scale as other USU courses, however credit hours are considered a part of distance education student load, and are not included with a main campus student load.

**Schedule:** Courses are taught on the same schedule as main campus courses (with the exception of summer semester).

## Semester-based Online Courses

Distance Education online courses are designed for access anytime day or night. Students complete homework assignments from their home computer or a computer at a local library or Regional Campuses and Distance Education center. Semester-based online courses begin and end on the same days as campus courses, and students register according to regular campus registration schedules. Students taking semester-based online courses must complete the courses during the semester.

**Tuition:** Tuition for semester-based online courses is \$175 per credit for undergraduate courses and \$240 per credit for graduate-level courses. Tuition for semester-based online courses is not transferable to campus or independent study courses. Tuition refunds are issued according to the campus refund schedule.

## Independent Study Online Year-long Courses

Students may register for Independent Study online courses at any time and have one year from the date of registration to complete courses. It is recommended that students consult with an academic advisor prior to registering for Independent Study courses.

**Tuition:** Tuition for Independent Study courses is \$175 per credit for undergraduate courses and \$240 per credit for graduate-level courses. Tuition refunds will be issued on the following scale:

Tuition Refund Percentage Year-long Online Courses	
100% less a \$10 per credit handling fee	Up to 3 weeks or 21 days
90% less a \$10 per credit handling fee	Up to 5 weeks or 35 days
70% less a \$10 per credit handling fee	Up to 8 weeks or 56 days
50% less a \$10 per credit handling fee	Up to 10 weeks or 70 days

## Independent Study Print-based Year-long Courses

Students may register for Independent Study print-based courses at any time and have one year from the date of registration to complete courses. It is recommended that students consult with an academic advisor prior to registering for Independent Study courses.

**Tuition:** Tuition for Independent Study courses is \$175 per credit for undergraduate courses and \$240 per credit for graduate-level courses. Tuition refunds will be issued on the following scale:

Tuition Refund Percentage Year-long Print-based Courses	
100% less a \$10 per credit handling fee \$10 per submitted assignment	Up to 3 weeks or 21 days
90% less a \$10 per credit handling fee \$10 per submitted assignment	Up to 5 weeks or 35 days
70% less a \$10 per credit handling fee \$10 per submitted assignment	Up to 8 weeks or 56 days
50% less a \$10 per credit handling fee \$10 per submitted assignment	Up to 10 weeks or 70 days