

University Extension

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University Extension includes the Cooperative Extension Service and Continuing Education Programs, the latter encompassing Conference Services, Degree and Credit Programs, Online Education, Independent Study, and various Continuing Education Centers across Utah.

Cooperative Extension Service

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The Cooperative Extension Service is sponsored and financed jointly by federal, state, and county governments. There is a Cooperative Extension Service in the land-grant institution of each state.

The main functions of the Cooperative Extension Service are to develop leadership, resourcefulness, and initiative; to supply factual information for discovering and solving problems; and to help people become more efficient, increase their income, improve their home and community environment, and raise their standard of living. University Extension takes the findings of research to the people of the state and brings unsolved problems back to research workers at the University.

Extension programs are planned with the people. The demonstration method of teaching and mass media are used extensively. Group meetings, short courses, and publications are used to supply educational information.

Administrative and some supervisory personnel and subject matter program leaders are located on the USU campus. In addition, a field staff consisting of regional directors, area specialists, county faculty, and program aides serve the people throughout the state.

The Extension program includes work with both adults and youth.

Major program areas are centered on (1) agriculture, (2) 4-H and youth programs, (3) family and consumer sciences, (4) community resource development, (5) natural resources and environmental management, and (6) EFNEP (nutrition education for low-income families).

Central in the function of University Extension is problem solving at the community level. Through research provided by the departments of the University, the community becomes a laboratory in the teaching-learning process. Community problems are extremely varied and complex. Consequently, University Extension educational programs designed to benefit the community re-

quire creativity and innovation of the colleges and departments according to their areas of competency.

To carry out this function, Extension programs at Utah State University focus on the knowledge competencies from the appropriate disciplines on four broad areas of concern to people of Utah: physical environment, social environment, economic and industrial development, and education instructional services.

Continuing Education Programs

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During the past two decades, University faculty and administration have strengthened service to residents through development and delivery of Continuing Education academic programs in partnership with University departments. Continuing Education is a rapidly growing concept in higher education, facilitated in great part by technology developments allowing students to access courses in multiple formats. Continuing Education recognizes that we live in a constantly changing society in which learning is necessary throughout the entire lifespan. Continuing Education provides opportunities for professional and vocational learning, in addition to providing lifelong enrichment through social and cultural programs. Persons in all situations and of all ages can access learning opportunities that increase their knowledge and skills without disrupting their employment or lifestyles.

Kellogg Life Span Learning Complex

The W. K. Kellogg foundation and other private funding sources have made it possible to build two structures, centrally located on the campus, for Continuing Education Programs. The five-story University Inn is located in an area between the Taggart Student Center and the Agricultural Science Building. The 53,079 square foot, five-story facility contains 74 modern hotel rooms, two of which are suites, to house those who visit campus for a variety of programs.

The 39,143 square foot, three-story Conference Center is located between the Agricultural Science Building and the Merrill Library. The spacious conference meeting rooms overlook the beautiful quad area near the intersection of the two major malls serving the campus. The facilities feature satellite uplink and downlink capabilities, wireless Internet access in all meeting rooms, and state-of-the-art audiovisual presentation equipment. The conference facilities include 12 meeting rooms ranging from a 400-seat auditorium to small seminar rooms for 10 to 30 people. Administrative offices and classrooms for Continuing Education Programs are also located in the Conference Center. Individuals and groups of all ages are encouraged to investigate this expanded resource of Utah State University as a means of pursuing their unique educational goals.

Conference Services

Assistant Dean of Recruitment

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The responsibility for conferences, short courses, symposiums, seminars, and events is vested in the Conference Services Office. The role of this office is to promote, coordinate, and administer conference programs in cooperation with faculty members of the various campus organizations and with individuals and groups outside the University.

There are no limitations in terms of age or educational background on the clientele to be served through Conference Services. All that is required is a desire to learn. The scope of the program will be as broad as available knowledge resources will permit.

Continuing learners may participate in educational activities for a variety of justifiable reasons, all of which relate to recognized needs for self-improvement, an appetite for intellectual stimulation through social interaction, or simply a desire to learn.

Degree and Credit Programs

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A large number of people living in communities or areas remote from the University campus desire to benefit from university training but cannot come to Logan to attend courses on campus. For this group, courses are made available to approximately 50 different communities of the state through on-site faculty, through visiting faculty, and via an interactive telecommunications system using a variety of technologies. In addition, some courses are available on the Internet, and others will be added. Additional courses are offered by the respective academic departments. Off-campus credit courses, which are equivalent in content hours of class instruction and preparation, otherwise meet the same prerequisites as comparable classes offered on the University campus.

Programs and classes may meet the requirements for a bachelor's degree, as determined by the individual departments and colleges. They also may meet the requirements for a master's degree with approval of the School of Graduate Studies.

All instructors in credit courses are either members of the regular University teaching faculty officially assigned to the teaching project concerned or nonresident members approved by the head of the department and by the college administration.

The registration fees charged for classes conform to regulations of the Board of Regents. Fees may not be less than the on-campus tuition and may be more if warranted by the additional expense of conducting the class off campus.

Online Education and Independent Study

Director of Time Enhanced Learning: Vincent J. Lafferty,
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Time Enhanced Learning advances the University's land-grant mission by taking academics and discovery to a diverse and underserved student population through electronic program and course delivery. Time Enhanced Learning online education allows

students to accelerate their academic progress through high-quality interactive online courses that fit their busy schedules. Students earn the same college credits working from their home computers as they would if they attended classes on campus. Most online courses are offered on a semester schedule and must be completed during regular USU semesters. For more information and to register for online courses, visit:
<http://extension.usu.edu/continuinged>.

Independent Study courses allow students to reduce scheduling problems and earn college credit without attending campus classes. Independent Study courses are offered on an open-enrollment schedule. Students may register anytime and may take up to one year to complete the courses. To request a catalog and registration forms, call (800) 233-2137.

USU Continuing Education Centers

Blanding: 639 W 100 S, Suite 1A, Blanding UT 84511,
(435) 678-2072

Brigham City: Brigham City Campus, 265 W 1100 S,
Brigham City UT 84302, (435) 734-2277

Delta: 305 E 200 N, Delta UT 84624, (435) 864-5708

Dixie College: Dixie College Student Services Center, Room 201,
225 S 700 E, St. George UT 84770, (435) 652-7892

Dugway: Army Education Center, Building 5124, Room 234,
Dugway UT 84022; (435) 831-3340

Emery: PO Box 1058, Castle Dale UT 84513, (435) 381-2233

Heber: 55 S 500 E, Heber UT 84032, (435) 657-3233

Moab: 125 W 200 S, Moab UT 84532, (435) 259-7432

Ogden: Ogden Center for Graduate Studies,
3104 University Circle, Ogden UT 84408-3104,
(801) 626-8141

Price: 155 E 500 N, PO Box 874, Price UT 84501-0874,
(435) 613-5610

Richfield: 200 S 800 W, Suite B, Richfield UT 84701,
(435) 893-2247

Roosevelt: USU Education Center, 987 E Lagoon Street (124-9),
Roosevelt UT 84066, (435) 722-2294

Salt Lake City: 5250 S Commerce Drive, Suite 300,
Murray UT 84107, (801) 269-9422

Snow College: 325 W 100 N, Ephraim UT 84627,
(435) 283-7590

Tooele: Tooele Branch Campus, 1021 W Vine, Tooele UT 84074,
(435) 882-6611

Utah Valley State College: USU Provo/Orem,
UVSC Mail Stop 149, 800 W University Parkway,
Orem UT 84058

Vernal: USU Education Center, 1680 W Highway 40,
Vernal UT 84078, (435) 789-6100

Wendover: Wendover High School, 110 S 4th Street,
PO Box 610, Wendover UT 84083, (435) 665-2343