

Regional Campuses and Distance Education (RCDE)

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During the past two decades, University faculty and administration have strengthened service to residents through development and delivery of Distance Education academic programs in partnership with University departments. Distance Education provides opportunities for students to complete degrees and receive training via online courses, interactive broadcast, independent study, and face-to-face classes at Regional Campuses. Distance 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 which will increase their knowledge and skills without disrupting their employment or lifestyles.

Degree and Credit Programs

A large number of people live in communities or areas remote from the Logan campus and desire to benefit from higher education but cannot come to Logan to attend courses on campus. Courses and degree programs are made available to approximately 50 different communities around the state through on-site faculty, visiting faculty, and via an interactive broadcast system using a variety of technologies. In addition, many courses are available on the Internet.

Courses delivered via distance education or at campuses and centers across the state, which are equivalent in content hours of class instruction and preparation, meet the same requirements as comparable classes offered on the University campus. Programs and classes may meet the requirements for an undergraduate degree, as determined by the individual departments and colleges. They also may meet the requirements for a graduate 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.

Degrees and Programs Offered

Complete degree and certificate programs can be earned entirely through Regional Campuses and Distance Education (RCDE). Courses offered online are asynchronous, allowing students to coordinate assignments around their schedules, and do not require meeting at a specific place or time. Interactive Broadcast courses are synchronous, meaning that although the instructor and students may be in different locations, they all meet together on a regular schedule, each at a USU Regional Campus, center, or site. Face-to-face courses are taught at regional campuses and selected centers by either faculty members or adjunct faculty members. **Note:** The degrees and programs listed below are *not offered at all sites and locations*. For more information, visit <http://distance.usu.edu/htm/campuses/> or call the nearest center.

Associate Degrees

General Studies—AS

Office Systems Support—AAS

Ornamental Horticulture—AAS

Bachelor's Degrees

Accounting—BS

Agribusiness—BS

Biology—BS

Business—BS (Dual major and 2nd BS only)

Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education—
(first and second bachelor's, online)—BS

Elementary Education—BS

English—BS

Entrepreneurship—BS

Family, Consumer, and Human Development—BS

Family Life Studies—BS (offered online *only*)

History—BS

Interdisciplinary Studies—BS

Management Information Systems—BS

Psychology—BS

Psychology—BS (online)

Special Education (Mild/Moderate)—BS

Master's Degrees

Agricultural Systems Technology—MS

Business Administration—MBA

Computer Science—MS, MCS

Electrical Engineering—MS, ME

Elementary Education—MS, MA, MEd

English (Technical Writing)—MS, MA (online)

Family and Human Development—MFHD

Health, Physical Education and Recreation—MS, MEd

Human Resources—MS

Instructional Technology—MS, MEd

Natural Resources—MNR (online)

Psychology (licensure in school counseling)—MS

Rehabilitation Counseling—MRC

Secondary Education—MS, MA, MEd

Social Work—MSW

Special Education—MS, MEd

Doctorate Degrees

Education (specialization in Curriculum and Instruction)—EdD

Educational Specialist—EdS

Minors

Anthropology

English

Family and Human Development

History

Journalism/Public Relations (online)

Multimedia Development

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish (online)

Endorsements and Certificates

Administrative/Supervisory Endorsement

Dietetic Internship Certificate

Distance Learning Endorsement

Education Technology Endorsement

English as a Second Language Endorsement

Gifted and Talented Endorsement

Linguistics Certificate (online)

NEPA Certificate

Ornamental Horticulture Certificate

Reading Endorsement

School Library Media Endorsement

Special Education (Early Childhood) Endorsement

Special Education (Mild/Moderate) Endorsement

Special Education (Severe) Endorsement

Utah Mathematics Endorsement Project

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Degree Requirements

All students majoring in RCDE-administered degrees and programs must satisfy the requirements, provided below. Academic advising regarding these requirements is available in the Office of University Advising, Taggart Student Center 304, and at local RCDE campuses.

Admission Requirements

When students apply, they need to indicate which campus they would like to attend. When students indicate they would like to attend an RCDE campus or center, they will be identified as RCDE applicants and evaluated for admission. Students who are not seeking degrees, as well as those students who have not been admitted, may enroll in selected courses if they have met the prerequisites for those courses. Students who are admitted through the RCDE matriculation will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Students who apply directly through an RCDE site and meet the current USU/college-specific admission criteria will be admitted and matriculated into their specified college according to current policy and procedure.
2. First-time/freshman students who apply directly through an RCDE site/center and **do not** meet the University's criteria will be admitted into the RCDE matriculation if they (a) have an index score of 85 or above or an ACT score of 16 or above, **or** (b) have been out of school for 5 or more years.
3. Students applying to a USU RCDE campus who have previous college experience (readmits/transfer students) and **do not** meet the University's criteria for admission into their requested major will be evaluated through the RCDE matriculation criteria. The criteria for re-admits and transfer students are as follows: (a) have been out of school for at least three years, **or** (b) have a minimum college cumulative GPA of at least 2.0, **or** (c) have previous college experience, including concurrent enrollment credit GPA of 2.0 or above.

Students who have been admitted through RCDE and later determine they want to attend courses on the main campus will be required to **either** complete at least 24 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.5 **or** meet college-specific requirements. When a student meets the major/college-specific criteria, a change of major form must be submitted.

Associate of Science in General Studies

Objectives

Students may pursue an Associate of Science degree for any of the following reasons: (1) it may serve as a vehicle to complete the Utah State University General Education requirements, (2) it may enable a student to transfer to another institution, or (3) it may serve as a vehicle to transfer into a four-year degree program. While completing their associate degree, students are encouraged to complete the sophomore-level requirements for their major, so as to facilitate a smooth transition to upper-division courses within their major.

Graduation Requirements

1. 60 total credits
2. GPA of 2.0 or higher
3. Completion of 30-34 credits in University Studies courses, including:
 - a. 6 credits of Communications Literacy (CL1) and (CL2)
 - b. 3-4 credits of Quantitative Literacy (QL)

- c. fulfillment of Computer and Information Literacy (CIL) requirement, by scoring 70 percent or higher on each of six exams.
 - d. 18-20 credits of Breadth Requirements, including 3 credits in Breadth American Institutions (BAI), 3 credits in Breadth Creative Arts (BCA), 3 credits in Breadth Humanities (BHU), 3-4 credits in Breadth Life Sciences (BLS), 3-4 credits in Breadth Physical Sciences (BPS), and 3 credits in Breadth Social Sciences (BSS). Students are required to take at least two approved courses with a USU prefix.
 - e. 3-4 credits in the Exploration Requirement, fulfilled by completing an additional class chosen from one of the following General Education categories: QL, BAI, BCA, BHU, BLS, BPS, or BSS. This additional class is required *only* for students whose first semester enrolled at USU is Summer Semester 2008 or thereafter.
4. 27-30 credits in an area that will lead to junior-level status
 5. Completion of at least 20 credits earned at USU

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Office Systems Support

The AAS degree in Office Systems Support is available *only* through RCDE. For information about admission requirements, degree requirements, and career opportunities, see the *Office Systems Support AAS Degree* section of this catalog on pages 406-407.

Independent and Distance Education

Location: Eccles Conference Center 102
Phone: (435) 797-9700 *or* (800) 233-2137 (toll free)
WWW: <http://distance.usu.edu/>

Independent and distance learning advances the University's land-grant mission by taking academics and discovery to a diverse and under-served student population through electronic program and course delivery.

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 and semester schedule. Students may register anytime for open-enrollment courses and may take up to one year to complete the courses. Semester schedule courses follow the published dates and deadlines for registration. To request a catalog, call (435) 797-9700 *or* (800) 233-2137. For more information and to request registration for independent and distance education courses, visit: <http://distance.usu.edu/>

Online Education

Online education allows students to accelerate their academic progress through high-quality interactive 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://distance.usu.edu/>

Interactive Broadcast Classes

Interactive Broadcast classes are available at all campuses and sites across Utah and allow students the opportunity to have a classroom experience with faculty from various USU campuses. Students are able to interact with their instructors and classmates in real time. To accommodate the schedules of students who work full time, many of the courses are available during the evenings.

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Concurrent Enrollment

Location: Eccles Conference Center 101

Phone: (435) 797-8223

WWW: <http://concurrent.usu.edu/>

Concurrent Enrollment is a cooperative program between public and higher education in the State of Utah. It is designed to help high school students who are planning to attend a postsecondary educational institution. Students in this program are eligible to earn high school credits, as well as credits which can be applied toward a college degree. Students completing courses offered as part of this program can receive credit at Utah State University or at another institution in the state, as well as at many out-of-state institutions.

These courses are the same courses as offered on the campus of Utah State University. Although courses are usually limited to 1000-level courses, 2000-level courses may occasionally be offered. Textbooks, testing, attendance, grading, and assignments are equivalent to that used in courses taught at USU, and are approved by each department. Some USU faculty members, as well as departmental-approved part-time faculty, teach in this program. At USU, concurrent enrollment is administered by RCDE.

USU delivers concurrent education in a variety of ways. Although USU often uses its own faculty members to teach concurrent enrollment classes, departmental-approved high school faculty members may be used to teach courses at local high schools. Classes are also offered to a wider audience through the Utah Education Network system, through interactive video conferencing, and through online or internet courses.

In order to become eligible for enrollment in concurrent education courses offered through USU, students should first meet with their high school counselors. Generally, students should be juniors or seniors in high school, and should be in good academic standing. Students should be aware that concurrent education generates a college transcript which will accompany them throughout their college career. Because these courses are academically rigorous, students should ensure they are ready to commit to meeting University standards.

USU Regional Campuses and Education Centers

USU Brigham City Regional Campus

Executive Director: Andrew Shinkle

265 West 1100 South

Brigham City UT 84302

Phone: (435) 734-2277

Ogden Education Center (Weber State University campus)

Phone: (801) 626-8141

Tremonton Education Center

Phone: (435) 797-3943

USU Tooele Regional Campus

Dean and Executive Director: Gary S. Straquadine

Associate Dean: Martha Archuleta

1021 West Vine Street

Tooele UT 84074

Phone: (435) 882-6611

Beaver Education Center

Phone: (435) 438-2301

Delta Education Center

Phone: (435) 864-5708

Ephraim Education Center

Phone: (435) 283-7590

Heber Education Center

Phone: (435) 863-6630

Milford Education Center

Phone: (435) 387-2751

Nephi Education Center

Phone: (435) 623-5119

Orem (Utah Valley University campus)

Phone: (801) 863-8333

Piute Education Center

Phone: (435) 577-2901

Richfield Education Center

Phone: (435) 896-9777

Salt Lake City Education Center

Phone: (801) 646-5570

Wayne Education Center

Phone: (435) 836-2662

Wendover Education Center

Phone: (435) 665-2343

USU Uintah Basin Regional Campus

Dean and Executive Director: Wes Holley

Associate Dean: Steve Hawks

Roosevelt Campus

987 East Lagoon 124-9

Roosevelt UT 84066

Phone: (435) 722-1744

Vernal Campus

1680 West Highway 40, #101A

Vernal UT 84078

Phone: (435) 789-6100

Blanding Education Center (College of Eastern Utah Campus)

Phone: (435) 678-8500

Castle Dale Education Center

Phone: (435) 381-2233

Moab Education Center

Phone: (435) 259-7432

Price Education Center (College of Eastern Utah campus)

Phone: (435) 613-5610

USU Distance Education—Logan and Out-of-State

Executive Director: Robert Wagner

Eccles Conference Center 102

5055 Old Main Hill

Logan UT 84322

Phone: (435) 797-9700

Toll-free: (800) 233-2137

For a complete listing of locations, visit <http://distance.usu.edu/>