Distance Education Resources





Distance Programs

 DE programs provide flexible, online coursework that can be completed anywhere reliable, high-speed Internet access is available.

 Texas A&M University offers graduatelevel distance education (DE) <u>degree</u> and <u>certificate</u> programs.



Distance Education at Texas A&M

Individual colleges independently administer and coordinate DE programs at the university, which may include:

- General administrative policies and procedures
- Descriptions and requirements for entire programs and individual courses
- Required on-campus (i.e., in-person) courses, events, and other activities
- Academic advising
- Computers, software, and technical requirements or arrangements for completing assignments and taking assessments (exams)



Advantages of Distance Education

- Provides students with scheduling flexibility
- Students save time and money by not commuting to and from campus
- Course-related materials can be more customized and expansive
- Student-centered learning typically translates into greater student interactivity and engagement



Expectations for Distance Education Students

- Have access to a computer with fast, reliable Internet connectivity and up-to-date software
- Know how to perform common computer functions (saving and attaching files, creating folders) and navigate the Internet (using search engines, entering passwords)
- Communicate effectively and clearly using email and online discussion boards to work on assignments with students who may be in different time zones



Expectations for Distance Education Students

- Be disciplined in setting and maintaining a schedule to complete work and provide timely responses to other students and instructors, even when there are distractions online or at home
- Remain comfortable and consistent in being online several times a week to participate in courses
- Ask proactive and appropriate questions when assignments, concepts, expectations, or homework solutions are unclear

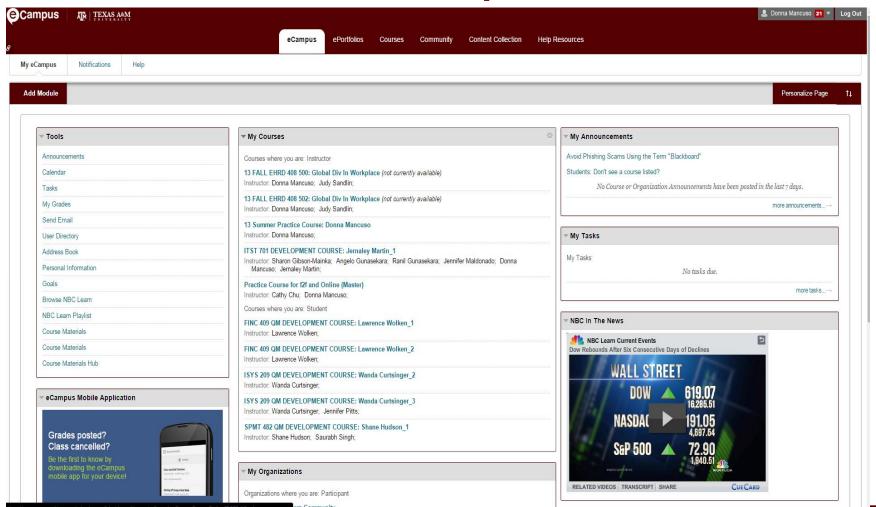


Self Assessments

- Washington Online Learning Quiz <u>https://www.waol.org/prospective_students/isonlineforme.aspx</u>
- Online Learning Readiness Questionnaire- UNC http://www.unc.edu/tlim/ser/
- Other options Online

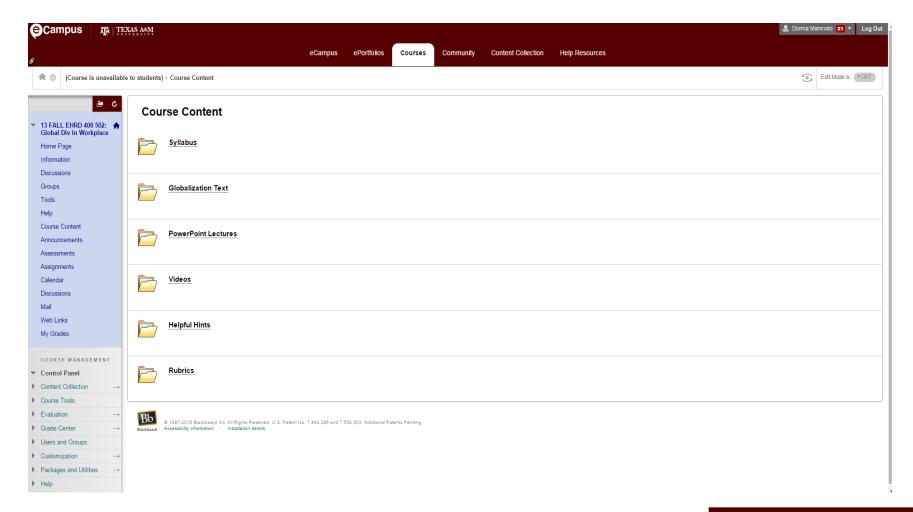


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Distance Education Website

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