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Vision

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette will become a premier provider of electronically delivered courses and degree programs based on the University's core values, its strategic imperatives, and the guiding principles of any time – anywhere, student-focused, and learning-centered education.

The result of leveraging technology to its best capabilities will enhance the reputation of the University, increase intellectually stimulating opportunities for students, and improve retention and graduation rates.

Electronically delivered courses and degree programs will be accessible by students through a personal learning environment with integrated and relevant support services. This environment will facilitate meaningful, consistent engagement with highly-trained faculty and fellow students in activities leading to mastery of course and program learning outcomes while maintaining academic integrity.

By adopting nationally established best practices, the University's colleges and departments will employ the appropriate learning technologies to offer a variety of delivery alternatives. These varied formats will address differing student learning styles, needs, and preferences, thereby attracting and serving more contemporary learners.

The University will provide access to electronic learning technologies and training on new pedagogies. Integration of these new instructional tools and techniques by faculty and staff will improve the overall quality of teaching and learning and enhance student engagement and success at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

[Office of Distance Learning Vision Statement: Draft approved by the University Council March 8, 2010]

Goals

As the coordinating entity for UL Lafayette's e-learning enterprise, staff and volunteers within the Office of Distance Learning are working to create high quality hybrid and online learning experiences for students over the coming academic years through ULearn.

This work is being guided by a shared vision (see above) and these primary program goals:

- Create college courses and programs through alternate delivery methods in order to offer educational opportunities to students unable to accommodate a traditional class schedule.
- Ensure the technology used is appropriate to the nature and objectives of the academic programs.
- Expand educational opportunities in a financially responsible manner through synchronous and asynchronous electronic learning.
- Provide technical training to university faculty in the use of e-learning instructional techniques and in the use of associated technologies.
- Facilitate student success in distance learning courses and programs by providing and promoting an environment of equal opportunity.





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