

Distance Learning

Distance learning refers to credit-granting education or training courses delivered to remote (off-campus) locations via audio, video (live or pre-recorded) or computer technologies, such as the Internet that include both synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

While distance learning takes a wide variety of forms, all distance learning is characterized by **both** of the following:

1. separation of place and/or time between instructor and learner, among learners and/or between learners and learning resources
2. interaction between the learner and the instructor, among learners and/or between learners and learning resources conducted through one or more media

At LFCC, courses conducted exclusively on-campus, in person, are not included in this definition. Courses conducted exclusively via written correspondence are also not included. Distance learning does not include courses for which the instructor travels to a remote site to deliver instruction in person. Distance learning may include a small amount of on-campus courses or lab work, on-campus exams or occasional campus visits.

LFCC distance learning courses and programs are available through videoconferencing, CD-ROM/DVD and the Internet (via synchronous and asynchronous applications).

Interactive video-based courses (two-way video and audio) may be received at LFCC's Fauquier and Middletown Campuses, the Luray-Page County Center and selected high schools throughout the region. Students interact with instructors via two-way video and audio conferencing technologies.

Courses taught through the use of CD-ROM/DVD and the Internet offer the most flexibility for students who travel or work different shifts. Students participating in these classes interact with instructors and other students through telephone, e-mail and various course management system tools, including electronic discussion boards and chat rooms.