

# Distance Learning

## Is Distance Learning for you?

### -Take this survey and find out!

People have a variety of reasons for taking distance learning courses, but these classes are not for everyone. Take the 10-question survey below that explores time management and self-discipline skills needed to maintain steady progress throughout the semester.

My need to take this course is:

High - I need to take it immediately	.3
Moderate - I could take it later	.2
Low - It could be postponed	.1

Feeling I am part of a class is

Not necessary	.3
Somewhat important	.2
Very important	.1

I would classify myself as someone who:

Does things ahead of time	.3
Needs reminding	.2
Does things at the last minute	.1

Classroom discussion is:

Rarely helpful to me	.3
Sometimes helpful	.2
Almost always helpful	.1

When I get assignment directions, I:

Want to figure them out myself	.3
Try to figure them out, then ask for help	.2
Need to have them explained to me	.1

I need faculty comments on assignments:

Within a few weeks so I can review	.3
Within a few days or I'll forget	.2
Right away, or I'll get frustrated	.1

The time I can spend on Distance Learning Classes is:

More than for an on-campus course	.3
The same as for an on-campus course	.2
Less than for an on-campus course	.1

Coming to campus is:

Extremely difficult	.3
A little difficult	.2
Easy for me	.1

As a reader, I am:

Good, I understand text without help	.3
Average, I sometimes need help understanding	.2
Less than average	.1

When I need help understanding, I:

Am comfortable asking the instructor	.3
Am uncomfortable, but do it anyway	.2
Never approach the instructor	.1

Add your score and if you scored 20 or over, a distance learning course is a real possibility for you. If you scored between 11 and 20, distance learning courses may work for you, but you may need to make a few adjustments in your schedule and study habits to succeed. If you scored 10, distance learning may not currently be the best alternative for you: Talk with your counselor.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Can anyone take a Distance Learning course?** Yes, the admission requirements are the same as for other Lee College classes. Distance Learning students have the same rights, privileges, and obligations as classroom students.

**Do I get the same credit? Will it transfer?** Yes, the credit is the same. Distance Learning courses will transfer the same as classroom sections of the course.

**Is there a limit on how many Distance Learning courses I can take?** Yes, complete degrees are not available online at Lee College. Also, there is a maximum number of hours that can be taken each term, just like classroom courses.

**Does a Distance Learning course cost more?** Yes, there is a fee of \$50 for each course.

**Does a Distance Learning course take as much time as a classroom course? Is it easier? Is it harder?** The same material is covered in both types of classes. You can expect to spend as much time or more as you would in classroom courses.

**May I go through the course at my own pace? May I go faster than specified? May I take exams when I want to?** Distance Learning courses have deadlines for taking exams and turning in assignments.

**How long do I have to complete the course?** Distance Learning courses must be finished by the end of the semester, the same as classroom courses.

**If I need additional help in my Distance Learning course, what do I do?** Always contact your instructor first. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Your instructor can assist you directly or for additional assistance there are tutors, counselors, and other support services.

## Tips for Success

**Seek the assistance** of a counselor to plan your distance education classes if you are a new student or have not passed the Texas Success Initiative. Call 281-425-6384 to set up an appointment, or drop by the Counseling Center in Moler Hall on the Baytown campus.

**Register** for distance education classes as you would for any other course. Distance Learning classes require a \$50 fee. If you're taking a course through VCT, use the Lee College registration number assigned to your section; it will be sent to you via e-mail. (See the section about the Virtual College of Texas for more information on VCT courses.)

**Contact** your instructor for a course orientation to receive handouts and deadlines. Read the course note regarding specific orientation requirements. Students are required by law to be actively involved in their courses by the day of record (for 16-week classes, the 12th class day; for 12-week classes, the 9th day; for 6-week classes, the 4th day; and for 3-week classes, the 2nd day).

**Meet course deadlines** as you would for any course. Instructors schedule assignment and exam dates for all distance learning sections just as they do for traditional classes. Course handouts should specify these deadlines and requirements.

**Begin immediately** to fulfill requirements by developing a personal schedule to pace your work and remain actively involved until all work is completed. If no work has been completed by mid-term, you may receive an "F" for the course or be dropped for non-attendance. Students are not free to wait until the last few weeks of the term to complete an entire semester's work.

Call the Counseling Center at 281-425-6384 or the Chief Academic Officer's office at 281-425-6445 for more information about distance learning.