New Adjunct Faculty Orientation to
Distance & Accelerated Learning
at College of the Canyons

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Learning Outcome

• By the end of this presentation, you will be able to explain the different class delivery formats available at College of the Canyons.
Overview of Distance & Accelerated Learning

• Programs Offered at College of the Canyons:
  • Online Classes
  • Hybrid Classes
  • Go! Online Classes
  • Personalized Accelerated Learning (PAL)
  • Weekend College
Online & Hybrid Classes

• Online & Hybrid classes
  • Online classes have no face to face meetings and are taught using an online learning management system
  • Hybrid classes are considered online classes that happen to have some scheduled on-campus meeting times
  • Full-term & compressed
  • Offered fall, winter, spring, summer
  • Variety of subjects

• Go! Classes
  • 5 week accelerated online courses
  • Offered fall, spring
  • Variety of subjects
Personalized Accelerated Learning (PAL)

• Links 2 or 3 English or math courses to be taken in one semester

• Students have the same instructor and same classmates for both linked classes (cohort)

• Allows students to complete English or math prerequisites quicker

• Accelerated classes

• Orientation required before students can sign up
Weekend College

• Pilot program starting fall 2014

• 1 year program

• GE requirements for an Associates Degree

• Online/hybrid classes

• Saturdays at the Canyon Country Campus

• Orientation required before students can sign up
The Benefits of Online Learning to Our Students and the Local Community

Convenience and flexibility

• Flexible schedule/ease of accessibility: Access the course at any time, so you can continue to fulfill work, family and other commitments!

• Control of study time: Unlike more rigid face-to-face meeting formats, students can choose how long to work on coursework in a single sitting.
Benefits of Online Learning (continued)

Student enrichment

- Time to absorb material: Due to the more flexible schedule of online classes, students can take more time to review or revisit presented material, etc.

- Online communication: Some students may be more inclined to approach an instructor in an online setting rather than face-to-face.

- Interaction Opportunities: Some students may feel more comfortable interacting in the online space than they would in a face-to-face class. Students may have more time to think about a response, which can increase interaction as well.
Benefits of Online Learning (continued)

Cost-effectiveness

- Transportation costs
- Babysitting
- Parking passes
- Open educational resources (including textbooks)
Services and Support Available From Distance & Accelerated Learning Office

• Instructional design
• Instructor orientation letters
• Certification to teach online
• DECT Captioning Grant
• Workshops
  • 3C Media Solutions
  • CCCConfer
  • Open Textbooks
  • One-on-one Distance Learning Coaching
  • Blackboard Training (for online or face-to-face instructors)
Instructor Orientation Letters

• Online and hybrid faculty are asked to submit an “orientation letter” to our department for us to share on our website

• Helps students find the right class when registering

• Sets the tone from the instructor to the student for the online or hybrid class

• Due to our office before term schedule is posted online (so that students can see the letters during the class search)
Training & Certification for Online/Hybrid Teaching

Effective September 2006, as approved by the Academic Senate:

• Prior to teaching online, an instructor must complete the following (or the equivalent):

  • 6 hours of Blackboard training
    • Workshops offered on campus throughout the year
  
  • 1 hour Section 508/accessibility workshop
    • Workshops offered on campus throughout the year
  
  • 2 credit College-level course in online teaching strategies
    • At COC, the course *Introduction to Online Teaching and Learning* fulfills this requirement
    • Offered online through the Institute of Teaching and Learning
    • Typically offered once or twice per year
    • Equivalent course available through @ONE (www.onefortraining.org)
Any Questions?

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