

Distance Education UpClose

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DE Graduate Engineering Program Kudos

NMSU's online program among the country's best

New Mexico State University's online graduate engineering program was recently named one of the country's best programs by the U.S. News & World Report. The program, which began in 1997, gives students from all over the United States the opportunity to take courses via satellite television, Interactive Television (ITV), the World Wide Web, faculty exchanges and off-site classes. Students are able to obtain online Master's degrees in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and online graduate certificates for modeling and simulation. The program takes about three years to complete.

The magazine recognized 50 universities for having outstanding online graduate engineering programs including Arizona State University, Stanford University, Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Dallas.

-Adapted from Jeany Llorent's NMSU News Posting Nov.13, 2002

Spring 2003 College DE Programs

Highlights of the Distance Education offerings at NMSU

College of Arts & Sciences

Arts and Sciences' Criminal Justice Department currently offers a Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ). This entirely web-based program is very much in demand and the program's department chair, Dr. Peter Gregware, hopes to expand to meet the increased need very soon. The Sociology Department, currently offering individual courses online, has a distance education degree program in the works.

College of Agriculture & Home Economics

The College of Agriculture and Home Economics has a long history of offering education at a distance through their Cooperative Extension Service offices and agencies across the state of New Mexico. While the College is not currently offering any complete distance education degree programs, they are considering the prospects.

College of Business Administration & Economics

The College of Business Administration & Economics is our University's model for International Distance Education. Beginning in January 2003, they will offer a Master of Business Administration (MBA) using a blended delivery approach including faculty visits onset at the Northern Jiaotong University in Beijing, China. The College's MBA is also offered at the Autonomous University of Chihuahua in Mexico using satellite television downlinks and faculty site visits. The College of Business Administration & Economics is working on implementing their first stateside DE program, a degree-completion BA in General Business slated to be offered at NMSU branch campuses and on the Web in the near future.

College of Education

NMSU's College of Education has the most distance degree completion, degree, licensure, and certificate programs of any the University's Colleges. The Department of Curriculum & Instruction offers the following programs via distance: AA- Education Paraprofessional;

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DE Faculty Profile



Name:

**Dr. Ramon
Dominguez**

Department:

**NMSU College
of Education
EMD**

As a faculty member in the Educational Management and Development Department, I am fortunate to work with the Community College Leadership Doctoral Program. The program is a distance education initiative utilizing ITV (interactive television), web-based instruction, and face-to-face (F2F) meetings. Participants are education professionals throughout New Mexico. Through coursework, internships, and the completion of a dissertation, students will receive an Ed.D in Educational Administration with an emphasis in Community College Leadership.

Coming from the community college ranks with over 29 years experience in faculty and senior management positions, implementing the program has been a rewarding challenge. The program's success is due to dedicated EMD faculty and support from my academic department head, the College of Education Dean, Associate Dean, ICT, and the Distance Education Office.

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degree-completion BS in Elementary Education at the Alamogordo, Carlsbad, and Grants off-site locations; MA in Education with an emphasis in Curriculum & Instruction at Artesia, Carlsbad, and Farmington off-site locations; MA in Education with a Learning Technologies emphasis online; and a Ph.D in Curriculum & Instruction with an emphasis in Learning Technologies online. The Department of Educational Management and Development offers an MA in Educational Administration at Carlsbad and Farmington off-site locations and Ed.D in Educational Administration with an emphasis on Community College Leadership (see DE Faculty Profile). The Special Education & Communication Disorders Department offers a Special Education Graduate Masters-Licensure Distance Education Program that provides SPED licensure for students who have a regular New Mexico teaching license.

College of Engineering

NMSU's College of Engineering offers two nationally-recognized DE programs: a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering (MSIE) with a minor in Manufacturing and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME) with a minor in Manufacturing. Certificate Programs are rapidly gaining popularity in response to increasing continuing education and professional development needs and the College of Engineering is in the forefront of this higher education trend by offering a Discrete Event Simulation Certificate and a Finite Element Analysis Certificate.

College of Health and Social Services

The College of Health and Social Services offers three degree programs via distance learning. The Bachelor of Human and Community Services (BHCS) is a primarily web-based degree-completion program. The Master of Social Work (MSW) is offered in Albuquerque at a location on the University of New Mexico campus. Both programs enjoy high enrollments and are expected to grow! A brand new DE initiative, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree-completion program begins this spring at Alamogordo and Carlsbad branch campuses.

Look for more on each College's Distance Education programs in upcoming issues of UpClose!

The Vice Provost's Corner

Reaching out to New Mexico State University and beyond



Networking and outreach has been a major focus of our efforts at the Office of Distance Education. Here on our main campus in Las Cruces we have met frequently with each of the Colleges and with many Departments to discuss the possibilities and opportunities that exist for developing, implementing, and marketing Distance Education programs. Recently we have formed a Distance Education Advisory Board (DEAB) composed of representatives from all entities within the University. The focus of the Board will be to advise on the many matters and issues related to DE at NMSU. Finally, much of my time has been spent traveling the state of New Mexico to branch campuses, communities, and pueblos on outreach efforts to promote NMSU's Distance Education offerings.

Coordination and promotion is a primary objective in the administration of Distance Education at NMSU, and whether I am here at home on the main campus in Las Cruces or visiting the farthest corners of our state, I welcome the opportunity to meet with all of those who have an interest and a stake in the delivery of higher education via distance learning!

Carmen L. Gonzales, Vice Provost for Distance Education

Upcoming Events

FREE WebCT Workshop for NMSU Employees:

• **Using the Content Module in WebCT** - A half-day, intensive hands-on workshop at NMSU's main campus.

OPEN WebCT January Events:

January 3, 7, 11, 18 & 22 • **WebCT in a Day Workshops**

January 16 • **WebCT Quiz Workshop**

January 24 • **WebCT Calendar Tool Workshop**

January 28-30 • **WebCT Tools for Teaching on the Web Workshop**

Centra, NSF, Title V and Library workshops and seminars for Spring 2003 will be posted soon!

To link to WebCT@NMSU for registration or to learn about other DE events visit the "Professional Development" page in the "Faculty" section at: www.nmsu.edu/distance for details.

Submissions

We welcome your ideas, comments & suggestions

Contact us at the Office of Distance Education to submit your ideas to "UpClose".

Deadline for submission is the 15th of each month for distribution on the 1st.

Email submissions to: distance@nmsu.edu, or send to: MSC 3WEC. Call 6-4692 for assistance.