

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS - DISTANCE LEARNING

Distance Learning refers to courses that are offered outside of a traditional classroom using a variety of technologies for delivery. Navarro College provides several types of distance learning classes to help fit the needs of our students.

Online (Internet) Courses

Online courses allow students to take courses from virtually anywhere and anytime of the day or night. Students taking online courses must have reliable access to a computer and an internet connection. These courses are NOT truly self-paced as they are scheduled to run concurrent with on-campus courses during the standard fall, spring, and summer, and mini semesters. Students will gain access to their classes through our Canvas learning management system.

Hybrid Courses

Hybrid courses are defined as courses in which a majority (more than 50 percent but less than 85 percent), of the planned instruction occurs when the students and instructor(s) are not in the same place. In hybrid classes, a significant amount of the course learning activity is moved online, which allows for a reduction of time spent in the classroom. Hybrid courses give students the experience of taking a class online, while at the same time having face-to-face time with their professor and classmates.

DigiTex (formerly Virtual College of Texas, or VCT)

DigiTex is a consortium of Texas community colleges that offer courses to students who are unable to find a specific course at their area college. If you are attending Navarro College and the course(s) that you need for your degree is/are not offered online by Navarro College, you may reserve space in a class at another DigiTex college. Credit for the class will be transcribed through Navarro College.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All DigiTex course syllabi and faculty qualifications must be approved by the appropriate Department Chair and Executive Dean prior to registration. Please be advised the approval process can take some time, so your patience is appreciated. If the course and/or professor has not been approved, you will not be able to register for the class.

Interactive Web Conference Courses

An Interactive Web Conference is a class in which a professor teaches at one location while students in another location receive live, two-way audio and visual instruction via a web conferencing application. The professor and students at the remote location can interact in real time, and each location can hear and see each other.

State Authorization of Distance Learning Program

Notice to Prospective Distance Learning Students Officially Residing in a U.S. State or Territory Outside of Texas (and not Planning to Re-Locate to Texas).

Navarro College is currently not a member of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA); therefore, we are not authorized to provide distance learning courses to students whose official residence is located in a U.S. State or Territory which is outside the State of Texas.

SARA is a voluntary agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs, and is overseen by a National Council and administered by the four regional education compacts (Midwestern Higher Education Compact, New England Board of Higher Education, Southern Regional Education Board, and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education).

For a complete listing of member institutions and more information regarding this agreement, please visit the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA) website at <http://nc-sara.org>.

For more information about Navarro College's Distance Learning Program, please visit <https://www.navarrocollege.edu/online-campus/overview.html> or contact the Office of Online Instruction at (903) 875-7422.