Online Education

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Academic colleges and schools at the University of Arkansas provide flexible learning options through distance education and online learning options for undergraduate and graduate students. Traditional online courses, self-paced online (correspondence) courses, and online degree programs remove the barriers of time and distance. Support units provide the web-based resources and services necessary for distance and online students to reach their educational and professional goals.

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The Global Campus (http://globalcampus.uark.edu), School of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach, serves as a portal for online, distance and professional education programs and courses provided by the University of Arkansas. Experienced staff members collaborate with the university’s academic colleges and other academic units to develop and facilitate quality courses and programs that help students reach educational and professional goals.

State Authorization and Distance Education Beyond Arkansas
The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville delivers online education programs and courses throughout the United States and internationally. All programs have been approved by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Many states have prescribed an “authorization” process for out-of-state institutions delivering online programs to its state residents to ensure quality post-secondary education, to preserve the integrity of an academic degree and to instill greater consumer protection for its student citizens.

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