Distance and Extended Learning

Continuing Education Study

With a wide range of learning opportunities, the Office of Continuing Education offers programs that extend the resources of Texas State and contribute to the professional and economic development of Texas. Enrollment is open to all interested persons on a non-credit hour basis; therefore, the courses are not offered through The Graduate College and do not apply toward a graduate degree, nor are they considered for regular admission. For information about continuing education programs go to http://www.txstate.edu/continuinged/.

Extended and Distance Learning

The university offers many courses and programs via distance learning and at the San Marcos campus and at extended hours on evenings and weekends.

All graduate courses and programs offered to distance learners carry the same course number, title, and description as those offered at the San Marcos campus.

For F-1 international students, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per term may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken online or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination, or other purposes integral to completion of the class.

Courses offered at a distance are identified each term in the Texas State Schedule of Classes and on CatsWeb. For more information on extended and distance learning at Texas State, visit http://www.distancelearning.txstate.edu.

Correspondence Study

When factors such as family, jobs, business travel, etc. compete for time, and students find that it is difficult to schedule their on-campus classes, correspondence study offers a solution. Courses are offered through various disciplines including art, humanities, health-related fields, mathematics, psychology, modern languages and sociology. Courses are revised frequently, so students are encouraged to contact the Office of Distance and Extended Learning for current course offerings or visit the office's website.

The office offers graduate and undergraduate courses. It is up to the individual academic departments/graduate schools at a student’s university to determine if these courses may be applied to a graduate degree. Therefore, any student who wishes to apply a graduate-level course towards a degree should determine prior to enrolling if that course will be accepted. Students may enroll in courses at any time of the year and take up to nine months to complete them. Instruction for most courses is online, and all courses offer online assignment submission.

Enrollment in a correspondence course does not constitute acceptance to the university nor to any of its graduate programs. Correspondence course work cannot be used toward a doctoral degree at Texas State. For more information on correspondence studies at Texas State and a current list of course offerings, visit http://www.correspondence.txstate.edu/.

Extension Courses

Texas State’s Office of Distance and Extended Learning also serves those persons who are unable to come to campus and who wish to earn degree credit or to pursue in-service training, as well as those who wish to enroll in college courses not normally offered through the academic departments/schools. Extension courses are offered on campus and at various off-campus locations. The times and locations for such courses depend on student need, faculty availability, and demand. Extension courses are from the regular Texas State curriculum. Registration for an extension class is completed through the Office of Distance and Extended Learning and does not constitute acceptance as a regular student at Texas State.

Degree Credit for Extension Course Work

The department chair and the dean of The Graduate College must approve extension work for it to be credited toward a graduate degree. Students must meet the admission requirements as identified under the “Master’s and Doctoral Degree-Seeking Applicants” section and be accepted in a degree program before extension work can receive degree credit. Extension course work cannot be used toward a doctoral degree at Texas State.

A maximum of 12 semester hours of graduate credit may be earned in extension courses offered by Texas State.

Extension Transfer Credit

Up to three semester hours of the total allowable six hours of transfer credit for a degree may be earned through extension courses from another accredited institution. Students admitted on “Conditional Admission” or students on “Probation/Suspension” will not receive credit for transfer work taken under the aforementioned status.

For more information on Extension Studies at Texas State, visit our website at http://www.extension.txstate.edu/.