

E-Learning in the State University System of Florida

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Strategic Importance of E-Learning

Increased Access and Productivity

- Potential for increased baccalaureate degree production.
- Opportunities for collaborative degrees and faculty resource sharing.
- Greater access to high-quality instructional resources; development cost abatement.
- Ease of student enrollment among institutions and ease of credit transfer.

Strategic Importance of E-Learning

21st Century Skills for Students

- Improved technology literacy.
- Effective Internet research.
- Effective online communication.
- Effective online collaboration.
- Comfort with virtual learning and working environments.
- Prepared to be life-long learners.



Components of E-Learning

People and Things

Students + Instructor

- Mentors (for certain courses).
- Student Technical Support (24/7).
- Instructional Design Team (content & delivery).
- Course Management Software & Support.
- Internet Development & Support (24/7).
- IT Hardware & Support (24/7).
- Library Access & Support (24/7).



SUS E-Learning Students

2006-2007 Enrollment Summary

152,137 non-duplicated headcount (at least 1 course):

52% of SUS total headcount for fall 2006.

16% increase over 2005-2006.

34,563 in 1997-1998.

17,514 students (only distance learning courses):

9% increase over 2005-06.

Equivalent in number to UNF.

50,823 students (tech-mediated courses):

7% increase over 2005-2006.



SUS E-Learning Students

Characteristics

- Traditional on-campus, degree-seeking students (90% in SUS).
- Adult first-time, degree-seeking students otherwise unable to attend college.
- Professionals seeking career advancement or courses for just-in-time learning.
- Non-degree seeking students for personal enrichment.
- Demographic mix similar to all SUS.

SUS E-Learning Offerings

2006-2007

- 20,782 Individual Course Sections.
 - 7,903 are Tech-Mediated Courses (Hybrid).
- 36 Baccalaureate Programs (32 fully Distance).
- 120 Graduate Programs (84 fully Distance).
- 108 Certificate Programs (84 fully Distance).
- Most programs fully integrated with on-campus offerings (not stand-alone).
- Some programs only available online.

Existing Resources for E-Learning

- Statewide Articulation Agreement.
- State Common Course Numbering System.
- Robust online library resources.
- Significant expertise in the SUS, but:
 - Not evenly distributed amongst institutions.
 - Emphasis on graduate programs.
 - Limited collaboration between institutions.
 - Institutional priorities for e-learning vary.
- Florida Distance Learning Consortium.

