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Fall 2012 Semester Now Live

The Fall 2012 Schedule of Classes officially went live for students and the public on Wednesday, March 7th, with the information that was entered into UAccess Student during the open scheduling period, and incorporating many of the adds, changes and cancels that were submitted via the online forms after the end of open scheduling. During the coming weeks RCS will continue to process the online forms in the order we receive them for the Fall 2012 semester, in order to have the most accurate and up-to-date Schedule of Classes for students to plan their semesters around during Priority Registration.

If you and your instructors have not yet reviewed your room assignments for Fall, please take a few moments to do so- the earlier we receive requests to switch classrooms and update times, the sooner our office can find appropriate rooms. This benefits your students and instructors, allowing them to plan their schedules with confidence, and reducing the amount of confusion and room-changing during the first few weeks of class.

Fully Online Classes

Does your department offer online classes? Here are a few things you might not know about Fully Online classes in the Schedule of Classes:

Fully Online classes are listed in the Schedule of Classes with the facility ID of "999-ONLINE". When students see the class in the Class Search results, they will see the room listed as "Online", notifying them that they do not need to meet on campus for that class.

Online classes may meet synchronously (ie, the students and instructor "meet" online at specified days/times). This can be setup during the open scheduling period in the Schedule of Classes by setting the day and time information on the Meetings Tab, and listing "999-ONLINE" as the Facility ID for Preference 1. After the open scheduling period, simply send an online course form with this information to RCS.

Grading Basis Change

All 910 and 920, Thesis and Dissertation courses will be getting a new grading basis. The "Alt EPS" grade type will be effective in the course catalog for these courses beginning with the current Spring 2012 semester. Unlike the previous "Alt SPE" grade type for these courses, this new grading basis will not allow instructors to assign a grade of "I" (Incomplete). You do not need to worry about making any updates to courses or sections to implement this change. Room and Course Scheduling is working to update all of the courses and sections affected by this change. The target date to have the new "Alt EPS" grade type applied to all 910 and 920 courses and currently scheduled sections is March 30th.

Instruction Modes

We have had many phone calls and emails asking what the rules are for using the various Instruction Modes in UAccess Student. Below is a helpful guide to the Instruction Modes that are available:

- (P) In Person: Exclusively based on attendance at regularly scheduled class meetings at scheduled locations and/or other in-person instructional activities (group or individual). Course materials (eg syllabus, readings, AV media files) may optionally be posted online, but there are no interactive instructional activities online.
- (HY) Hybrid: There are some regularly scheduled class meetings on site in person, but one or more of the regularly scheduled meetings has been replaced with an online class meeting OR has been canceled and replaced with other online instructional activities.
- (FO) Fully Online: All instructional activities including regularly scheduled live or interactive meetings (if any) are conducted via internet. Note: there may be one or more required scheduled proctored examinations conducted in person at specified locations.
- (IT) Interactive Broadcast/Webcast: Students attend live, regularly scheduled class meetings in groups at scheduled course sites via two-way television transmission or group web-conferencing.
- (CO) Correspondence Study: All interaction with instructor is conducted by correspondence using USPS, designated carrier, and/or email; can include downloaded print and/or audiovisual materials.
- (TV) Cable TV: One way broadcast, cable access required.
- (VT) AudioVisual Media (self study): Course consists solely of self-instructional audiovisual media, ie there is no instructor per se. Course materials are distributed via analog or digital media (eg audiotape, videotape, CD, DVD). Media files may be downloadable via the Internet, but all media files must be usable offline.

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