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Distance Learning at UNT Dallas - Fall 2015 Statistics*

*As of Sept 8, 2015

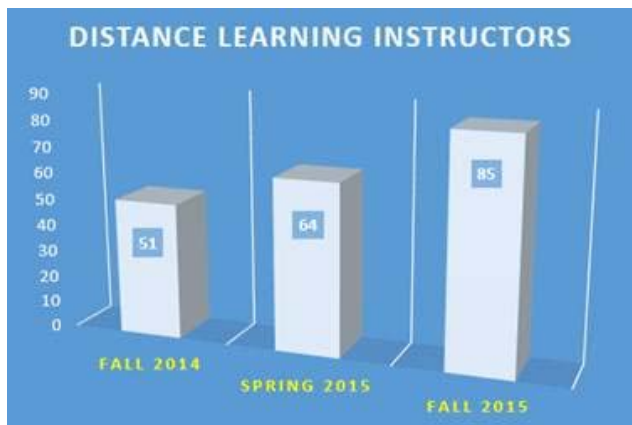
A nontraditional form of learning that has grown rapidly at UNT Dallas is Distance Learning. This fall semester there are 3,884 seats filled through Distance Learning course offerings at UNTD.

Online course offerings provided by UNTD have grown tremendously in the last couple years, and went from offering no online courses at all to 128 different courses in less than 2 years. UNTD began offering online classes in the Spring of 2014 and for the Fall of this year, our Distance Learning offerings include 173 sections of 128 fully or partially online courses.



This growth is an example of our university's commitment to online learning and online student success.

The Office of Distance Learning and Instructional Technologies, a division of Academic Affairs, is responsible for coordinating the design and development of all e-Learning course offerings that provide high quality hybrid and online learning experiences for students. This semester the office is working alongside with 85 different instructors that are currently teaching hybrid/blended and/or fully online courses and work diligently in order for the courses to meet our quality standards for online teaching and learning.



85 distance learning instructors (faculty and adjuncts)

Vs. 51 during Fall 2014 (67% increase)

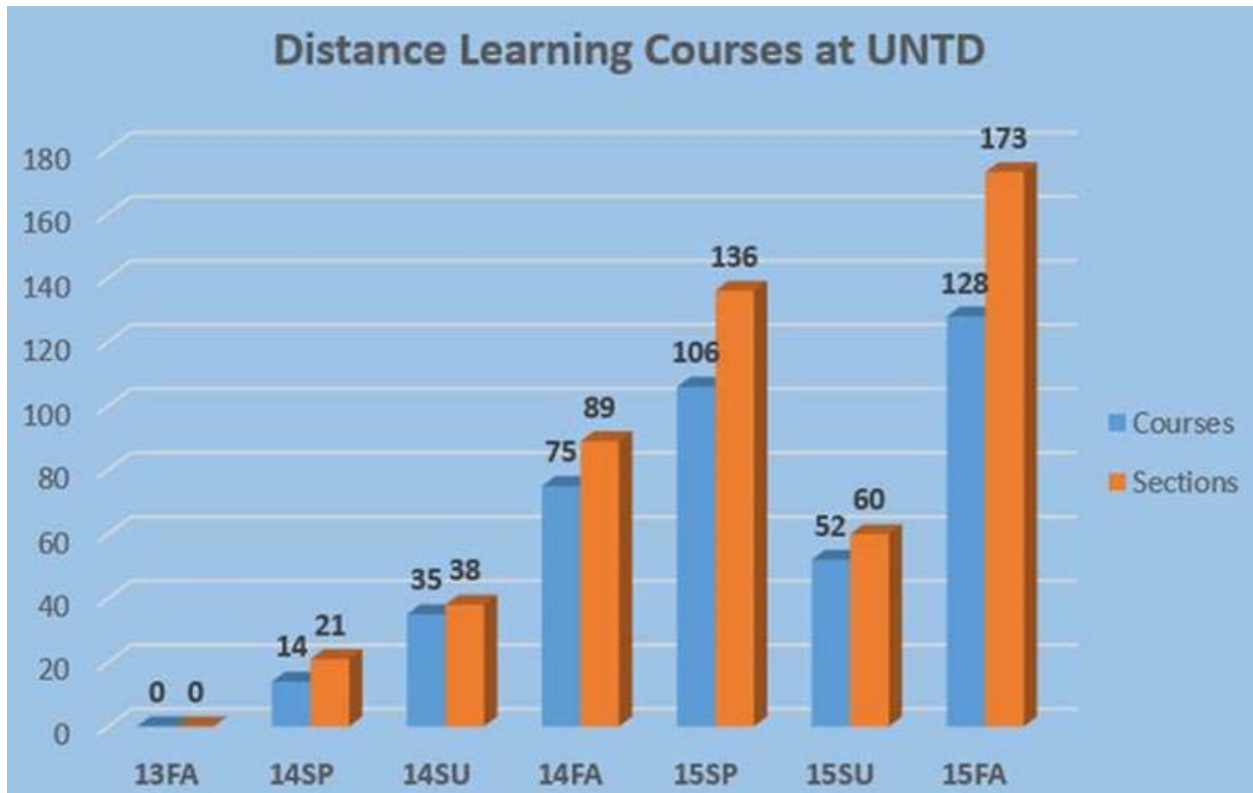
Vs. 64 in Spring 2015 (33% increase)



3,884 seats filled through DL offerings

Vs. 2,278 in Fall 2014 (70.5% increase)

Vs. 3,026 in Spring 2015 (28% increase)



173 section offerings of 128 online and hybrid courses

Vs. 89 section offerings of 75 online and hybrid in Fall 2014 (94% increase)

Vs. 136 section offerings of 106 online and hybrid in Spring 2015 (27% increase)

BLACKBOARD @ UNTD:

Do I Have To Teach Totally Online In Order To Use Blackboard?

No. The majority of courses offered on Blackboard at UNT Dallas are blended courses (hybrid), or classes that meet regularly in the traditional classroom but offer materials for online access. (Web-enhanced courses)

How Will Teaching With Blackboard Change My Course(S)?

Blackboard tools are flexible, so you can customize the online component of your class to fit your teaching style and instructional needs. You can also teach a complete distance learning course using Blackboard, or use only the discussion or assessment tools. **You** decide which Blackboard components best meet your instructional objectives. Using Blackboard @ UNTD can reduce the need to make paper copies of handouts and tests, and it also offers faculty the opportunity to incorporate multimedia content into their lessons.



[Call for nominations - Excellence in Online Teaching Awards](#)

[Nominate an online class or instructor for the 2015 Excellence in Online Teaching Awards!](#)

Time is running... There's only **3 weeks left** to submit your nominations! You can nominate your own class, or nominate one of your colleagues'. All faculty (adjuncts and per course) are eligible. Remember that there are two

categories. The **Innovative Teaching with Technology Award** is open for any course (traditional, hybrid or online) that use technology in a creative or innovative way.

Some examples include, but are not limited to:

- Use of clickers or apps to improve student participation and success rates.
- Use of multimedia elements that help students more thoroughly grasp subjects.
- Use of simulations or games who add a “real-world” perspective.
- Use of social networking tools directly in the classroom.
- Use of a specific technology-based pedagogy (i.e. Flipped classroom, Video assignments, Online discussions)
- Impacting the classroom climate or environment through the use of edu-tools.
- Organizing team or group work in a classroom through the innovative use of Blogs, Wikis or Journals.



The **Outstanding Online Course Award** recognizes an outstanding faculty member who has creatively utilized appropriate Internet-based technologies to teach online and/or hybrid courses in UNT Dallas. The nominees must have designed and taught one or more online or blended courses with an imaginative approach, well-designed course materials, and instructional strategies, and a demonstrated rapport with the course participants.

For more information please visit: <http://www.untDallas.edu/dlit/awards>



Lunch & Learn: Issues and Trends in Edtech in 2015

The name says it all, we will feed your body and mind. What is in store for technology enhanced teaching and learning in higher education in 2015? Will the higher education reauthorization act impact the growth of competency-based education and hinder the development of adaptive and personalized learning programs? Will the Internet of Things (IoT) reach higher education? Join WCET's visionaries and leaders for a discussion of what edtech trends and issues are on the horizon.

Sept 29 (12:00 PM), Founder's Hall, Rm 127

The seat capacity to this event is limited, please sign up to reserve your space. Join us!

Click to [register](#) for this event!



» Webinar: Characteristics of Effective Feedback

It's not the provision of feedback, but the students' use of it that makes feedback effective. In this two-part webinar series, participants will learn a framework for looking at how feedback is given and how it is used. We will then apply this framework to examples of oral and written



feedback.

In part one of the series, participants will learn the characteristics of feedback that are most likely to be useful to students. Susan M. Brookhart, Ph.D., will show educators how to examine feedback episodes for evidence of learning, and how to couple each feedback episode with an immediate opportunity for students to use the information.

Presented by Susan M. Brookhart, Ph.D., Consultant, Brookhart Enterprises LLC

Sept 29 (4:00-5:00 PM), Founder's Hall, Rm 127 or join virtually

Click to [register](#) for this event!

Mid-Term Grading Café

Gearing up for Mid-term grading? Have trouble setting up your Grade Center on Blackboard? Don't know how to create and manage grade center columns? Please join us for our open "Grading Cafe." Staff from the Office of Distance Learning and Instructional Technology will be glad to assist you on how to organize your Full Grade Center.

Sep 30 (2:30 – 5:00 PM), Dal1 Rm 336

Free tea and coffee, snacks, and a chance to break out of your office for a couple of hours!

Click to [register](#) for this event!



eLearning Faculty Learning Community: NEWBIES

Is this your first year teaching a Distance Learning course at UNT Dallas? Orientation was great but this is "the rest of the story"- addressing questions and concerns. This will be our second meeting of the semester if you're interested in joining us to discuss and learn more about teaching an eLearning course please do so. Join Arturo, Director of Distance Learning and Instructional Technology, along

with some of your peers and colleagues, Dr. Cindy King, Dr. Irene Rodriguez, Dr. Julie Siddique and Prof. Peter Sorenson.

Oct. 1 (2:00 – 3:00 PM), Founder's Hall, Rm 127

[Click here](#) to register for this event.



Articles



(Click the images to read the articles)

**eLearning Industry**
Multiple Answer Questions In eLearning: What eLearning Professionals Should Know <http://dlvr.it/CFcZdp> #eLearningDesignandDevelopment #eLearningAssessment



**Viva eLearning**
Zen And The Art Of Teaching Online <http://dlvr.it/CG11qG> #eLearningArticles #eLearningProfessionals



More



- OCT 05 Quick Start to Captioning**
12:00 PM—1:00 PM
Founder's Hall, Rm 127
- OCT 06 Meetup 2 – Let's learn something!**
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Founder's Hall, Rm 127
- OCT 07 BITS #3 - Using Bloom's Digital Taxonomy to Maximize Student Engagement**
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Dal 1, Rm 336
- OCT 14-16 Online Learning Consortium International Conference: Shaping the Future of Online Learning**
Orlando, Florida

- OCT 14 Blackboard Open Lab**
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Dal 1, Rm 336
- Oct 18** Deadline for nominations
Excellence in Online Teaching Awards- Online
- OCT 20-22 ADEIL 2015, Annual Conference of the Association for Distance Education and Independent Learning**
Charleston, South Carolina
- OCT 20 Tech Tips: Videos for Teaching & Learning at UNT Dallas Showcase**
1:00 PM—2:00 PM
Founder's Hall, Rm 127
- OCT 21 Blackboard Open Lab**
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Dal 1, Rm 336



Contact Us!

The **Office of Distance Learning and Instructional Technologies** invites faculty and staff to join and participate in our development programs. These events provide an opportunity to network with faculty from other departments, learn new instructional strategies and tools, and become aware of best practices in online teaching and learning. Hope to see you there, and don't forget to register for our workshops and sessions! Please contact us with ideas and suggestions for future events:

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