

Online, Hybrid, and Television Courses

DISTANT EDUCATION

- Are you looking for alternatives to taking classes on campus?
- Do you have a schedule that needs flexibility?
- Do you want to avoid parking hassles and coming to class once or twice a week?
- Are you a self-motivated learner who can complete assignments without face-to-face interaction and constant reminders?

If you answered **YES**, then an online, hybrid, or television course may be right for you!

The beauty of a distance education course is the flexibility of time for you as the student while offering the same rigor and quality as an on-campus class. You can often set your class time around your other commitments and won't have to spend time driving to campus.

Is This Kind of Class Right for Me?

Taking an online or television course requires a different set of skills and abilities than an on-campus course. The following strategies are needed to be successful:

- **Independence and High Motivation** – You will need to be able to work on your own, create your own learning environment where you can study, and manage your time appropriately. You should be able to set goals for yourself and arrange a time in your weekly schedule to dedicate to the online or television course.
- **Internet Competence** – You need a variety of Internet related skills including the ability to navigate the web, send email, download and upload files, post messages, etc.
- **Reading, Writing, and Typing Abilities** – Your communication with others will be done via the Internet, so you will need to read materials and respond appropriately in writing.

What is an Online Course?

An online course is conducted wholly over the internet. Assignments are done and submitted via the Internet and may include discussion boards, research, written papers, exams, quizzes, and other activities.

What is a Hybrid Course?

A hybrid course combines some classroom instruction with online instruction. Hybrid courses have the benefit of being able to periodically see your instructor and classmates on a face-to-face basis.

What is a Telecourse?

Telecourses are professionally produced programs designed for broadcast in conjunction with classes that meet occasionally on campus. Each series is titled to reflect the subject matter of the course and may comprise up to 26 programs of 30-60 minutes in length.

Technical Requirements

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- A computer system with Internet connection
- CD-ROM drive
- Speakers and headphone

Television Courses

- A television capable of receiving KVCR-TV via antenna, cable, or satellite
- VCR for recording programs (optional, but highly recommended)

Help and Resources

A two week, one unit, course covering how to succeed as an online student is offered as CIS 062. Students who are not comfortable with using a computer to take a course are encouraged to take CIS 062 before the start of their first online course.

For technical assistance, call (877)241-1756. This assistance is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The District website for distance education is <http://dets.sbccd.org> and offers a variety of resources to help online students.

Blackboard

The Blackboard Learning Management System is used for online, hybrid, and traditional classes and is always a required part of online classes. The login can be accessed through the Crafton Hills College web site by clicking on the "Blackboard Login" button on the right side of the home page or directly at <http://blackboard.sbccd.cc.ca.us/webapps/login/>. On the login page use your student ID number as both username and password. Once you are logged in you SHOULD change your password by clicking on "Personal Information" under the tools menu. Your courses can be found under the "Courses" tab at the top of the page. There is a short list of frequently asked questions that can be found at <http://dets.sbccd.org/pages/183.asp>. In addition, you can learn Blackboard skills as a part of the course CIS 062, Introduction to Online Learning.

If you forget your student ID, call (909) 884-1441

**Distributed Education Schedule
(Online/Courses)**

Course	Meeting Dates/Time	Notes	Meeting Location	Instructor Information
MUSIC 103		This is an online course with no on-campus meetings. Participation in this class requires that a student has access to a computer that is connected to the Internet.		Mark McConnell Office: PAC-310 (909) 389-3293 mmcconne@craftonhills.edu