LIBERTY UNIVERSITY - ONLINE PROGRAMS

Mission

The mission of Liberty University throughout online programs is to provide Liberty University courses and programs through distance learning delivery systems. While Liberty University online and residential course offerings may differ due to distinctions in student profiles and methodologies of instruction, the residential and Liberty University online courses and programs are comparable in range, goals and purpose.

History

Founded in 1985 as the Liberty University School of Lifelong Learning (LUSLL), the distance learning program was designed to bring an accredited University program to non-traditional learners at home, military personnel, and Christian school teachers seeking certification from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). The courses were adapted from those offered on the University campus and the initial programs offered were the A.A. in Religion, B.S. in Church Ministries, and M.A. in Counseling.

The initial goal to provide quality Christian education to students around the world has remained intact. Currently, Liberty University offers online services to over 100,000 students across the globe in degree programs including certificate programs, diploma programs in Biblical Studies, and hundreds of associate to doctoral programs.

Using innovative methods, students can take classes without having to relocate. The same quality courses that are offered on the Lynchburg campus are made available to our online students in the convenience of their own homes. Some courses are also offered in an intensive format a number of times throughout the year.

Instructional Delivery Method

Liberty University offers its online courses through Canvas as its primary delivery method. Students can access individual lessons, have interaction with other students taking the same course, utilize links to online resources, view supplemental streaming video clips, and receive direct feedback from their professors using this means of delivery. Video, printed, and online learning tools ensure that students have a learning opportunity available to them that equals or surpasses the traditional classroom model.

Structure

Currently, Liberty University offers most online courses in an eight-week format with multiple entry dates throughout the year (see academic calendar). Some courses are offered in a 14- to 17-week format (with one entry date per semester) in which students may enroll at the beginning of each term. Students will need to show consistent progress throughout their coursework in order to maintain good academic standing. Liberty University provides students with tools for success. However, students must manage their time and resources to take advantage of these tools.

Degree Program Format

With the online delivery format, courses in a program are delivered in an online classroom experience that is flexible, personal and challenging.

Through the online format a student can earn many degrees entirely online. Some programs require on-campus intensives.

Course Assignments

Students take timed tests online and receive immediate feedback and test results. Essay exams and papers are also submitted online, graded by the course instructor and returned to the student. Portions of assigned work are used to facilitate student-to-student interaction. The interaction is often included as an element in student grading.

Course Materials

Many course materials are offered to students in the course via Inclusive Access, an enhanced educational experience that leverages various interactive learning platforms by converting print content from top publishers into digital content. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase all materials that are not included in the course through Inclusive Access from Barnes and Noble College Services. Purchases can be made online by accessing the web page at www.bncvirtual.com/liberty or by calling (800) 325-3252. Students should purchase materials after registration but prior to the sub-term start date (course activation). Liberty does not guarantee that required course materials will be available after the sub-term start date.

Course materials outside of Inclusive Access may be charged to a student's account by means of the online book voucher system, if the student has a credit on his or her student account.

Basic Regulations

To view the Code of Conduct, please see the Office of Community Life section in the Student Affairs section of this catalog.

All students enrolled in Liberty University online programs are subject to the Liberty University Online Code of Honor and Personal Code of Honor. Please see the Academic Information and Policies – Online Programs section of this catalog for more information.

Important Information Regarding Licensure-Based Degree Programs, Internships and Clinical Placements

Students who are pursuing degrees leading to application for professional licensure or certification, and/or who will be participating in clinical placements, internships, or practica through their Liberty University program, should be aware that a criminal background check, fingerprinting, drug screening, or other screening processes may be required by Liberty University and/or the host facility.

Internships, Practica, and Clinical Placements

In such situations, each student is responsible for obtaining and paying for the background check or other screening process and for delivering required documentation to the facility. Although the university will provide guidance to admitted students seeking placement in field experiences and internships, it will be up to the host facility to determine whether a student will be allowed to work at that facility.

Licensure-Based Degree Programs

Students in licensure-based degree programs are responsible for understanding the requirements of the program by becoming thoroughly

familiar with the Degree Completion Plan (DCP) and the academic school's web page that outlines degree requirements.

As of July 1*st*, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education requires institutions to ensure that their licensure programs meet all **educational** requirements for licensure in the state where a student is enrolled through online education. While Liberty University has maintained strict compliance with all licensure requirements for the Commonwealth of Virginia, our licensure programs must also align with state-specific licensure criteria for all states and U.S. territories to offer these programs in those states. Students can explore detailed licensure requirements on Liberty's State Licensure Website. or view the Office of University Compliance Website for more information.