



Academic Distance Learning Center

Online Degree Program Information for Students

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What Programs Are Offered Online?

School of Business and Technology

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- MBA Certificate in Global Commerce
- MA in Business and Organizational Security Management
- MA in Procurement and Acquisitions Management
- Graduate Certificate in Government Contracting
- Graduate Certificate in Decision Support Systems
- Graduate Certificate in Web Services
- Undergraduate Certificate in Web Site Development
- Undergraduate Certificate in Web Site Design

School of Communications

- MA in Media Communications, Emphasis in Communications Management

School of Education

- Master of Arts in Teaching, Emphasis in Multidisciplinary Studies or Educational Technology

All of these programs are fully online degree programs.

Online courses at Webster University provide working professionals with high quality, flexible educational options to advance their careers. Online degree programs are the perfect answer for busy professionals who want to enhance their credentials and successfully compete in the 21st century.

Cost of Online Programs

MA-Teaching \$395 per credit hour

Undergraduate Certificates:
Web Site Development and
Web Site Design \$445 per credit hour

All other Online Graduate
Programs and Certificates \$515 per credit hour

There is a \$50 nonrefundable application fee and a \$50 nonrefundable graduation fee.

Tuition rates are subject to change at the beginning of each academic year, which begins with the summer term. All financial arrangements must be completed before the start of classes.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

▪ What is online learning?

Online learning uses the World Wide Web to deliver course content and enable communication between instructor and students. The asynchronous format allows you to log in at any time to complete assignments and participate in class discussions.

▪ Is online learning effective?

Research over the past several decades has shown that there is not a significant difference in the academic success of students in distance learning programs vs. traditional programs.

▪ Can I combine traditional classes with online courses?

Yes. You can combine traditional and online classes to complete your degree.

▪ What are the admission requirements and how do I apply for the online program?

The admissions requirements are the same as traditional classroom programs. Download an application from <http://online.webster.edu> and submit it along with a non-refundable application fee of \$50 to the Graduate Admissions Office.

▪ Do the online courses require textbooks and how do I obtain them?

All of the online courses utilize textbooks. To order, go <http://online.webster.edu> and click the "Getting Started" button and select "Textbooks" from the drop down menu.

▪ Who are the online faculty?

Webster University's online courses are taught by the same distinguished faculty who teach our traditional classes.

▪ Are the online programs accredited?

Webster University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

▪ Will my diploma or transcript indicate that I have taken an online degree?

No. All diplomas and transcripts are identical to those received by students in the traditional classroom.

▪ What is the WorldClassRoom?

It is the web site where Webster University students find the information they need to log in and successfully participate in online courses.

Important Contact Information

Inquiries about types of online degree programs

WorldClassRoom
<http://online.webster.edu>
Click on the "Programs" button and select a program from the drop down menu.

Inquiries about Graduate and Evening Admissions

(800) 753-6765/ (314) 968-7100
gadmit@webster.edu

Inquiries about program plans, registration information, add/drop/withdraw for online programs or to speak with an Advisor

Academic Advising

MA-Teaching (800) 753-6765
Local: (314) 968-7097

MA-Procurement Management
MA-Security Management (800) 981-9801 ext. 7948
Local: (314) 961-2660 ext. 7948

For All Other Programs (800) 982-3847
Local: (314) 968-6972

Inquiries about online registration or obtaining grades online

Registrar's Office
(800) 987-3447
(314) 968-7450

Any question about payment or refunds for online courses

Business Office
(800) 981-9803
(314) 968-7416

Any question about student loans, grants, or scholarships

Financial Aid
(800) 983-4623
(314) 968-6992

Webster University Help Desk (including log in problems)

www.webster.edu/helpdesk
(866) 435-7270/ (314) 968-5995
support@webster.edu

All other questions-please contact ADLC

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▪ What is WebCT?

WebCT is the online course platform used by Webster University to provide a flexible set of tools to create a comprehensive and secure virtual classroom environment. WebCT uses a variety of tools to facilitate interaction between students, instructors, and course content.

▪ How much computer expertise do I need?

You should be comfortable using the computer to save and download files, use MS Office Suite programs, and search the Internet. Online courses **will not** teach you how to operate a computer or use software applications.

▪ Do I need to buy a new computer, upgrade any of my software, or change to high-speed Internet access?

Please see the technical requirements in this brochure.

▪ How are the exams and tests administered?

There are several ways to administer exams in online courses, however, students are not required to have exams proctored or go to a testing center.

▪ The online program offers the flexible schedule that I need but I'm concerned that it may lack the "human" contact in a traditional course.

The online courses at Webster incorporate many opportunities for interaction such as an internal email, chat, and online discussions to facilitate interaction between the instructor and students.

▪ What is the length of each course?

The length of online courses will vary by program. Check the course schedule for dates.

▪ Do online courses have real time deadlines?

Yes. Each term has beginning and ending dates and all classes have weekly deadlines for assignments that must be met in order to successfully complete the course.

▪ Do I have to log in at a certain time?

No, but students are encouraged to log in often to obtain assignments and participate in course discussions.

▪ How do I register for an online course?

You can register for online courses the same way that you register for traditional classes.

▪ What should I do after registering for an online course?

Go to the WorldClassRoom website at <http://online.webster.edu>, click on the "Getting Started" button, select "How to Login" from the drop down menu. Follow the instructions to obtain an ID and password.

▪ How can I learn more about navigating online courses?

You should self-enroll in the Student Orientation Center. It is a brief tutorial to help you learn how online courses at Webster University work.

▪ When can I begin my online course?

The online courses are available after 9 a.m. central time (CST) on the login date. To find out login dates, go to <http://online.webster.edu> and check the Academic Calendar.

▪ How many students are allowed in an online course?

Online courses are limited to 15 students per section of a course to maximize student participation.

Configuring Your Computer for WebCT

WebCT courses use a supported web browser. Audio and video players are required for optimal performance of online courses. Additional software programs such as MS Office Suite program, Virus Protection software, or an HTML editor may be necessary for a course.

Important:

Use a supported web browser -

If using AOL-You will need AOL 7.0 or higher
Enable Java and JavaScript
Set your browser cache to always reload a page
Turn off anonymous logon

Supported Web Browsers -

Windows 98/Me/2000/XP/NT
Netscape 6.2.X, 7.0 and 7.1
Internet Explorer 5.0, 5.5 excluding IE 5.5 Service Pack 1 (SP1) and 6.0
Mozilla 1.5 and 1.6
Mac OS 9.x/X 10.1
Netscape 6.2.X, 7.0 and 7.1
Internet Explorer 5.1 and 5.2(OS X only)

For more information, go to Getting Started section of the WorldClassRoom website and click Technical Requirements.