Division of Continuing Education

Dean

- Chet Rzonca

Web site: http://www.uiowa.edu/dce/

The Division of Continuing Education increases access to the services and resources of the University of Iowa. In partnership with the University’s colleges and departments, the division provides high-quality credit and noncredit courses, workshops, and programs to traditional and nontraditional learners. Using a variety of locations, schedules, and technologies, the division helps provide a University of Iowa learning environment beyond the physical borders of campus.

The division administers the following programs.

Summer and Winter Sessions

Assistant dean: Marlys Boote

The University of Iowa conducts summer sessions of four, six, eight, and 12 weeks. Classes also are offered outside these normal summer session terms. In addition, a short winter session is offered during the break between the fall and spring semesters.

Students may take undergraduate and graduate course work during the summer and winter sessions. Classes during these sessions are taught mainly by University of Iowa faculty members, so students receive the same first-rate instruction provided during the spring and fall semesters. Courses are offered in a variety of formats both on and off campus. They are open to University of Iowa students and to persons not formally admitted to a degree program.

Distance Programs and Courses

Associate dean: Anne Zalenski

Web site: http://distance.uiowa.edu

The University of Iowa offers a number of degree and certificate programs available entirely by distance education. These programs of study are supported by hundreds of courses that are offered in a variety of ways, including online, independent study, virtual classroom technologies, and a combination of formats. The division also offers on-site programming in the Quad Cities, Sioux City, Des Moines, and at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory.

The University has established partnerships with all of Iowa’s community colleges so that Iowans who earn an associate’s degree at their community college can continue to live and work in their communities while earning a degree from the University of Iowa.

For information about programs, procedures, and enrollment, contact the Division of Continuing Education.

Bachelor of Applied Studies

Web site: http://distance.uiowa.edu/bas

The Bachelor of Applied Studies (B.A.S.) is a bachelor’s degree that may be completed entirely by distance education. The degree requires a minimum of 120 s.h. and is offered without an academic major, but students may include certificate programs within their degree or develop an area of emphasis by selecting from seven B.A.S. tracks. Students may earn credit toward the degree by taking courses offered in varied distance education formats; they also may use courses offered in on-campus formats. Applicants must hold an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), an Associate of Arts (A.A.), or an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree. The B.A.S. is awarded by University College and is administered by the Division of Continuing Education. For a detailed program description, see Bachelor of Applied Studies (University College) in the Catalog.

Bachelor of Business Administration

Web site: http://distance.uiowa.edu/bba

The Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) with a major in management, entrepreneurial management track, may be completed entirely by distance education. The degree requires a minimum of 120 s.h. of credit. To be admitted to the program, individuals must have earned a minimum of 60 s.h. of college-level credit with a g.p.a. of at least 2.75, and they must have completed four prerequisite courses (business calculus, statistics, microeconomics, and financial accounting) with a g.p.a. of at least 2.75 and no grade below C. The degree is awarded by the Tippie College of Business and is administered by the Division of Continuing Education. For a description of the program, see Management and Organizations in the Catalog.

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Web site: http://distance.uiowa.edu/bls

The Bachelor of Liberal Studies (B.L.S.) is a bachelor’s degree that may be completed entirely by distance education. The degree requires a minimum of 120 s.h. and is offered without an academic major, but students may include certificate programs or emphasis areas within the degree. Students may earn credit toward the degree by taking courses offered in varied distance education formats; they also may use courses offered in on-campus formats. Applicants must have either an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree or have earned at least 60 s.h. of credit. The B.L.S. is awarded by University College and is administered by the Division of Continuing Education. For a detailed program description, see Bachelor of Liberal Studies (University College) in the Catalog.

Center for Conferences

Director: Jo Dickens

Web site: http://www.continue to learn.uiowa.edu/conferences/

The University of Iowa Center for Conferences (UICC) is the University’s principal agency for initiating, coordinating, conducting, and supporting noncredit continuing education programs. It also serves as the University of Iowa’s Continuing Education Unit (CEU) database.

UICC coordinates national and international conferences for University faculty, departments, colleges, administrative units, student groups and related academic societies, professional associations, and other groups.
sponsored by the University. Services include initial planning, site location, budget development, income and expense management, payment processing, and online conference registration.

The Center for Conferences uses facilities on the University of Iowa campus as well as those located in Iowa City and Coralville, throughout Iowa, and nationwide. For more information, visit the Center for Conferences web site.

Iowa Lakeside Laboratory

**Executive director:** Chet Rzonca  
**Web site:** http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/lakesidelab/

Iowa Lakeside Laboratory is a field station run cooperatively by the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa and administered by the University of Iowa. The laboratory offers summer courses and research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Courses focus on the ecology, taxonomy, and conservation of northern plains animals, plants, microorganisms, and ecosystems. Students take one course at a time, 40 hours per week, for one to four weeks. Class sizes are small, and most students spend at least part of every day outdoors.

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, has designated Lakeside Laboratory a Regents Resource Center, dedicated to providing lifelong learning opportunities for Iowans.

For information about academic programs and courses at the laboratory, see Iowa Lakeside Laboratory (University College) in the Catalog or visit the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory web site.

Iowa Summer Writing Festival

**Director:** Amy Margolis  
**Web site:** http://www.iowasummerwritingfestival.org/

The Iowa Summer Writing Festival is a noncredit creative writing program for adults. The festival brings some 1,300 writers to the University of Iowa campus each summer to participate in weeklong and weekend workshops across the genres. Writers at all levels are welcome.

Participants choose from more than 135 workshops, including novels, short fiction, gothic fiction, poetry, memoirs, essays, playwriting, travel, humor, writing for children and young adults, and more. Festival classes are conducted as workshops, where the primary texts are participants' own creative work.

Weeklong workshops meet for three hours each day, Monday through Friday, and include individual student/ instructor conferences. Weeklong sessions feature a daily lecture series on aspects of literary craft, as well as evening readings and other events. Weekend sessions meet for eight hours over two days. Visit the Iowa Summer Writing Festival web site for information about workshops, schedules, and registration. Program information for the coming summer is posted in mid-January.

Iowa Young Writers' Studio

**Director:** Stephen Lovely  
**Web site:** http://iowayoungwritersstudio.org

The Iowa Young Writers' Studio is a two-week summer residential creative writing program for high school students who love to write. Students build a community of peers while working with experienced writing teachers, primarily students and graduates of the University's M.F.A. program in creative writing.

The studio offers three courses of study: poetry, fiction, and creative writing (a mix of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction). Each course consists of a seminar and a workshop. In seminars, students read literature by established writers. In workshops they share their own writing, get feedback from their classmates and teacher, and discuss issues of narrative and form.

The studio offers two two-week sessions: one in June and one in July. Young writers who have completed grade 10, 11, or 12 are eligible to attend the studio.

Application materials include an application form, a creative writing sample, a statement of purpose, a high school transcript, and a letter of recommendation from an English teacher or another instructor familiar with the applicant's writing. Applications are submitted online. For complete application information, contact the Iowa Young Writers' Studio or visit its web site.

John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center

**Director:** Chet Rzonca  
**Manager:** Richard Gardner  
**Web site:** http://www.uiowa.edu/jmpec/

The John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center (JMPEC) serves a wide range of adult learning needs. It also provides central Iowa students with access to a variety of University of Iowa undergraduate and graduate degree programs and courses. The center is located in downtown Des Moines, Iowa, close to many corporate businesses and government offices. With classrooms that can accommodate groups of up to 60 people, JMPEC is ideal for small conferences, educational workshops, and meetings. It is equipped to handle on-site instructional technology and to deliver distance education to students anywhere. JMPEC also makes noncredit learning opportunities for professional and workforce development available to corporations and individuals. Learn more at the John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center web site.

Labor Center

**Director:** Jennifer Sherer  
**Web site:** http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/laborctr/

The University of Iowa Labor Center provides educational programs to Iowa's working people and their organizations. The center offers a wide range of noncredit courses on workplace rights, labor issues, and skills necessary for effective union leadership. Typical course topics include steward education and contract administration, collective bargaining, labor and employment law, public policy issues, leadership development, organizing and mobilizing, economics, labor history, workplace health and safety, and other content relevant to workers and union members. Courses are offered both on and off campus at times and locations convenient to working adults.

The Labor Center also conducts applied research, publishes educational materials on workplace issues, and conducts public programming on labor issues on the University of Iowa campus and in Iowa communities.