

Division of Continuing Education

Website: <https://distance.uiowa.edu/>

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 course work, degrees, and certificate 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

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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 through various delivery methods. 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 Distance and Online Education.

Bachelor of Applied Studies

Website: <https://basbls.uc.uiowa.edu/degrees/bas>

The Bachelor of Applied Studies (B.A.S.) is designed for graduates of community colleges who wish to complete a bachelor's degree by distance education. The degree may be completed entirely online or through a combination of on-site and online course work. Students may earn credit toward the degree through several types of courses, including web-based guided independent study courses, semester-based online courses, extension courses at sites throughout Iowa, and regular session courses.

The B.A.S. is a general undergraduate degree without a traditional academic major. Students can design an individual program or select from four optional emphasis areas: creative writing, human relations, justice studies, and political science. Applicants to the B.A.S. program must hold an associate degree. The B.A.S. is awarded by University College and is administered by the Division of Continuing Education.

Bachelor of Business Administration

Website: <https://tippie.uiowa.edu/future-undergraduates/online-bba>

The Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) with a major in management (entrepreneurial management track) may be completed entirely online. Students can apply for admission directly to the Tippie College of Business if they have 24 s.h. of transferable college credit with a cumulative g.p.a. of 2.75 or higher on all courses taken and have completed four prerequisite courses with a grade of C or above. For more information about the B.B.A. online, see the Online BBA website.

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Website: <https://basbls.uc.uiowa.edu/degrees/bls>

The Bachelor of Liberal Studies (B.L.S.) is designed for students who have earned college credit at a regionally accredited institution and would like to complete a bachelor's degree by distance education. The degree may be completed online or through a combination of on-site and online course work.

The B.L.S. emphasizes workplace and leadership skills. Students must select at least one track from the following three options: global studies, health and human studies, and organizational studies. Students may complete multiple tracks. Applicants to the B.L.S. program must have at least 24 s.h. of graded college-level transfer credit with a g.p.a. of 2.00 or higher. The B.L.S. is awarded by University College and is administered by the Division of Continuing Education

Iowa Lakeside Laboratory

Executive Director: Mary P. Skopec

Website: <https://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 website.

Des Moines Programs

Director: Tom W. Rice

Website: <https://desmoines.uiowa.edu/>

The University of Iowa provides both graduate and undergraduate degree opportunities for students in the Des Moines area.

The John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center (JMPEC) is located in downtown Des Moines, Iowa, close to many corporate businesses and government offices making it the ideal place for working adults looking to further their education with a graduate degree. 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.

The Iowa Center for Higher Education currently offers course work for four undergraduate programs including political science, enterprise leadership, sport and recreation management and social work. These programs also are available online making them flexible for adults with busy schedules.

Visit the Des Moines Programs web page for more information.