Distance and Online Education

Associate Dean
• Anne W. Zalenski

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

Distance and Online Education (DOE) increases access to the services and resources at the University of Iowa to students and other constituents across the state. In partnership with the University's colleges and departments, DOE provides high-quality credit coursework, degrees, and certificate programs to traditional and nontraditional learners. Using a variety of locations, schedules, and technologies, DOE helps provide a University of Iowa learning environment beyond the physical borders of the Iowa City campus. In addition, many on campus students enjoy the flexibility that online coursework affords them. Courses offered through University College are taught by University of Iowa faculty and staff members.

There are over 30 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees and certificates available either online or on location in Iowa. DOE consistently offers over 600 online or on location courses during the academic year.

A list of all degrees and certificate programs is provided below. For additional information on a particular program, see the program finder on the DOE website.

Programs of Study Online or on Location in Iowa

Undergraduate Degrees
• Bachelor of Applied Studies
• B.A. in enterprise leadership
• B.A. in political science
• B.A. in social work
• Bachelor of Liberal Studies
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-B.S.N. for registered nurses)
• B.S. in radiation sciences (radiation therapy)
• B.S. in sport and recreation management

Undergraduate Certificates
• Aging and longevity studies
• Entrepreneurial management
• Event management
• Interscholastic athletic/activities administration
• Leadership studies
• Museum studies
• Nonprofit leadership and philanthropy
• Writing

Graduate Degrees
• Doctor of Nursing Practice
• M.A. in educational policy and leadership studies (educational leadership)
• M.A. in psychological and quantitative foundations (educational measurement and statistics)
• M.A. in strategic communication
• M.A. in teaching and learning (teaching, leadership, and cultural competency)
• Master of Business Administration (executive, professional, Hong Kong)
• Master of Health Administration (executive)
• M.S. in business analytics (professional)
• Master of Science in Nursing
• M.S. in teaching and learning (STEM education)
• Master of Social Work

Graduate Certificates
• Aging and longevity studies
• Business analytics
• Health systems (administration)
• Healthcare management
• Online teaching
• Public health

Professional Certificates
• Business fundamentals
• Finance
• Leadership
• Marketing

Resource Centers

Distance and Online Education partners with resource centers across the state of Iowa. The primary goal of the centers is to increase access to high-quality undergraduate and graduate educational opportunities to students in the region where they live. These opportunities are delivered in a variety of formats including online and on location. Community partnerships also have been created through the centers which further benefit Iowans.

Western Iowa Regents Resource Center
Director: Steve Warnstadt
Website: https://wirrc.org

Western Iowa Regents Resource Center (WIRRC) works with community colleges in their service areas to provide access to quality education to students in western Iowa. Offices are located in Council Bluffs, Sioux City, and Sheldon. Coursework and degree programs are provided by the three state universities.

Iowa Lakeside Laboratory and Regents Resource Center
Executive Director: Mary P. Skopec
Website: https://iowalakesidelab.org

This center is located near Milford, Iowa, on scenic West Okoboji Lake on Little Miller’s Bay. 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.

Des Moines Programs
Contact: Anne W. Zalenski
Website: https://desmoines.uiowa.edu

Social work programs, graduate degrees, and certificates are offered at the John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center (JMPEC), located in downtown Des Moines, Iowa. Close to many corporate businesses and government offices, JMPEC is an ideal location for a variety of students who want to further their education.