

Center for Academic Technology

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Academic Technology Webpage (<https://www.tamuk.edu/academictechnology/index.html>)

The Center for Academic Technology in the division of Academic Affairs supports Texas A&M University-Kingsville's educational mission related to the use of academic classroom technologies, learning space designs with new environments, academic enterprises, and emerging trends in the design, development, delivery, and quality assessment of courses and programs.

General Restrictions on All Courses

A student who desires university credit for a course must meet the university entrance requirements and the specific prerequisite requirements for the individual course. Students on suspension from any university cannot register for any courses.

Campus Course Types

Web-Enhanced Courses (Face-to-Face Courses with Technical Enhancements)

A web-enhanced course is a traditional, in-person class that may utilize online tools and resources to supplement and enrich the classroom experience. It does not replace face-to-face meetings but extends learning beyond the physical classroom walls. The course is supported by the official learning management system, Blackboard, powered by Anthology. The course may contain supplemental instructional materials.

NOTE: (Course Level Types 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 at TAMUK)

Web-Substituted Courses (500 Courses)

A web-substituted course is a course in which no more than 50 percent of the planned instruction occurs when the students and instructor(s) are not in the same physical space. The online portion of the course is conducted through the university learning management system which contains instructional material.

NOTE: (Section 500 at TAMUK)

Distance Learning Course Types

Distance learning academic credit courses are offered in two delivery formats.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Definitions (Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter J Rule 2.202 – (Effective December 1, 2023))

Definition - Distance Education Course - A course in which a majority (more than 50 percent) of the instruction occurs when the student(s) and instructor(s) are in separate physical locations. The definition of distance education courses does not include courses with 50 percent or less instruction when the student(s) and instructor(s) are in separate physical locations. Two categories of distance education courses are defined:

Hybrid Courses

A distance education course in which more than 50 percent but less than 100 percent of instructional activity takes place when the student(s) and instructor(s) are in separate physical locations.

NOTE: (Section 900 at TAMUK)

Fully Online Courses

A distance education course in which 100 percent of instructional activity takes place when the student(s) and instructor(s) are in separate physical locations. Requirements for on-campus or in-person orientation, testing, academic support services, internships/fieldwork, or other non-instructional activities do not exclude a course from this category.

NOTE: (Section 600 at TAMUK)

Distance Learning Degree Programs

Texas A&M University Kingsville offers undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs through distance learning delivery methods, including hybrid and online. Distance Learning programs may change from year to year. Please visit the webpage to find a list of the current offerings at TAMUK.

Registration Information

Students enroll in distance learning courses through Blue and Gold Connection in the same manner as face-to-face courses.

All courses are the equivalent to courses taught on campus and are awarded equal credit. All credit course work is calculated as a part of the overall grade point average. A student should expect the same supplemental reading, written reports and other work necessary to make the course equivalent in scope and type of instruction to a course offered on-campus face-to-face. Distance learning courses require the same number of clock hours of instruction as an on-campus class.

Textbooks for all distance learning courses will be available from the university bookstore or the electronic bookstore in accordance with course syllabi. Students are responsible for obtaining the textbooks, publisher access codes (if applicable) and any needed supplies for distance learning courses.

Blackboard Student Resource Course (SRC)

Center for Academic Technology offers all currently enrolled students access to a student resource course in Blackboard powered by Anthology (DIST1000 Undergraduate and DIST5000 Graduate). The SRC is available to students two weeks before the start of the semester. This course aims to provide students with a self-help Blackboard Learn Resource tool. It is not for academic credit and does not require completion; it only serves as a self-help portal to assist students in effectively navigating the learning management system.

Information Technology Services (ITS) Support Service Help Desk

ITS Support provides responsive service to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville community. We can assist students, faculty and staff with a variety of services, such as technical assistance, hardware and application set-up, password reset, providing downloadable software, purchasing information, and more.

ITS Support is staffed by Client Support Specialists, as well as trained student employees. Help Requests may be submitted online by logging into: itsupport.tamuk.edu

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