Center for Distance Education

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The Center for Distance Education (CDE) is a service unit of the University and extends educational opportunities to individuals, groups, and agencies through a variety of learning options in non-traditional program formats. CDE provides leadership, coordination, and assistance in implementing lifelong learning opportunities offered by Mississippi State University. The mission of CDE is to engage people in achieving their lifelong goals through dynamic partnerships, targeted programming, innovative technology, and quality customer service.

The central purpose of CDE is to assist academic departments in providing educational programs tailored to the needs of lifelong learners consistent with the overall objectives, resources and unique capabilities of the University. All courses and programs offered through Mississippi State University are fully accredited and possess the same rigor and standards of the traditional campus. Delivery methods offered include completely online and hybrid. Distance classes include an instructional support fee, distance fees which may vary by course, and tuition & required fees. The instructional support fee and distance fees will be collected as part of registration.

CDE also offers a High School Independent Study Program that provides educational opportunities for high school students. Courses are designed to provide structure and content while providing flexibility of time, place, and delivery through the use of combinations of technology. High school credit may be awarded by the student's school district upon the completion of the MSU High School Independent Study course. High school courses are available to both traditional and home schooled students and are governed by the Mississippi Department of Education. Details are available at www.highschool.msstate.edu