



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY ONLINE VS. REMOTE LEARNING

WHAT IS ONLINE LEARNING?

Online learning is an approach to instruction that is mediated via the internet. The experience includes the use of various learning technologies and can be synchronous (real-time) or asynchronous (on-demand).

What Distinguishes Online Learning at FHSU?

- + Time and place flexibility and autonomy is built into the course design. Online experiences are not designed to emulate a face-to-face classroom.
- + Online learning programs are built by instructional designers and content experts (faculty), who create diverse and creative ways for students and professors to interact and communicate beyond a traditional classroom context.
- + Students are expected to be self-directed and backed by instructors who monitor progress and provide feedback.

WHAT IS REMOTE LEARNING?

Remote Learning involves the student and the instructor, or sources of information, separated by time and distance and therefore unable to meet in a traditional classroom setting.

What are the Distinguishing Features of Remote Learning?

- + It is most often a synchronous/real-time effort to emulate face-to-face classroom instruction.
- + It may be supported by learning technology, like a learning management system used in online learning, to create opportunities for interaction and communication/feedback.
- + Since remote learning is most often a modification made to address a unique situation or emergency, faculty may be forced to build the course as they teach it.

ABOUT FHSU ONLINE

Fort Hays State University began offering distance education programs in 1911 when faculty voted to offer courses free by mail to one-room school teachers across western Kansas so they could pursue the continuing education credits they needed to teach. The distance education department at FHSU evolved continuously with changing technology and culture, and in 1997, the Department of Continuing Education and Instructional Technology became the FHSU Virtual College, which was renamed FHSU Online in 2020. Today, more than a third of the overall enrollment at FHSU is in FHSU Online programs.

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