

University of California begins offering online classes to non-UC students

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Starting this fall, students from outside the University of California will be able to earn transferable college credit through several UC online courses.

Since January, UC students have been able to enroll in UC Online courses taught by faculty at their home campus. The University has now expanded its systemwide online education program by making some courses available to qualified high school students, transfer students, and adults looking to switch careers or bolster their academic credentials in certain subjects.

A course catalog and other information can be found at: www.uconline.edu

UC launched internet marketing in late July to recruit non-UC students. Such students pay fees based on in-state tuition, \$350 per quarter unit and \$525 per semester unit, amounting to between \$1,400 and \$2,100 for a typical course. For currently enrolled UC students, UC Online courses are included as part of student tuition.

The first courses to be offered to non-UC students are pre-calculus I and II developed by Irvine professor Sarah Eichorn and fresh water policy developed by Santa Cruz professor Brent Haddad. Two more classes are under review by the Academic Senate, and could be approved for non-matriculated learners within the next week or two.

“Providing high-caliber instruction to both currently enrolled and non-matriculated students remains our primary objective. Our measured roll-out of the program ensures that we can begin to develop the market for these courses while best serving our own students and faculty,” said UC Online program director Keith Williams.

“By opening our online courses up to non-matriculated students, we expand access to UC’s world-class instruction and bring new revenue to departments.”

In addition to the courses available to non-matriculated students, UC Online is also rolling out four new courses to UC students only. These courses are:

- Introduction to Information (UC Berkeley)
- The Beauty and Joy of Computing (UC Berkeley)
- Dance: Cultures and Contexts (UC Riverside) Maps and Spatial Reasoning (UC Santa Barbara)

UC Online is committed to offering courses as engaging, rigorous and academically-robust as every other UC course. All courses are Senate-approved and subject to UC codes of conduct. Over the course of the 2012-13 school year, as many as 20 online courses will be available to both UC and non-UC students. By

the end of summer 2013, it is anticipated that as many as 40 courses will have been offered as part of UC Online.

UC Online, a systemwide program that includes participation by all nine undergraduate campuses, is just one of the means through which UC and its individual campuses are engaged in the emerging field of online instruction.

Learn more about how UC Online relates to efforts underway at individual campuses including recent campus partnerships with Coursera and EdX.

To learn more about the program as a whole, visit the [UC Online program page](#). For questions and to receive regular program updates, contact uonline@ucop.edu. For media inquiries, please call 510 987-9200.