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CU Online is the virtual campus of the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, with a variety of collegiate and professional development programs offering more than 200 courses via the Internet. CU Online offers core curriculum and elective courses in a variety of disciplines, all the same high-quality courses taught throughout the University of Colorado system.

As students take courses with CU Online, they gain valuable skills for using the Internet as a tool for learning, research, and communication, taking them far beyond the boundaries of the traditional educational environment. They have the opportunity to participate in the new global classroom, with a world of higher education at their fingertips. We are well on our way to achieving the goal of providing students with the most comprehensive set of online courses, services and resources, coupled with the best online learning experience of any institution of higher education in the world. Participation in Web-based learning positions students to become lifelong learners, and helps them to develop invaluable skills to take advantage of global learning opportunities for their entire career.

## DELIVERY MEDIA

Students taking online courses through CU Online enjoy a greater scheduling flexibility than in a traditional classroom by logging into class a couple of times each week at the times of their choice.

Instructors delivering their courses through CU Online utilize cutting-edge technology, such as streaming audio, video, and multimedia slide shows for presenting course content. Technologies, such as threaded discussions in a bulletin board-type area, live discussions in an online classroom, e-mail, and collaborative workspaces, allow students to interact with the instructor and their peers.

## PROGRAMS

CU Online offers courses in liberal arts and sciences, arts and media,

business, education, engineering, public affairs, and architecture and planning. Complete online degree programs, including a bachelor of arts in sociology, and master's degrees in business, engineering (geographic information systems) and public administration, with more programs under development (check the Web site for latest developments). All of the courses may be applied to a degree program at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center or may be transferred to a student's home institution, pending approval.

## FACULTY

Online courses follow the same faculty governance policies as the established on-campus courses. All CU Online faculty members are approved by the department and usually teach on-campus courses as well. Many of the instructors are experts who are working in the field in which they teach and bring vast knowledge and resources from their industry to their online teaching.

## HYBRID COURSES

Students taking online courses through CU Online enjoy a greater scheduling flexibility, but sometimes feel they need more of the structured environment found in a traditional classroom. This is why CU Online now offers a hybrid between these two learning environments. A Hybrid course is one which uses technology delivered instruction (Web, CD-ROM, etc.) as a substitute for a portion of the instruction that a student would otherwise receive in a campus classroom or lab. Hybrid courses meet approximately 50 percent of the normal classroom hours on campus where students do the remainder of their work online.

## SUPPLEMENTAL COURSES

CU Online also supports faculty using Web-based courseware to augment their traditional classes. Many faculty are using instructional technology to post their syllabus, lecture notes, hold online quizzes and practice exams, and to coordinate Web resources and library media.

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