

# Distance Education

Odessa College has an extensive distance education program which delivers instruction to sites other than the OC campus. The program includes two-way audio-video, Internet and dual credit instruction. Odessa College also offers traditional classroom courses in various towns throughout the Permian Basin.

## Student Email

OC provides student email accounts to all registered students at no charge. **It is the policy of Odessa College that all communication between students and the OC faculty and staff requires that students use their OC student email accounts.** In addition, all students enrolled in Web courses must activate their student email accounts and contact their instructors by email using their student account prior to the first day of class. Your student email instructions and log in information are available at the following URL: <http://www.odessa.edu/livemail.htm>.

## Blackboard Courses

Odessa College offers numerous courses via Internet using Blackboard, the Web course software that faculty at Odessa College utilize to host courses on the World Wide Web. Students enrolled in Web courses will be issued a Blackboard username and a password in order to access their courses. Students may access Blackboard and Blackboard log on instructions at the following URL: <http://blackboard.odessa.edu/>. If you cannot access Blackboard using your username and password format specified in the instructions (see URL above) you are encouraged to contact your instructor. Also, you may contact the OC Help Desk by phone at 432-335-MORE (6673). The Student Success Center, located in the LRC building, also offers Blackboard and Web course assistance and online tutoring in many academic areas. You may contact the SSC by phone at 432-335-6878 or in person.

## OC Global Courses (see pages 61-72)

OC Global is a distance education program that offers students the opportunity to earn an associate degree or certificate via the Internet without having to live in close proximity to the campus. Through innovative technology, educational opportunities, that at one time only were available in the physical classroom, are more accessible via the Internet allowing students to complete all courses online for a degree. OC Global provides educational opportunities to anyone, anywhere, at any time. For more information, please email OC Global at [ocglobalhelp@odessa.edu](mailto:ocglobalhelp@odessa.edu) or call 432-335-6882.

## Virtual College of Texas

Virtual College of Texas (VCT) courses allow students to take a class from another college if the academic course you need is not offered by Odessa College.

These courses are offered via the Internet using the format stipulated by the college offering the course. Starting and ending dates may vary from those of Odessa College's courses and will be discussed with students during the VCT course registration process. Students advised to take a course through the VCT may access the course information by going online to: [www.vct.org](http://www.vct.org) or [www.odessa.edu/virtual/vct/](http://www.odessa.edu/virtual/vct/). In order to enroll in a class, you must contact the VCT liaison during working hours in person (Center for Teaching Excellence in DH 140) or call 432-335-6882. VCT courses may require an additional fee.

## Two-Way Audio-Video Courses

Two-way audio-video courses are taught on the OC campus and offered at the Pecos Technical Training Center, Andrews Business and Technology Center, and area high schools. High school students interested in these classes should consult their high school counselor.

## collegeNOW and collegeNOW Academy Courses

**“collegeNOW” dual credit courses** are for high school juniors and seniors who want to earn college credit while earning high school credit. The “collegeNOW” program is open to high school students who are enrolled in a high school that has a “collegeNOW” enrollment agreement with Odessa College. “collegeNOW” students may enroll in 1 or 2 classes after meeting eligibility requirements. Dual credit classes are taught on the high school campus or at Odessa College. Students interested in this program must obtain permission from their parent or guardian (if under 18) and high school counselor and must complete registration with the Odessa College Registrar's Office. Please call 432-335-6317 for more information.

**“collegeNOW Academy” dual credit courses** are for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who want to earn college credit while earning high school credit. The “collegeNOW Academy” is open to high school students who are enrolled in a high school that has a “collegeNOW Academy” enrollment agreement with Odessa College. Dual credit classes are taught on the high school campus, online, or at Odessa College. Students may take three classes per semester if they meet the eligibility standard for this program. Students interested in this program must obtain permission from their parent or guardian (if under 18) and high school counselor, and they must complete registration with the Odessa College Registrar's Office. Please call 432-335-6317 for more information.