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Vision

Oregon Tech (OT) aims to be recognized for its progressive and effective implementation of online education in:

- enriching and supporting teaching and learning
- offering lifelong learning opportunities for professionals, and
- delivering a student-friendly online learning platform to ensure student success.

Mission

The mission of Oregon Tech Online is to deliver high quality information technology and communications capabilities through a service-focused, integrated, holistic approach that is responsive to the diverse learning and institutional needs of OT.

As an academic enterprise, Oregon Tech Online will work collaboratively across the university community to:

- digitally extend OT's campus throughout the state and beyond
- provide an open learning environment where teaching and learning occur anytime and any place
- share the practical applications of OT's knowledge and expertise to support the economic vitality of Klamath Falls and Wilsonville, as well as the state of Oregon, and the nation, and
- research e-learning environments and emerging technologies.

Objectives

Oregon Tech Online has established the following objectives:

- Ensure the continued sustainability of our technical and operational infrastructure and expertise.
- Act as a faculty resource for designing, developing, and implementing distance-delivered courses, according to defined levels of service for course type (e.g., fully online, hybrid, or blended).
- Facilitate development of courses that:
 - Lead to degree-completion, minor, certificate, graduate, and specialization programs.
 - Allow on-campus OT students additional opportunities to complete courses and programs in a timely manner.
- Provide opportunities for transfer credit to other colleges, professional development, or personal enrichment.
- Support OT's institutional online initiatives.
- Assist Oregon Tech in marketing, recruitment, and retention efforts.
- Continue to strive for increased quality and cost effectiveness of online course delivery.
- Respond to the administrative needs of students in a timely manner. Develop a technical infrastructure to support the admission, advising, registration, course access, financial aid, and administrative needs of online students.
- Maintain quality courses through an established review and revision cycle that is revised periodically to keep up with changing technology and online pedagogy.
- Maintain the student feedback mechanism for course and instructor evaluation.

- Pursue and cultivate knowledge of current and emerging online methods and technology.
- Establish and regularly meet with an advisory council, including key faculty and administrative members. The purpose of the advisory council will be to strengthen campus communications concerning online programs and delivery, to address problematic online and administrative issues, and to serve as a consultant to Oregon Tech Online.