

ONLINE TASK FORCE
University of Texas at San Antonio

Guiding Principles/Philosophy
(As of September 30, 2013)

The mission of the Online Task Force of the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is to support the University's mission to *advance teaching and learning* through the use of online education. Decisions regarding which courses to offer online will be based on the following guiding principles/philosophy:

- UTSA is student-centric. The first priority of online courses must serve the *curriculum needs of our existing students*.
- UTSA seeks Tier One status. Online courses will showcase the quality of instruction at UTSA through a demonstrably *effective and innovative melding of technology and pedagogy*.
- UTSA supports academic freedom. Both tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty will be encouraged to develop online courses with *appropriate infrastructure, resources, and rewards*.
- UTSA efficiently uses all resources. The use of resources for online courses must offer a quantifiable *return on the investment* or provide opportunities to use existing assets more efficiently.

Institutional Priorities for Online Delivery at UTSA

Proposals to develop online courses and programs will be prioritized according to these institutional objectives for online delivery.

- Hybrid courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels will be utilized to provide convenience to students while relieving pressures on classroom utilization.
- Developmental courses will be offered online during the spring and summer to enable incoming students to be college-ready upon matriculation at UTSA.
- UTSA will offer undergraduate students a pathway through the core curriculum via courses delivered online to facilitate progress toward degree completion.
- High enrollment gateway courses with multiple sections will be offered online to facilitate student progress through various major curricula.
- Select certificate programs, particularly in specialized professional fields, will be offered online for student convenience, and to serve place-bound students in and outside San Antonio.
- Select master's programs in professional disciplines will be offered online to provide access and convenience to working professionals and place-bound students in and outside San Antonio.

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(Modified as of April 18, 2014)

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"The Online Task Force, of the University of Texas at San Antonio, supports the University's mission to advance teaching and learning by advising the Provost of:

- 1) *Faculty incentives* to design online courses;
- 2) *Methods to increase awareness* among faculty of the value of providing online for-credit undergraduate and graduate courses;
- 3) *Student incentives* to enroll in online courses
- 4) *Methods to increase awareness* among students of the value of enrolling in online courses.
- 5) *Efficient use* of existing online resources; and
- 6) *Success measurements* for online courses."