



# Distance Learning

**Goal 1:**  
Access & Affordability

**System Initiatives:**

**MUS Distance Learning Initiative:**

In the 2005 and 2007 legislative sessions, the Montana Legislature appropriated funds specifically aimed at increasing the availability of distance learning in the Montana University System.

With these funds (\$300,000 in 2005, \$900,000 in 2007) the university system invested in distance learning resources, faculty, and infrastructure. As a result, Montana universities and colleges now offer more than 100 online degrees and over 700 internet courses.

MUS.edu/online is a central location for students, faculty, and the public to find information on distance education opportunities and topics in the MUS.

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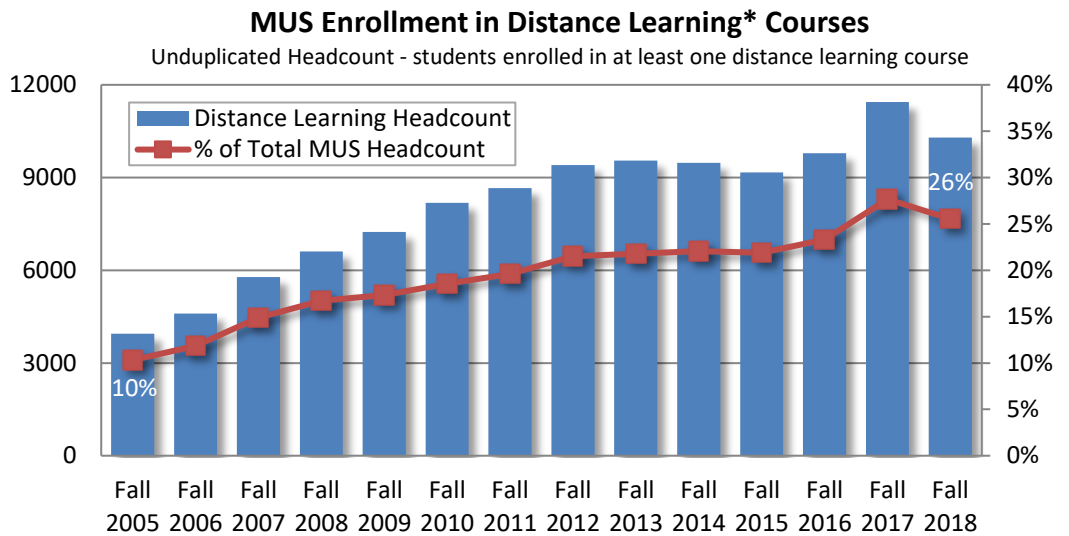
**Goal Statement**

Improve distance and on-line learning by coordinating online delivery of education across the entire Montana University System

**Objective 1.6.1**

Increase student enrollment in online courses

**Metric 1.6.1**



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\*courses where instruction is delivered entirely outside of the traditional classroom setting and there is no "in-person" contact between student and teacher (i.e. on-line and/or video courses)

**Objective 1.6.2**

Increase the number of online courses and degrees

**Metric 1.6.2**

**Number of Distance Learning Courses Offered**  
Fall 2005 - Fall 2015, Unduplicated Number of Courses Offered

MUS Campus	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
2-year	143	156	165	177	183	200	220	210	222	212	217	210	212
4-year	254	315	328	359	401	434	495	515	533	536	575	601	591
MUS Total	397	471	493	536	584	634	715	725	755	748	792	811	803
Annual % Chg	16%	19%	5%	9%	9%	9%	13%	1%	4%	-1%	6%	2%	-1%

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