DISTANCE EDUCATION
www.wc.edu/distance/

Weatherford College is committed to providing quality alternatives in the
delivery of instruction to students regardless of geographical location. Distance
education courses are made available to students via the Internet and Interactive
(two-way) video. The instructor and the students are not in a face-to-face
environment when the teaching and learning take place. For detailed information
concerning distance education courses visit www.wc.edu/distance/.

FACE-TO-FACE COURSES

Face-to-face courses are provided in a format which will include 50% or
greater required course activity (excluding outside readings and homework) in
a traditional classroom environment. Face to face courses will typically have
online syllabi, gradebooks, and attendance records and may have additional
course-related materials provided at the instructor’s discretion.

ONLINE COURSES

Online courses are provided in a format in which 85% or greater of the
required course activities are completed in a digital environment. Online courses
will typically have the same foundational components as face-to-face offerings
along with lecture materials, media-enhanced presentations, discussion forums,
chat sessions, writing assignments, and exams. Because these courses are
designed to replace the instructor and student interaction of the classroom
with equally informative and challenging content, online courses may actually
prove harder for some students. When taking online courses, students should
anticipate spending more time and energy reading, writing, and working alone
than one might normally experience in a face-to-face class. Please remember
that, due to the student identification verification requirement, WC offers no
100% online courses.

HYBRID COURSES

Hybrid courses are provided in a format in which 51 to 85% of the required
course activities are completed in a digital environment. Hybrid courses are
steadily growing in popularity because they offer students and instructors
opportunities to meet and focus on critical issues while allowing them to address
other important aspects of each course through a digital platform. Most hybrid
courses at Weatherford College are offered with approximately 51% of required
course materials provided online and 49% in a face-to-face environment.
Please see individual courses and instructors for exact distributions of content.
Because hybrid courses typically meet once per week in each long semester,
students may find they can schedule their classes to economize meeting times
without sacrificing hours attempted. Students should also consider the time and
energy demands of the online components of each hybrid class. As with the
online offerings, students in hybridized classes should anticipate spending more
time and energy reading, writing, and working alone than one might normally
experience in a face-to-face class.