Special Academic Programs

DISTANCE EDUCATION
As a proven leader in distance education and innovation, Lehigh University’s Office of Distance Education has been committed to providing graduate programs and certificates to working professionals for over 25 years. Our programs emphasize academic excellence with a distinguished faculty, a shared community of learners, and superior curriculum. We are accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Our distance program provides the student with the same level of educational excellence for which Lehigh University is renowned and strives to maintain the same level of quality of instruction and student service that is available to our on-campus students.

Through a unique approach to learning, we utilize two learning platforms for our programs: Classroom LIVE, an integrated, web-based virtual environment that delivers graduate programs in real time from classrooms on Lehigh’s campus to students, in their homes, at their workplaces, or while traveling, and Classroom Online, an asynchronous online format that offers flexible scheduling and participation. To provide the best educational experience for our students, supplemental tools may be used, including podcasts, real-time web-based conferencing, shared applications, and use of Course Site, Lehigh’s course management system.

We offer 9 graduate degrees in a variety of disciplines which include Biological Chemical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemical Energy Engineering, Healthcare Systems Engineering, Management Science & Engineering, Flex MBA, Mechanical Engineering, Molecular Biology, and Polymer Science & Engineering. We also offer 4 graduate certificates for credit. They include Healthcare Systems Engineering, Management Science & Engineering, Polymer Science & Engineering, and Technical Entrepreneurship.

For more information on programs and course offerings, admission, registration and technical requirements, visit the distance education website at www.distance.lehigh.edu or call (610) 758-4372.

SUMMER SESSIONS
The Lehigh summer sessions program has been in existence for more than a century and is still a vibrant piece of the Lehigh experience. Opportunities abound at Lehigh in the summer with more than 200 diverse courses offered on campus, study abroad programs in exciting international locales such as Prague, Belgium, Shanghai, Ghana, London, Paris, Italy, Japan, Scotland, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Antigua, and Ireland. We also offer an ever-increasing array of web-based courses, ranging from basic subjects such as Principles of Economics and Financial Accounting to eclectic topics including Race, Sports, Media and Horror in the Digital Age, just to name a few. In addition, there are many courses available, appropriate for qualified high school students, allowing them to get a jump-start on their college career. For more information, visit the summer sessions website at summer.lehigh.edu. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LehighSummer (http://www.facebook.com/LehighSummer). Email summer@lehigh.edu, or call (610) 758-3966.

Outside of the classroom, Lehigh welcomes you to one of the best equipped academic environments anywhere. Features range from nationally known research library collections, the Computing Center, the Technology Resource Learning Center, open student computing sites with over 500 available computers, and a Help Desk in case of problems.

Housing is available by the session or for the whole summer. Since Summer 2013, we’ve added a meal plan, but there are also many dining venues on and off campus. Parking stickers are available at reasonable cost, and there is even a day-care center for those with children.

The University also has a large fitness center; basketball, tennis, and squash courts; swimming pools, and newly renovated playing fields.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
Lehigh University academic departments and research centers offer a varied selection of non-credit continuing education programs for adults. Reflecting Lehigh’s traditional educational strengths, these offerings focus on professional development, organizational problem solving, and technical skills. They carry no regular academic credit, but participants can often earn some form of continuing education credentials.

Lehigh continuing education programs are designed to meet specific needs. Contents, schedules, and timing are adapted to effectively serve the audiences for which they have been developed. Apart from programs presented on the Lehigh campus, a number of seminars are available for “in-house” presentation to organizations on a contract basis. For more information about these programs, contact the appropriate department or research center.