

Special Academic Programs

LIFELONG LEHIGH

Lehigh University is a place where you can intellectually develop, as a student or as an alumnus. We provide many opportunities for advancing your credentials and knowledge, such as accelerated Bachelor's to Master's programs in many academic units, online master's programs for students who are working full-time, and a wide variety of alumni opportunities to engage, such as through Mountain Talks (<https://alumni.lehigh.edu/mountain-talks/>).

ONLINE EDUCATION

As a proven leader in distance education and innovation, Lehigh University's Office of Distance Education (<https://distance.lehigh.edu/online-programs/>) 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 programs provide students 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.

Through Distance Education (<https://distance.lehigh.edu/online-programs/>), we offer seven graduate degrees in a variety of disciplines which include Biological Chemical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Healthcare Systems Engineering, Flex MBA, Mechanical Engineering, Molecular Biology, and Polymer Science & Engineering. We also offer three graduate certificates for credit. They include Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Healthcare Systems Engineering, and Polymer Science & Engineering. .

In addition to those programs offered formally through Distance Education, the programs in Data Science (<https://engineering.lehigh.edu/datascience/academics/masters-science/>), as well as Bioengineering (<https://engineering.lehigh.edu/bio/graduate/ms-bioengineering/>) can be completed fully online. We also offer several programs in the College of Education (<https://programs.ed.lehigh.edu/>), including a Master's of Education in Educational Leadership, a Master's of Education in Mental Health Counseling, and a Master's of Education in Behavioral Analysis.

CONTINUING AND EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

Lehigh University academic departments and research centers offer a varied selection of non-credit continuing education programs for adults, as well as Executive Education through the Vistex Institute (<https://business.lehigh.edu/executive-education/>). 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.