

Greatest Challenges Facing Students Enrolled in Distance Education Classes

For the past several years, the Instructional Technology Council has asked distance learning administrators about their greatest student-related challenges. In 2011, the challenge of orientation and preparation ranked first. Here is a snapshot of the last five years of survey results.

CHALLENGE	RANK 2011	RANK 2010	RANK 2009	RANK 2008	RANK 2007
Orientation/preparation for distance education classes	1	2	1	2	2
Assessing student learning and performance in distance education classes	2	1	2	1	3
Low student completion rate	3	3	6	4	6
Computer problems/technical support	4	4	3	3	4
Providing equivalent student services virtually	5	5	4	5	5
Completion of student evaluations	6	6	5	6	1
Cheating	7	7	7	7	7
Recruitment/interest in distance education by students	8	8	8	8	8