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| **Distance Learning**  **Online Course Approval** |  |

**INTRODUCTION**

The Online Course Approval process is designed to ensure that Distance Learning courses are designed to adhere to the *Principles of Good Practice for Academic Degree and Certificate Programs and Credit Courses Offered Electronically,* as outlined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, meet the needs of students, and will be taught by qualified faculty.

**All faculty developing a new distance learning online course (internet or hybrid) must complete the following self-check at least 2 months before the first day of registration of the semester in which online or hybrid class is to be offered**. The course must be **at least 50% complete** by this date or it will not be listed in the online schedule. (For example, in a course that contains 13 units of instruction, 7 units would need to be complete.)

Please sign the checklist, with any comments added, and return to Director of Distance Learning for verification and routing through administrative channels.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

Instructor's Name: Click here to enter Instructor Name.

Division: Click here to enter division.

Department: Click here to enter department.

Course Title: Click here to enter Course Title.

Course #: Click here to enter Course #.

Course Start Date (Semester and Year): Choose semester. Choose Year

Modality: (Check One)

*Internet* *Hybrid Other:* Click here to enter description of other modality.

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| **DL office use only**:  Date Received: Click here to enter date received by DL Office. |

***AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990***

Southwest Texas Junior College is committed to accessible design for all students, including those with disabilities. Distance Learning students with disabilities can request accommodations, including alternate formats.

The instructor will make accommodations for students as requested by a Disability Support Services Counselor.

***CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION*** (check all that apply):

Academic standards for this course are the same as courses delivered by other means at Southwest Texas Junior College

The course offered electronically is coherent and complete.

Necessary course materials are identified and information on how to obtain materials is provided in the course syllabus, which is accessible from the instructor’s directory page.

Except for proctored testing, student can complete the course without physically visiting the campus. (i.e. all necessary instruction and support infrastructure is in place to serve the off-campus student.)

If not, explain. Click here to enter explanation.

The course incorporates (check all that apply):

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| A variety of learning activities that meet diverse learning styles | PDF and other downloadable files |
| Guidelines for feedback on assignments and questions | Links to web sites (open in new window) |
| Graphical and multimedia elements | Interactive activities |
| Course evaluation instruments | Provision for complete archiving of course products including student assignments, tests, and e-mail correspondence |

The course encourages appropriate interaction between faculty and students and promotes communication among students. Contact is achieved through: (check all that apply)

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| **Online Communication Mode** | |
| Asynchronous discussion | Synchronous chat |
| Team projects | Individual email |
| Group email | Audio-conference |
| Other Click here to enter text. | |

Feedback for students on assignments and questions will be provided in a timely manner (within 24 hours on a weekday).

In addition to SWTJC course syllabus requirements, this course syllabus includes (check all that apply):

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| The Director of Distance Learning is listed as an alternate contact person for students to reach if the instructor is not available | Software and hardware recommendations |
| A link and/or information on technical support including the college Help Desk | Information for downloading viewers if needed (i.e. MS Office 2xxx, Flash, PDF, audio) |
| A list of testing options and locations | The course specifies necessary technology competence and skills |

**As per THECB & SACS criteria, the quality of online instruction is equivalent to that of traditional on-campus offering.**

***COPYRIGHTS AND PERMISSIONS***

Have you confirmed that the course materials and any course materials not developed by the copyright holder are "fair use" or that you are otherwise exempt from liability from infringement?

Yes

No

In Process

If not, have you acquired permission to use or link to the materials?

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| Yes | No | In Process | N/A |

*EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT*

Note: The items below are mandatory to meet SACS compliance. (Check all that apply):

Students will be given an opportunity to evaluate this online course

Student achievement in the course will be assessed with methods that assure integrity. (SWTJC requires at least one monitored major exam, preferably two.)

Necessary revisions to this course will be made at regular intervals

Communication between student and instructor regarding the effectiveness of the course will be open (i.e. functioning links, technology speed)

*PLATFORM AND TRAINING*

Which Learning Management System (LMS) will be used for this course? (check all that apply).

Campus Cruiser LMS

Moodle ([www.moodle.swtjc.edu](http://www.moodle.swtjc.edu))

Other:

Name of site Click here to enter text.

Url Click here to enter text.

Who approved this LMS? Click here to enter text.

Course available to students on the official first day of SWTJC classes for the semester the course is offered.

**Instructor has received training on techniques for transforming a face-to-face course into an effective online class**

Name of Training taken: Click here to enter Name of Course/Seminar.

Date of Training: Click here to enter the date of the course.

Location taken: Click here to enter the location of the course.

Facilitator Name: Click here to enter the name of the Facilitator.

Please list any additional training you have received.

Title: Click here to enter the title of the training.

Location : Click here to enter the location/institution.

Date: Click here to enter the date of training.

Other information, other trainings, etc.: Click here to enter text.

*I have read and understand the noted administrative rules and procedures, and course development guidelines for the development of this Distance Learning course.*

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| *Faculty Name* |  | *Signature* |  | *Date* |

*I have reviewed the information contained in this form and all documentation to support the development of this Distance Learning course and approved it.*

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| *Division Chair* |  | *Signature* |  | *Date* |

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| *Instructional Dean* |  | *Signature* |  | *Date* |

*This course meets appropriate SWTJC, THECB, and SACS procedures and guidelines.*

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| *Director of Distance Learning* |  | *Signature* |  | *Date* |