ONLINE LEARNING AT FKCC

Distance Learning is defined as courses where students and instructors are separated by location and/or time for 80% or more of the traditional course contact time.

Hybrid courses use the same resources as Distance Learning courses. The difference is the amount of course contact time between students and instructor. Hybrid courses cannot use these resources to replace class contact time more than 79% and not less than 50%.

Technology enhanced courses use the same resources but must have traditional course contact time of at least 51%. At FKCC, Distance Learning courses, hybrid courses and technology enhanced courses can be delivered using any of the following resources:

- Desire2Learn (D2L): D2L is an online learning management system that enables students and instructors to work at their own pace.

- Video conferencing rooms: Video conferencing rooms use audio and video telecommunications to bring people who are at different sites together for a course. This can be as simple as a conversation between a few people in different locations to a full classroom at two or more sites. FKCC has three rooms located at each location: Key West Campus, Middle Keys Center and Upper Keys Center. Video conferencing enables instructors and students to share documents, show video and display computer presentations.

- Web conferencing software: Currently FKCC is using WebEx to web conference. Web conferencing requires a computer, video camera, microphone and the internet to conduct a live course between two or more participants.

- These courses are synchronous and meet at the same time but students and instructors are in different locations. This software allows students and instructors to be at any computer connected to the Internet to participate.

To get more detailed information about Distance Learning at FKCC, go the FKCC website at http://www.fkcc.edu and click on the virtual classroom link on the left side of the screen.