



Speaker: Welcome to the course.

Distance education is the fastest growing segment of post secondary education. I've been teaching distance education for the past seven years, and the changes in distance education are astounding. The course that you're taking today will be considered old fashion in four years, I'm sure of it. I am thrilled to be teaching in distance education. I personally benefit from the promises of distance ed.

Being environmentally friendly is very important, and there isn't even a text for this course. The only actual paper used in this course is utilized in the registration and final grade process.

Neither you nor I have to drive to class, and we don't have to deal with finding a parking space either.

Without the confines of a classroom, you can create your own attendance schedule.

Additionally, it is possible to finish this course in a matter of 10 weeks.

Individualization through distance ed creates efficiency. Your valuable time is not impacted by questions from your fellow students, especially when you already know the answer.

You only have to deal with the instructor on your concerns, not the concerns of others.

Best of all, and my favorite part, is the loose dress code. I won't even begin to describe my typical online grading attire, but I can tell you, it's not what I wear in public, which is one of the other cool aspects of this course.

You are not judged on your appearance, your age or ethnicity. With some of the names, it's even very difficult to determine gender. You can present yourself free from the boundaries and prejudices of the face to face world.

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