

DISTANCE LEARNING FEES – GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

There has been statutory authorization for Distance Learning Fees since 2008. The original statute was modified in 2009 with the requirement that:

For purposes of assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a course in which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of the course is delivered using some form of technology when the student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

The amount of the distance learning course fee may not exceed the additional costs of the services provided which are attributable to the development and delivery of the distance learning course. [F.S. 1009.24 (17)(b)].

Compliance with the statutory requirements has, by default, been delegated to the units responsible for course development and delivery. The following guidelines and procedures are in place to align with the statutory requirements.

GUIDELINES

- All requests for the Distance Learning Course Fee must pass the test of “additional costs of the service provided which are attributable to the development and delivery of the distance learning course.” In this respect:
- These are marginal costs at the course level, **not** the program level.
- These are costs for development and delivery, **not** for demand analysis and creation.
- The basic support costs for the students in such courses are paid through the tuition charge and other student fees.
- All expenditures of Distance Learning Course Fees must be for the purposes associated with this list of Fee Items:
 - Course Production Staff
 - Course Production Expenses
 - Graduate/Teaching Assistants
 - Hardware - Depreciation Sch Req
 - IT Support Costs - expenses
 - IT Support Costs - Payroll
 - OPS
 - Online Proctoring
 - Software
 - TA Fee Waivers
 - Other - must have written authorization by the Dean of the relevant college.
- The following are examples of types of expenditures that are not eligible for such funding:
 - Advertising/marketing
 - Telephones
 - Travel
 - Food Budgets
- All salaries, benefits, and other personal services (including appointment of Teaching Assistants) must be appropriately allocated to the relevant course. Any allocative protocol must be based on an acceptable joint or common cost standard.

- Development is generally an upfront cost. Any allocation beyond first presentation must represent an appropriate allocation of the useful life of the actual development.

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE FEES

The following instructions will walk you through the process of completing the online request for distance learning course fees. Before you begin, please review the Distance Learning Policies.

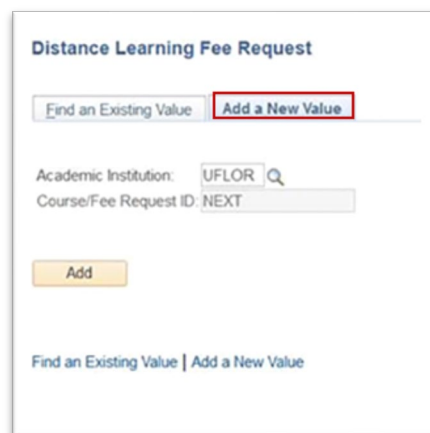
NAVIGATION

Login into myUFL and navigate to:

Nav Bar > Main Menu > Student Information System > Student Financials > Tuition and Fees > Class/Fee Request > Distance Learning Fee Request

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE FEES

1. Click the **Add a New Value** to start a new request form.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Distance Learning Fee Request". At the top, there are two buttons: "Find an Existing Value" and "Add a New Value", with the latter highlighted by a red box. Below these buttons, there are two input fields: "Academic Institution" with "UFLOR" and a search icon, and "Course/Fee Request ID" with "NEXT". A yellow "Add" button is positioned below the input fields. At the bottom of the form, there is a link that says "Find an Existing Value | Add a New Value".

- If you have an existing request, use the search feature to find and update or edit your existing request.

2. Enter the **Copy From Request ID** number if you have a previous year and term form that you would like to use and only make edits for the new term. (You cannot copy over form numbers from the old system.)

The screenshot shows the 'Distance Learning Fee Request' form. At the top right, there is a field labeled 'Copy From Request ID' with a search icon and a 'Copy' button. This field is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below this, the form is divided into sections: 'College Info' with fields for Academic Organization, Revenue Department, Dept Flex, and Term; 'Department Contact' with fields for *Contact ID, Email Address, and Telephone; and 'Fee Items' which is a table with columns for Fee Category, Description, Total Amount, and Fee Per Credit Hour. The table contains one row: '1 Course Production Expense'.

- You can enter the last distance learning fee from the ID number in this field and click the copy button. This will pull the information from that form to the screen where you can edit and resubmit with changes for a future term.

3. Enter the **Academic Organization**, the department responsible for the course or the Dean’s Office that will be in the approval path.

This screenshot is similar to the previous one but highlights the 'Academic Organization' field in the 'College Info' section with a red rectangle. The 'Copy From Request ID' field is now empty. The rest of the form, including the 'Department Contact' and 'Fee Items' sections, remains the same.

- Enter the **Revenue Department**. The Revenue Department is the department that will be used on the General Ledger transactions to deposit the money.

Distance Learning Fee Request

Institution UFLOR
Request ID NEXT Request Status Initial Copy From Request ID Copy

College Info

Academic Organization Office of Provost
Revenue Department BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 Dept Flex AGRONOMY DISTANCE LEARNING FEE
 Term Summer 2020

Fee Per Credit Hour \$0.00
 Total Credit Hours 750.00 Projected Revenue \$0.00

Department Contact

*Contact ID
 Email Address
 Telephone

Fee Items Personalize | Find | First 1 of 1 Last

Fee Category	Description	Total Amount	Fee Per Credit Hour
1 Course Production Expense	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

- Enter the **Department Flex number**. This is the 52XXXX number for the specific account that you wish for your distance learning fee to deposit the revenues into. If you do not know what this number is check with your finance contact for your department or college.

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College Info

Academic Organization Office of Provost
 Revenue Department BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Dept Flex AGRONOMY DISTANCE LEARNING FEE
 Term Summer 2020

Fee Per Credit Hour \$0.00
 Total Credit Hours 750.00 Projected Revenue \$0.00

Department Contact

*Contact ID
 Email Address
 Telephone

Fee Items Personalize | Find | First 1 of 1 Last

Fee Category	Description	Total Amount	Fee Per Credit Hour
1 Course Production Expense	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

- Enter the **Term**.

Distance Learning Fee Request

Institution UFLOR
Request ID NEXT Request Status Initial Copy From Request ID

College Info

Academic Organization Office of Provost
Revenue Department BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Dept Flex AGRONOMY DISTANCE LEARNING FEE
Term Summer 2020

Fee Per Credit Hour \$0.00
Total Credit Hours 750.00 Projected Revenue \$0.00

Department Contact

*Contact ID
Email Address
Telephone

Fee Items Personalize | Find | First 1 of 1 Last

Fee Category	Description	Total Amount	Fee Per Credit Hour
1 Course Production Expense	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

7. Enter your **Contact Information**.

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College Info

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Revenue Department BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Dept Flex AGRONOMY DISTANCE LEARNING FEE
Term Summer 2020

Fee Per Credit Hour \$0.00
Total Credit Hours 750.00 Projected Revenue \$0.00

Department Contact

*Contact ID
Email Address
Telephone

Fee Items Personalize | Find | First 1 of 1 Last

Fee Category	Description	Total Amount	Fee Per Credit Hour
1 Course Production Expense	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

8. The Fee Per Credit Hour is calculated by the information you enter on the form.

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College Info

Academic Organization 02000000 Office of Provost
Revenue Department 00000000 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Dept Flex 2AGRONOMY AGRONOMY DISTANCE LEARNING FEE
Term 2205 Summer 2020

Fee Per Credit Hour \$0.00
Total Credit Hours 750.00 Projected Revenue \$0.00

Department Contact

*Contact ID
Email Address
Telephone

Fee Items Personalize | Find | | First 1 of 1 Last

Fee Category	Description	Total Amount	Fee Per Credit Hour
1 Course Production Expense	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. Enter the **course information**.

- Use the Plus (+) icon to add another course, if needed.

Courses

Course Detail Personalize | Find | | First 1-2 of 2 Last

Course	Description	Student Credit Hours	Projected Semester Enrollment	Projected Revenue For Course
1 ENC1101	Expos and Argu Writing	3.00	250	
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

10. Enter your **justification for each of the questions** about your distance learning fees.

- You can save your form without anything entered in the justification fields however when you are ready to submit your form for Dean’s Level Approval you will receive an error if you do not have something entered in all three of the fields below.

Justification

The statute establishing the distance learning fee states:
"The amount of the distance learning course fee may not exceed the additional costs that are attributable to the distance learning course" 1009.24 (17)(b)., Florida Statutes, 2016.

1. Display all computations to support the request for approval of Distance Learning Fee.

2. What are the additional costs associated with the course in question?

3. Why are these "additional"?

4. Show the computational basis for the additional costs. Your basis must be "audit acceptable" and your submission is your agreement with that structure.

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11. Enter any additional **Comments**.
12. Click **Save**.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For assistance with processes or policies related to Distance Learning Course Fees, contact:

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