Goal 1:
Access & Affordability

System Initiatives:
MUS Distance Learning Initiative:
In the 2005 and 2007 legislative sessions, the Montana Legislature appropriated funds specifically aimed at increasing the availability of distance learning in the Montana University System.

With these funds ($300,000 in 2005, $900,000 in 2007) the university system invested in distance learning resources, faculty, and infrastructure. As a result, Montana universities and colleges now offer more than 90 online degrees and over 700 internet courses.

MUS.edu/online is a central location for students, faculty, and the public to find information on distance education opportunities and topics in the MUS.


Faculty development webinars for on-line teaching: www.mus.edu/online/webinars.asp

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MUS Strategic Plan
Distance Learning

Goal Statement
Improve distance and on-line learning by coordinating online delivery of education across the entire Montana University System

Objective 1.6.1
Increase student enrollment in online courses

Metric 1.6.1
MUS Enrollment in Distance Learning* Courses
Unduplicated Headcount - students enrolled in at least one distance learning course

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<td>2,789</td>
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source: MUS Data Warehouse, does not include CC’s
*courses where instruction is delivered entirely outside of the traditional classroom setting and there is no “in-person” contact between student and teacher (i.e. on-line and/or video courses)

Objective 1.6.2
Increase the number of online courses and degrees

Metric 1.6.2
Number of Distance Learning Courses Offered
Fall 2001 - Fall 2011, Unduplicated Number of Courses Offered

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