E.1.9 (Policy) Online Learning

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The Alamo Colleges recognize the value of online learning and are committed to providing learners of diverse backgrounds with access to programs and services that will prepare students to lead in a global society. The Alamo Colleges' Online Program is committed to providing a high-quality educational experience that aligns with best practices in electronically delivered and technology enabled teaching and learning.

The faculty across the Alamo Colleges will collaborate in the development and distribution of specific procedures related to distance education, online learning (fully at a distance, hybrid, or web enhanced), faculty certification, student orientation, appropriate notification of presence to state authorities, and all other relevant areas. The academic oversight of curriculum and instruction rests with faculty at the respective colleges.

An Advisory Committee of faculty from across the colleges will collaborate on procedures and guidelines to facilitate the development of fully online courses, certificates, and degree programs. Online learning shall be governed by this policy, related procedures, and other publications and guidelines produced by ACOL in collaboration with the established Advisory Committee of faculty from across the colleges.

Legal Reference - TACC Policy Reference Manual EBA(LEGAL) – Alternate Methods of Instruction: Distance Education