Continuing Education & University Outreach

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
Interdisciplinary Studies – BA
Disaster Management and Homeland Security – Minor
Organizational Leadership – Certificate
Wine Industry – Certificate

The following programs are offered in cooperation with Orfalea College of Business: MS in Accounting with Specialization in Taxation and MS Business and Technology.

CE&UO advances the academic and public service mission of Cal Poly beyond the traditional undergraduate and graduate college experience. Its goal is to increase access to the intellectual resources of the University by developing and offering a wide range of innovative lifelong learning opportunities to the citizens of California and the nation. Educational programs are offered in a variety of learning formats including classroom instruction, distance learning, and client centered services both on- and off-campus.

Information on programs and current offerings is listed in Outreach which is published four times a year and at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu.

Distance Learning. Challenges of time and distance often make it impractical for individuals to travel to campus for classroom-based education opportunities. To address this problem, CE&UO offers many programs in a distance learning format. These programs cover a wide range of subjects including applied technology, graphic communications, business, medical office training, teacher training and math preparation. They are offered in varied formats from CDs to internet-based instruction. A complete listing of programs and courses is available at www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu/distance_learning.html.

Open University. This option enables adequately prepared members of the community to enroll in regular Cal Poly courses on a space available basis. Open University is a non-degree registration option. Limits as to the number of credits earned through Open University may apply when seeking admission to a degree program. Enrollment forms and guidelines for registering may be obtained from CE&UO two weeks prior to the beginning of each quarter.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Established through a gift from the Bernard Osher Foundation, the Institute offers to people 50 years of age or older the opportunity for continued learning. Programs range from two-three hour discussions to multi-day travel programs. Topics and programs change each term and are led by OLLI members, Cal Poly faculty, and experts in their respective area. Information on current programs and how to join is available at www.osopher.calpoly.edu.

Programs for Professionals. For those desiring upgrade skills or knowledge, CE&UO offers a wide range of educational opportunities ranging from complete certificate programs to one-day seminars. Certificate programs are offered in Microsoft certifications, supervision, technical communications and wine industry. New certificates are being planned; updated information is available on CE&UO’s web site.

Corporate and Organizational Training. CE&UO will customize training to meet the specific needs of a business, corporation, or organization. This process starts with a needs assessment and continues through design, implementation and evaluation. Past clients include PG&E, the State of California, and the CA Forest Service.