

## **Policy 5.6: Distance and Correspondence Education Students**

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### **I. POLICY STATEMENT**

For the purposes of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), distance education is defined as “a formal educational process in which the majority of the instruction (interaction between students and instructors and among students) in a course occurs when students and instructors are not in the same place. Instruction may be synchronous or asynchronous. A distance education course may use the Internet; one-way and two-way transmissions through open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, broadband lines, fiber optics, satellite, or wireless communications devices; audio conferencing; or video cassettes, DVD’s, and CD-ROMs

(HEOA). For more information about the HEOA please visit:  
<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/index.html>

### **III.**

#### **IV. DISCIPLINE / PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Improper use or violations of Distance Education Policy may include:

1. Restricted access or loss of access to the University Network;
2. Disciplinary actions against personnel and students associated with the University,
3. Termination and/or expulsion from the University, and
4. The University may also refer suspected violations of applicable law to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

#### **V. RELATED POLICY**

University Policy 5.1: Responsible Use of University Computing and Electronic Communications Resources