

# Kentucky Virtual University: Learn

**Even 10 years ago,** it would have seemed virtually impossible. Yet now, virtual learning is allowing thousands of Kentuckians to complete college coursework and even earn a degree, all without leaving home.

In 1997, Kentucky became the first state in the nation to offer a comprehensive package of online educational resources and in 1999 the Kentucky Virtual University (KYVU) was opened with around 275 students. Since then, it has grown to more than 6,000 students from 35 states

(including Kentucky) and 11 foreign countries.

What students appreciate most about KYVU is the flexibility it offers. Whether it's due to a full-time work schedule, family obligations or some other obstacle, physically getting to class during the week just doesn't work for a lot of people. With virtual learning, you do it at your own time, at your own place.

By logging onto [www.kyv.u.org](http://www.kyv.u.org), students enroll in courses and programs offered online by 27 accredited Kentucky colleges and uni-

versities. The university continues to expand and now offers everything from certification programs in areas like IT Fundamentals on up to master's degrees in a variety of areas, including a master's of business administration.

In addition, KYVU provides all the essential support services to help its student be successful, including 24/7 technical support, an online bookstore, a virtual library that is accessible around the clock, research help from reference librarians and tutoring. There's even a way to customize your own study music!

When you complete your program, you receive a degree from one of the 27 participating Kentucky colleges and universities, just as if you were on campus and sitting in on classroom lectures. So while KYVU provides access to courses, you are technically a student of a particular college or university.

And just like traditional college programs, financial aid, grants and scholarships are available to online students.

With virtual learning, there's no excuse to not further your education. So boot up and get going! 🎓

## Virtual Possibilities

### How You "Attend" Class

When you have registered for and been accepted into a course, you are given a username and password, with which you can access your coursework, and communicate with your instructor and other students in your course through email, chat and discussion groups.

### Time Commitment

You'll need to access your online course material up to three times a week and just like an on-campus course, you should be prepared to commit around two and a half hours a week to a standard course. You should also plan to allow five to seven hours a week for reading, research or course assignments.

### Assignments & Tests

Most instructors request that you submit class assignments online through email or the KYVU course management system. Many instructors allow you to take tests online, but some will require you to go to campus for the test. Each course's description page specifies how tests are given for that course.

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