

Distance Learning at LTS

Many LTS courses are offered in a 'distance' format where students can 'log in' to a class on-line.

Distance classes require the use of both the internet (for live-streaming video) and telephone (for audio).

As with all LTS courses, distance students must:

- be officially registered as a student at the Seminary
- enroll in classes via the Seminary's student management platform, called Populi
- have a solid grasp of written and spoken English
- have access to libraries and/or on-line sources to obtain pre-course and in-course reading materials.

Distance Formats

Intensive Courses: Distance classes are typically 'intensive', meaning that they take place over a one to three week period. Because of this intensive structure, distance students must be prepared to be on the internet and the telephone anywhere from three to six hours per day.

Non-Intensive Courses: Some distance courses take place over a semester (roughly 3.5 months). Classes are held once or twice each week for several hours each session.

Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning

Distance classes are either synchronous or asynchronous.

Synchronous: students attend the class (on-line) at a certain time and/or place.

Asynchronous: students log in to the course (on-line) when it suits them best, to complete the course requirements.

Equipment and Technology Required for Distance Learning

Students taking a distance course require the following:

- Computer (with microphone and speaker turned off)
- Web-cam
- Telephone
 - with stable connection
 - with speaker phone
 - Note: mobile phones generally do not work as well and will use up a phone plan quickly.
- Internet (stable and fast)
- Email