

Comments from students

"I am very much enjoying this session, it is a huge experience for me. I can already see how interactive I can be with other students or with my tutor. It's really interesting. The fact that it allows me at any time, access irrespective of where I am, to work on my studies without interruptions. It's really a great pleasure. My main reason for choosing this mode is to minimize face-to-face classes due to other commitments. It will enable me to attend to other personal tasks and simultaneously do my assignments, and interact with others etc. Thanks once again for granting me this opportunity."

"I like this study method as it is convenient for the lifestyle that we have these days - juggling studies whilst working. It also provides a closer study group whom you can communicate with and builds a face to face relationship with your lecturer even though you don't necessarily see each other. It is easy, convenient and modern! Well done Poly!!"

"With the e-learning mode, as opposed to distance mode, you get the feeling that you are actually learning something, because you are more involved in the course through weekly tasks and discussions with other students online. This mode of study demands a more disciplined way of studying than the distance mode of study. Hearing other people's views on a topic really enlightens you and helps you to see and do things differently."

When you study via eLearning you:

- are able to access your study guide and other additional material directly from the course site
- are guided through the course on a week-by-week basis
- have a dedicated tutor who will support you online during the duration of the course
- are able to interact regularly with your tutor and fellow students
- can submit assignments via the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)
- can get feedback, questions, tasks and assignments online
- have a much more interactive learning process than if you studied by the traditional distance education mode
- will have more personalised and regular contact with your tutor, because the ratio of students to tutor will be much lower.



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What is eLearning?

eLearning is learning that occurs via the internet. All teaching and learning occurs through a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). VLE is a software which facilitates learning online.

eLearning is offered as another mode of study like full time, part time and distance education at the Polytechnic of Namibia.

How much will it cost to study via eLearning?

The costs will be the same as your full-time/part-time/distance education course fees.

How can the Polytechnic of Namibia's eLearning courses be accessed?

The Polytechnic of Namibia eLearning courses can be accessed through the website at <http://elearning.polytechnic.edu.na> The virtual learning environment we use is "Chisimba." You need to be registered in the eLearning mode of study before you can gain access to Chisimba.

What equipment does one need to study via eLearning?

You will need access to a computer that is connected to the internet. No other special equipment is necessary at this stage.

How much time will you need per week to take part in eLearning?

You will need to set aside 3-4 hours per week to take part in eLearning activities. This includes reading your weekly tutor updates, contributing to online tasks and interacting with fellow students and your tutor. You will need extra time for doing assignments and studying for tests and exams.

What are the requirements to study through the eLearning mode?

You will need to be computer literate (completed Computer Users Skills or Principles of Information Systems 1A & 1B or a similar course) and have regular access to a computer with network connectivity. You should have also passed the pre-requisites of the eLearning course you want to enrol for.

What else does one need to know about eLearning before registering for this mode of study?

If you want to study via eLearning you will need to:

- attend a compulsory face-to-face orientation session, which will introduce you to eLearning the course and using Chisimba
- register as an eLearning student during the normal registration period
- agree to stay as an eLearning student for the period of the course
- agree to take part in weekly tasks as set by your tutor

Registration

The list of available courses offered through the eLearning mode can be found in the pre-registration form.

Please complete this form to indicate your interest in registering for eLearning

The pre-registration form is available from the COLL web page <http://www.polytechnic.edu.na/centres/coll/coll.php>

You will be informed about whether you have been accepted to study through the eLearning mode with dates for attending the compulsory orientation session.

Please note: eLearning courses will be offered only when there is a demand from the students to do so. We will need a minimum of 10 students to make it possible to offer a course via eLearning.