

Policy for Verifying Student Identity

The United States Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act requires that all institutions offering distance or correspondence courses or programs certify that the student registering for a course is the same student who participates in the course or receives course credit. The FHEO requires that one or more of the following mechanisms be employed:

- A secure login and pass code;
- Proctored examinations; and
- New or other technologies and practices that are effective in verifying student identification.

In compliance with these federal requirements, the University of Evansville has adopted the following policy.

1. All students will be issued a unique e-mail account with a secure logon and pass code upon being accepted to the University of Evansville or admitted to an online program. All e-mail communication between the University and the student will be through this e-mail account.
2. All electronic courses at the University of Evansville will be offered through Blackboard, which students will access with their secure UE logon and pass code.
3. Instructors will emphasize the academic integrity policy in their syllabus and use normal pedagogical practices (reviewing student writing samples, conferencing with students in person or through Internet technology, etc.) to verify student identity.
4. Any student found to have permitted another student to represent them for any portion of an online course will be dismissed from the course and will not be permitted to take any other online courses at or through the University of Evansville.
5. Instructors may, at their discretion, require proctored examinations or use other technologies that are effective in verifying students identities.