Correspondence Courses vs Distance Education

Correspondence Courses		Distance Education
• Automated, weekly announcements • Deadline reminders	**Announcements**	• Weekly announcements explaining or summarizing content
• No interaction between student & instructor in discussion boards	**Discussions**	• Instructor-initiated discussions • Instructor further prompts students in discussion boards
• Auto-graded quizzes • Graded assignments without individualized feedback	**Quizzes & Assignments**	• Graded quizzes and assignments with individualized feedback
• Prerecorded videos with no interactive components	**Video Lectures**	• Video lectures have in-video quizzing or corresponding activities to complete
• No clear policy on frequency or method of communication is available • Generic, scheduled communication that are blanketed statements	**Communication**	• Clear expectations • Individualized for monitoring student success • Responsive to student questions • Office hours posted & opportunities to meet virtually are available

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