Online Advisors are now available for students until 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

ADVISOR HOURS NOW EXTEND INTO THE EVENING

8-to-5? Forget about it. Division of Online Programs advisors add nine extra hours of availability each week to help meet the atypical scheduling demands of UWA Online students.

Online students typically live a different lifestyle than a traditional on-campus student. Most have full-time jobs, some have children and very few have routine schedules. With that in mind, the UWA Division of Online Programs is taking another step toward meeting the needs of its students at the times when those needs arise.

An 8-to-5 schedule for online students? Forget about it. In most cases, it doesn’t exist. UWA online advisors are now available for 12 hours per day (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For now, regular office hours are still in place for Thursday and Friday.

“Being accessible to your customers is a very important key to any successful business venture,” Dr. Martha Hocutt, Dean of the Division of Online Programs, said. “While this is another step toward meeting more needs of our current and prospective students, we intend to monitor closely to see if additional advising hours are needed in the future.”

Online advisors are available by calling toll free 1-877-892-1835 and selecting option 1. The advising staff is also available via email at online@uwa.edu. They are eager to help walk you through the steps necessary to become a member of the UWA Online family.

Affordable and Accessible
There is no out of state tuition for UWA online students. Graduate tuition is $442 per credit hour, undergrad is $397.
Louisiana Counseling

Online Advisor Florence Williams will staff an exhibit at the Louisiana Counseling Association Conference September 18-20 in Baton Rouge.

Maxwell AFB

Dr. Martha Hocutt and Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth will visit with prospective military students September 23 at the Maxwell Air Force Base Education Fair.

Holmes CC

To reach prospective undergraduate business and early childhood development students, UWA Online will exhibit at 2011 Holmes Community College Education Fair Oct. 6.
NBC LEARN ENHANCES EXPERIENCE FOR UWA ONLINE STUDENTS AND FACULTY

A massive video archive containing thousands of videos from all the decades of NBC broadcasts from the late 1930s through today, NBC LEARN is now available to UWA Division of Online Program students and instructors to enhance the online learning experience. The tool became available for UWA students and faculty with the onset of Fall 1 session.

NBC LEARN is a collection of videos, documents, and images that students and faculty can access and use right in Blackboard. Faculty can take advantage of this tool to enliven classes, introduce current events, and use real-world examples to bring subjects to life!

According to the NBC LEARN website, original videos and archival news stories from NBC are correlated to state standards and the Common Core, and aligned to more than 25 K-12 and 30 Higher Ed collections. Videos are generally short — less than six minutes in length — enabling instructors to engage and enlighten their students.

To deliver stories in a collaborative online learning environment, NBC LEARN developed the most advanced media player in existence. Called a Cue Card™, the player supports videos, photographs, newspaper articles, primary source documents, and other media.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Sharon Truelove

Sharon Truelove joined the UWA Online team on August 22 as department secretary. Her previous experience includes several years as a paralegal. She holds a BA in Liberal Arts and her MBA from Mississippi State University.
The University of West Alabama College of Business offers four baccalaureate degree programs completely online. Included are Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in Accounting, Management and Business Administrations, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Technology. Online baccalaureate students pay no out of state tuition and there are no residency requirements. There are five sessions per year offered in eight-week blocks, so students can work at an accelerated pace.

**Cost Comparisons**

At $397 per credit hour for the Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting degree program, the price difference for the entire degree from UWA is $20,760 less than the same degree from certain for-profit online institutions. Even a neophyte business student can figure out those numbers don’t make sense to a student’s bottom line. UWA Online students have realized the most bang for their buck is through globally accredited undergraduate programs with the University of West Alabama Division of Online Programs.

An accredited baccalaureate business management degree earned through UWA Online is between $8,000 to $14,000 less than some competing institutions.

**Real Life Credit**

Students in the Bachelor of Science Technology degree program can earn up to 42 hours in the technical component area that can include military credit, community college, technical/vocational credit, certificate, documented industrial training and other types of experience with appropriate approval.

**Why Choose Accounting?**

Because every business, organization, and government entity needs an accountant.

An accounting degree opens the door to a multitude of career possibilities. In fact, research shows that most people who graduate with accounting degrees become business decision makers.

Employment of accountants and auditors will grow faster than average for all occupations through the year 2016, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. BusinessWeek listed accounting firms among the “Best Places to Launch a Career.”

**Financial Assistance**

Scholarships are available for active members of the military, including National Guard and Reserve units that are called up.

Federal grants and loans, private loans and scholarships may also be available depending on your course of study.

UWA Online is DANTES and GI-VA approved, as well as being a Go-Army Ed School.

For additional options please contact the UWA Online at 1-877-892-1835 and select Option 4 for the Financial Aid Office. or email financialaid@uwa.edu.

**Counseling Support**

As a student in the online learning community at UWA, you have counseling services support available in a virtual format. This resource provides helpful information on topics to support your success as a student. In the future, there will be group discussion forums available on topics such as study skills, stress management and wellness. The goal is to provide distance counseling support and that should be available soon.

Visit the Counseling Resources course for your counseling needs. You should see the Counseling Resources course in your Blackboard course listing.

We know that you are busy and like to have help available when you need it - not just during daytime normal business hours. We hope that this resource helps you and welcome your use of it. As this will be a dynamic resource with regular additions of service, please check it out frequently.

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