NAU Web Course Evaluations; Online Learning from the Students’ Perspective

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Abstract: Northern Arizona University (NAU) is the only university located outside major Arizona metropolitan areas. The university's mission is to serve rural Arizona through distance education initiatives. Recently NAU has added web courses to further serve a growing number of statewide students. It is recognized that to offer meaningful courses on the Internet changes to the organization of class materials and method of instruction have to occur. Student evaluation of web courses is key to understanding the impact of this method of delivery on the students and the institution. It is crucial for effective planning and to improve the web courses. More research must be done to continually improve the web courses and the methods for delivering class materials for the students to work on. This process has just begun at NAU and will continue. Results of the Fall ‘98 and Spring ‘99 semesters can be viewed at http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~tdf/eval.