

Who Are Coastal Carolina University's Distance Learners?

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Abstract: Our goal is to determine and understand the student audience for web-based courses in terms of demographic and academic characteristics as well as levels of motivation, self-discipline, and independence. We will develop a demographic and academic profile of students enrolled in web-based psychology and sociology courses and compare them to the profile of students enrolled in lecture-based psychology and sociology courses. Moreover, we will locate or develop an instrument to assess differences between students in web-based courses and those in lecture-based courses in terms of motivation, self-discipline, and independence.