The Extended Learning Institute (ELI) offers online learning courses to students who require a more flexible schedule for their academic work, seek to complete NOVA courses while residing outside the local area, or prefer to learn online. Many NOVA degrees/specializations and certificates can be earned—in their entirety or in part—online. Courses are available in more than sixty disciplines. See the ELI website at http://eli.nvcc.edu for a complete listing of programs and courses.

Most coursework may be completed at home, although some courses require some face-to-face participation. For each 3-credit course, students should plan to study at least 6–9 hours each week. All ELI online learning courses require regular Internet access. ELI courses have regular deadlines for course progress. When taking an ELI course, students will have faculty and staff support when they need it. Faculty provide valuable assistance by telephone, e-mail, office visits, or web conferencing. ELI has counselors, success coaches, a librarian, online tutors, and other support staff to assist students, and the NOVA campuses provide additional services such as computer labs and in-person tutoring. Students also interact with their classmates throughout their online courses.

Courses include two or more proctored exams/assignments. These exams should be taken at one of NOVA’s campus Testing Centers, with an ELI-approved proctor for students living outside the Northern Virginia area, or via webcam through ELI’s online proctoring service.

Students may enroll in ELI courses the same way they enroll in on-campus courses, through NOVAConnect online. Most ELI courses have multiple sections starting throughout the semester. When course capacity limits are reached, ELI sections are closed to further enrollment. Advising for ELI courses is available from the ELI counselors. Students who are veterans and enroll in an ELI course will not be certified for benefits until they satisfactorily complete the course. For international students, certain restrictions apply to how many ELI credits they may take in a given semester.

ELI offices are located at 3922 Pender Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

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