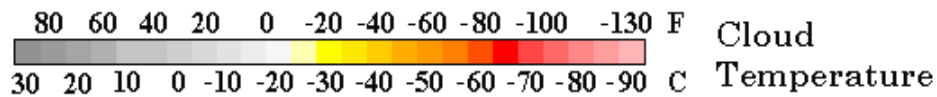
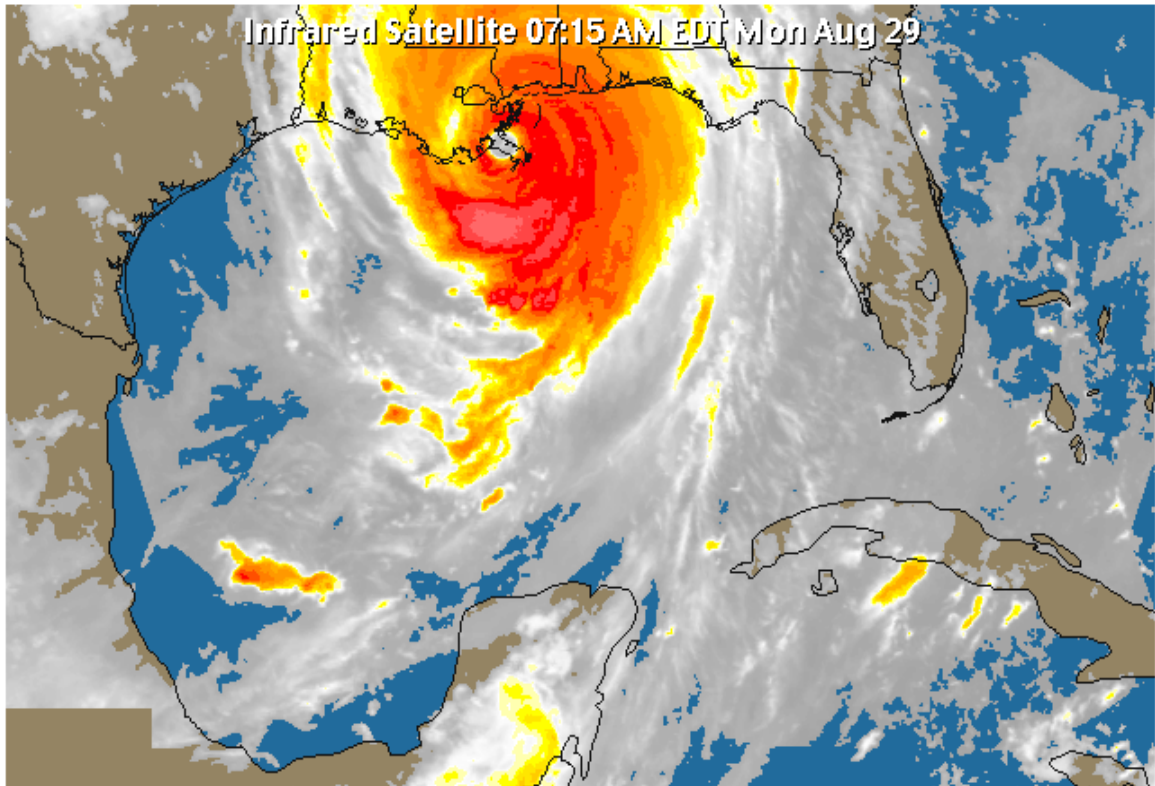


Sloan Semester

Online Learning Responding in a Crisis



An Amazing Three Weeks

21 days after Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, an entire online “institution” had been established with a full complement of online courses, online application and registration services, student advising and financial aid – and students were registering for free online classes.



**A hurricane can't
take away all your dreams.**

**You can continue your
education now.**

**Registration is now open.
Classes start October 10, 2005**

- ▶ Tuition-free online college courses.
- ▶ Over 200 regionally accredited colleges & universities.
- ▶ Special 8-week accelerated semester.

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The Results

- **An Online catalog of 1,322 courses from 158 institutions in 38 states**
- **Applications were processed from 1,725 students**
- **4,256 course “seat” requests, leading to 2,827 enrollments by Sloan Semester students**
- **5,385 enrollments by “native” students**
- **8,212 total enrollments**
- **\$3.1 million in forgiven tuition and fees**
- **Every \$1 of grant from the Sloan Foundation returned \$3 as a match**
- **Nearly two-thirds of Sloan Semester students completed coursework**
 - **More than one-half of students earned a grade of A or B and 70% passed courses**
- **Only 2% of students surveyed indicated they could not find courses they needed**

Making a Difference

“It is hard for me to imagine what some of them are coping with, having nothing left except the clothes on their backs and what little they could take with them when the waters rose to devastate everything in their environment. I have great respect for each and every one of them, and for those who are pitching in to make their lives a little better.”

**Commenting on his “Katrina Students”
Jim Gustafson
Professor of Philosophy
Mass Colleges Online**

