

# The Leading Edge

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## Varney's Book Store



Pictured above: Nate Arthur, Varney's Textbook Shipping Supervisor

Varney's Book Store has been selling books and supplies to K-State students since they opened for business in 1890. Now operating both a store in the Aggieville shopping area in Manhattan and one in the K-State Student Union, Varney's is the primary supplier of textbooks for all K-State classes, both on and off campus.

When Nate Arthur, Textbook Shipping Supervisor, started working at Varney's in 1999, his department processed an average of 5-10 orders per day in August, all of which were taken over the phone. In August 2008, his department processed over 100 orders per day with orders coming in online as well as by phone.

Varney's currently ships orders across the nation and to countries such as Singapore, India, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Germany, and many of these orders are shipped to deployed soldiers overseas.

Hundreds of local and on-campus students also make use of the "in-store pickup" option on their online orders, saving shipping fees and time.

"We hope that by providing the learning resources that the K-State instructors have chosen, we are doing our small part in helping individuals of all ages to better themselves and fulfill their educational goals," said Dan Walter, Textbook Manager of Varney's.

Distance students can even sell their used textbooks back to Varney's at the end of the semester by calling or e-mailing the store for a price quote.

To learn more about the services that Varney's Book Store offers to distance students, visit their website at [www.shopvarneys.com](http://www.shopvarneys.com).



### Spotlight on Student Services

#### Varney's Book Store

**Location:**  
623 N. Manhattan Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66502

**Hours:**  
Mon-Sat: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Sun: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Website:**  
[www.shopvarneys.com](http://www.shopvarneys.com)

**E-mail:**  
[textorders@varneys.com](mailto:textorders@varneys.com)

**Phone:**  
785-539-0511

**Fax:**  
785-537-2351



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**Highlights and recognition****Meet the Committee**

Alumni Advisory Committee  
Division of Continuing Education  
Kansas State University



K-State's distance education graduates across the nation continue to support K-State's distance programs and opportunities as members of the Division of Continuing Education (DCE) Alumni Advisory Committee.

The committee was formed in 2007 to support the growth and enrichment of DCE programs, provide advice and insight based on past experiences and current professional and personal needs, and provide leadership for financial support for DCE programs and students.

The current committee consists of 13 distance education alumni from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Texas, Georgia, and New York. Several DCE staff members also serve as ex-officio members to provide support for the committee.

Membership on the committee is by invitation. If you are a graduate of a DCE program and are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Dave Stewart at [ads@k-state.edu](mailto:ads@k-state.edu).

To learn more about distance education alumni involvement at K-State, visit [www.dce.k-state.edu/students/alumni](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/students/alumni).

**Online Class Development**

Intercession  
Every January, May, and August  
Kansas State University



Upon request from students and instructors, four online Intercession classes will be offered for January 2009 (December 29-January 13). The first online Intercession class was offered during the August 2008 Intercession, and both on-campus and distance students took advantage of the opportunity.

Previously, Intercession classes were offered on campus in January, May, and August in three-week periods between standard terms. Now distance students also have the option of taking an Intercession class to get ahead in their programs.

Online classes offered for January 2009 Intercession are:

- Families, Health, and Illness  
FSHS 300, Class Number 16078
- Intercultural Communication  
EDSEC 786, Class Number 16026
- Ancient Egypt  
HIST 598, Class Number 16034
- Introduction to Political Science  
POLSC 110, Class Number 15949

Learn more about K-State Intercession or enroll in an Intercession class at [www.dce.k-state.edu/courses/intercession](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses/intercession).

**Web Feature**

Distance Education Giveaway Website  
Division of Continuing Education  
Kansas State University



The Division of Continuing Education has developed a distance education giveaway website that offers free K-State downloads that you can share with your family, friends, kids, and all the Wildcats in your life.

The website was developed to accompany the distance education Options Plus marketing campaign. K-State Options Plus allows you to choose the educational options that work best to meet your needs, offering online programs, evening classes on campus, and more.

The giveaway website includes wallpapers, desktop icons, and coloring pages. New items include:

- 2009 Wallpaper Calendar
- Personalized address labels
- Flash cards for kids

Visit the giveaway website at [www.optionsplus.k-state.edu/giveaways](http://www.optionsplus.k-state.edu/giveaways) for your free downloads, to tell us what new items you would like to see developed, and to find out more about your distance education options at K-State.

**Announcements and upcoming dates****Enroll now for Spring 2009!**

Search for classes and begin the enrollment process for spring term:  
[www.dce.k-state.edu/courses](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses)

**Remember to check your K-State e-mail account!**

Access your K-State e-mail account to ensure that you are getting all your messages:  
<http://webmail.ksu.edu>

**What's Zimbra?**

Learn about Zimbra, K-State's new e-mail system being implemented in January 2009:  
[www.k-state.edu/infotech/e-mail/docs/zimbra/faqs.html](http://www.k-state.edu/infotech/e-mail/docs/zimbra/faqs.html)

**Find out about University holiday hours!**

The Division of Continuing Education is officially closed for the holidays starting on December 25, 2008 and will reopen on January 5, 2009. View the complete University calendar:  
<http://consider.k-state.edu/calendar>

**\*\*Please note\*\***

Ready to enroll? See the new step-by-step instructions on the "How To Enroll" link at [www.dce.k-state.edu/courses](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses).

Your tuition bill is electronic! Spring 2009 bills are posted monthly starting December 15. See your Student Center at <http://isis.k-state.edu> to view and pay your bill. See [www.dce.k-state.edu/courses/registration/fees.shtml](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses/registration/fees.shtml) for payment options.

Did you know that the "This Week's Schedule" on your Student Center page in ISIS shows only your current class schedule? To see your classes for this semester that are already completed or have not yet started, or to view classes in future semesters for which you're enrolled, click on My Class Schedule and select the term you wish to view.

\* Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 26-28

\* University holidays: Dec. 25-26; Jan. 1, 19

\* Spring 2009 term begins: Jan. 15

\* January Intercession: Dec. 29-Jan. 13