



Online Student Identity Verification Procedures

Utica University employs a multi-layered approach to verify the identities of online students, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards and maintaining academic integrity.

All systems used by distance learners, including the University's learning management system, are secured by password protection. Each student is assigned a unique University-issued username and creates a personal password that meets defined security requirements. Passwords must be updated every 120 days to maintain account integrity.

To further enhance security, Utica University utilizes Microsoft multifactor authentication (MFA) through Microsoft Azure. During the sign-in process, users must provide an additional form of identification. A one-time code is sent to their mobile device. Access is granted only after successful verification of this secondary credential.

In programs involving high-stakes assessments, such as one of our nursing programs, Utica University adds an additional layer of identity verification through online proctoring. The University partners with ProctorU to monitor exams, deter academic dishonesty, and further confirm student identities during testing sessions.

Through these combined measures, Utica University upholds the highest standards of academic security in its online programs.