Below is the UIC Online Education Glossary of Terms. You will find UIC's definitions for what is considered a blended course or program, online course or program, as well as other terminology that is commonly used when defining or discussion online education.

Asynchronous Learning: interaction between instructors and students that occurs independent of time or location.

Blended Course: (also known as hybrid): Integrates online with traditional face-to-face classroom activities in a planned, pedagogically valuable manner where 25 - 74% of instruction occurs online.

Blended Program:(also known as hybrid) (1) A series of modules or credit courses offered for degree or credit through a combination of fully online, blended and face-to face courses. (2) A non-credit instructional offering in which instruction and course material is delivered integrating face-to-face and online activities. Blended programs offer 25 - 74% of coursework online.

Distance Education: Educational situation in which the instructor and students are separated from the main campus by time, location or both. Education or training courses are delivered to remote locations via synchronous or asynchronous instruction, including written correspondence, text, graphics, audio and videotape, CD-ROM, online learning, audio and video- conferencing, interactive TV and facsimile. Distance learning does not preclude the use of the traditional classroom. The definition of distance learning is broader than, and includes, the definition of e-learning.

Distance Learning: Learning where the instructor and the students are in physically separate locations. Can be either synchronous or asynchronous . Can include correspondence, video or satellite broadcasts, or e-Learning. Usually implies the higher education level.

Eportfolio or E-Portfolio: An electronic file folder system containing text, audio, video, graphic, data and other files used to document and share work from a project, class or degree program. Commonly, e-portfolios are used for assessment purposes. Some academic discipline accreditation agencies have begun requiring e-portfolios to document learning among students. Accomplishment of standards can be mapped and documented in the e-portfolio system.[1]

Face-To-Face Instruction: Term used to describe the traditional classroom environment where the students and the instructor meet synchronously in the same room; also referred to as "on-ground" or "on campus" instruction.

Hybrid Course: see blended course

On Campus Students: Term used to describe students who attend classes in the traditional classroom environment on the campus.

On Ground students: Term used to describe the traditional classroom environment, also referred to as "face-to-face" (see definition) or "on campus" (see definition).

Online: Connected to a computer or computer network, or more generally, accessible via a computer or computer network. The word is also used more casually to describe content and applications that are accessible via the Internet.

Online Course: An instructional offering for academic credit, professional credit or non-credit, during which instruction and course material are delivered primarily (75% or more) through the Internet. There is little or no required face-to-face component (examples include orientations and proctored exams).

Online Education: Credit-granting courses or non-credit instruction delivered primarily via the Internet in which students and the instructor are in separate locations. Online education may be delivered synchronously or asynchronously.

Online Environment: Courses, discussions or other communication occurring in an electronic format via the Internet.

Online Learning: Instruction that is delivered by Web-based or Internet-based technologies.

Online Program: (1) A series of modules or credit courses offered for degree or credit in which instruction and course material is delivered primarily through the Internet where at least 75% of the credit hours earned are online. (2) A non-credit instructional offering in which instruction and course material is delivered primarily through the Internet.

Online Student: A person admitted in an Online Program (see definitions) either as degree, non-degree or non-credit student.

Synchronous Learning: Real-time interaction that occurs independent of location.

Technology Enhanced Course: A course or program that utilizes any one or more various technologies, such as video, audio and the Internet to augment the traditional delivery of information to students via lecture, text and printed syllabi.

[1] http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~romberge/pedproj/definition.html; http://www.free-definition.com/EPortfolio.html