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Transferring iTunes University Courses from a Computer to Your iPad

Many people pay thousands of dollars for a college education, but if you just love learning, you can get a complete college education for free (without the college credit or degree, of course) just by visiting iTunes University.

Through iTunes University, you can attend college courses from well-known universities, including Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, Princeton, Yale, and MIT. Whether you want to learn about history, engineering, computer science, business, or a foreign language, you can pick the courses that interest you the most.

All the iTunes University courses are stored as audio or video files that you can download directly to your iPad or through iTunes on your computer. Since some of these iTunes University course files are large, downloading them directly to your iPad may be convenient but time consuming. For that reason, you may find

it easier to download iTunes University courses first to your computer and then transfer them to your iPad using the iTunes program.

In this chapter, you will learn how to transfer iTunes University courses that are on your computer to your iPad.

What You'll Be Using

To transfer iTunes University courses to your iPad, you need to use the following:

- ▶ The iPad's USB cable  iTunes on your computer

Downloading iTunes University Courses to Your iPad

The simplest way to get iTunes University courses on your iPad is to download them directly through your iPad's Wi-Fi or 3G Internet connection. For small iTunes University courses, this will work fine, but for larger courses that use video, this process could take a while.

To download iTunes University courses from your iPad, follow these steps:

1. From the Home screen, tap **iTunes**. The iTunes screen appears.
2. Tap **iTunes U** at the bottom of the screen. The iTunes University screen appears, as shown in Figure 21-1.
3. Scroll through the iTunes University screen, and tap a course that you want to download.



FIGURE 21-1: The iTunes University screen displays all the courses available.

4. Tap **FREE** next to a course that you want to download. The FREE button turns into a DOWNLOAD button.
5. Tap **DOWNLOAD**. Your chosen course begins downloading directly to your iPad.

Transferring iTunes University Courses to Your iPad from Your Computer

You can also download iTunes University courses into iTunes on your computer. That way, you can listen or watch college courses on your computer and transfer them to your iPad when you want to learn on the go.

To transfer iTunes University courses from your computer to your iPad, follow these steps:

1. Connect your iPad to your computer using the USB cable.
2. Run iTunes on your computer.
3. Click the name of your iPad in the Devices category.
4. Click the **iTunes U** tab. The iTunes U screen appears.
5. Check (or uncheck) the **Sync iTunes U** checkbox. If you clear this checkbox, you won't be able to select any additional options. If you select this checkbox, you'll see a list of available iTunes University courses, as shown in Figure 21-2.



FIGURE 21-2: The iTunes U tab lists the courses you've already downloaded and which courses you want to sync.

6. (Optional) Check (or uncheck) the **Automatically include** checkbox, and click the pop-up menu to choose to transfer unplayed or recent iTunes University courses. Then click the items of the pop-up menu to choose **all collections** or **selected collections**.
7. (Optional) If you clear the **Automatically include** checkbox, you can click each iTunes University course and then click individual classes that make up that course, as shown in Figure 21-3.



FIGURE 21-3: You can select individual classes that make up a single iTunes University course.

8. Click **Apply** to start synchronizing your iTunes University courses with your iPad.

Playing iTunes University Courses on Your iPad

After you have downloaded iTunes University courses directly to your iPad or transferred them from your computer, your iPad essentially becomes a learning device. To play these iTunes University courses on your iPad, follow these steps:

1. From the Home screen, tap **Videos**. The Videos screen appears.
2. Tap **iTunes U** at the top of the screen to see all your stored iTunes University courses, as shown in Figure 21-4.
3. Tap an iTunes University course that you want to play. A list of separate classes appears, as shown in Figure 21-5.
4. Tap a class. Your chosen class starts playing.

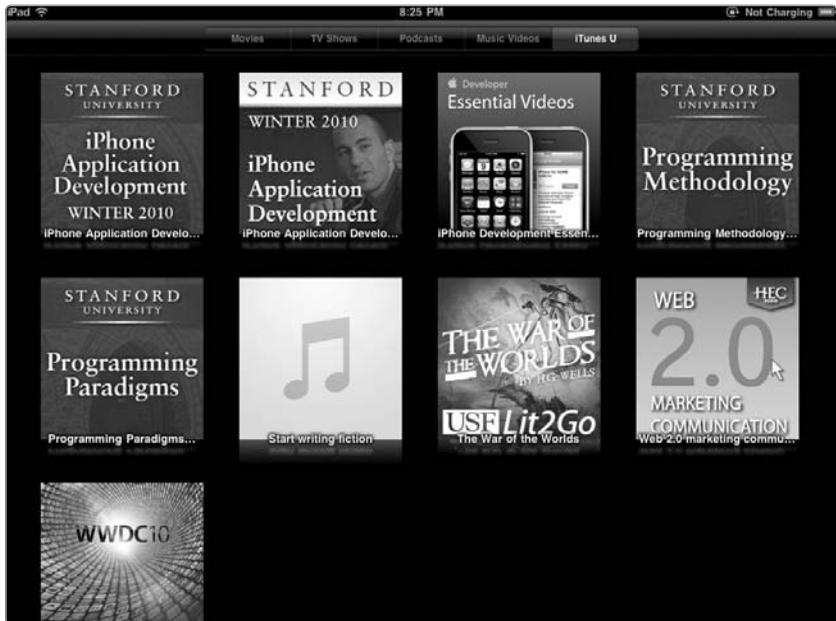


FIGURE 21-4: The iTunes U button at the top of the Videos screen lets you access your stored iTunes University courses.



FIGURE 21-5: Each iTunes University course consists of one or more classes.

Additional Ideas for Transferring iTunes University Classes to Your iPad

Downloading and learning from iTunes University courses can be a great way for adults to expand their minds and learn new topics so their thinking stays sharp. In addition, if you're either planning to go to college or already in college, you can take an iTunes University course to get ahead or supplement your current class work.

With enough iTunes University courses stored on your iPad, you can learn a little bit whenever you have a free moment, such as while waiting in a doctor's office, during your lunch break, or right before you go to bed. The more often you study a topic and learn about it through books, class lectures, and iTunes University courses, the more likely the information will make sense and help you master the topic.

The combination of your iPad and iTunes University can make a college education easier and more convenient than ever before. Now all you have to do is figure out what you want to learn and devote time to learn it.