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**UC Davis Extension Pathobiology of the Mouse Course Wins
National Award for Outstanding Distance Learning**

DAVIS, CA -- UC Davis Extension's landmark online course on Pathobiology of the Genetically Engineered Mouse Part A recently received the Outstanding Distance Learning Course of 2010 award from the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA), the nation's primary organization for promoting excellence in and awareness of continuing higher education. Online courses submitted by universities throughout the United States were judged on quality of instruction, graphic design and effective communication.

The course was developed in partnership with the Center for Genomic Pathology and Center for Comparative Medicine in response to a critical need for training created by the explosion of new strains of genetically engineered mice. To address the shortage of comparative pathologists who can characterize and validate these animal models, UC Davis Extension partnered with the Center to design a curriculum drawn from the Center's extensive database of information and images, and designed by UC Davis Extension's expert online development team. An internationally renowned panel of advisors provides ongoing review of the curriculum. A unique feature of the course is the use of Whole Slide Imaging technology, allowing students to examine and magnify slides online.

The course is the first in a planned series that will provide curricula for a broad spectrum of researchers and technicians involved in research into the causes and cures for a number of human and animal diseases, including cancer and diabetes.

The award-winning course is one of more than 150 offered online each year by UC Davis Extension. For more information, please visit UC Davis Extension's website www.extension.ucdavis.edu.

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