Modes of Instruction

Courses for the Fall 2021 semester will be offered in one of three Instruction Modes: Online, In-Person, or Hybrid.

Online courses may be offered in one of the three modalities: Asynchronous, Synchronous, and Mixed Synchronous. A small number of In-Person courses will be held in-person or in a hybrid format on campus. Below find the definition of each modality and information on how to identify them on the schedule of classes.

- **Asynchronous** classes do not have assigned days and times. These classes **do not** require you to log in to your virtual classroom at any specific time. You are **not** required to engage in live classes or discussions and the only requirement is to turn in your work by the assigned deadlines. Assignment deadlines and exams days/times are maintained and included on the class syllabus. Your instructor may create opportunities for live interactions with and among students but these are not mandatory.

  o Asynchronous classes will appear on the schedule without any meeting days or times. When you log into your self-service center, you will see the room listed as “Online-Asynchronous,” with a blank meeting day and time. If you click on the course and review the entry notes, you will see that the course indicates, “This class is listed for asynchronous online instruction.”

- **Synchronous** classes do meet online on specific days and times. *These classes resemble traditional on-campus In-Person classes* in that students must be (virtually) present at the same time. Though they are conducted online, synchronous classes **meet in real-time**. Students must commit to scheduled class days and times, and sign onto their virtual learning platform on the scheduled meeting days and times. During these classes, students will engage with their instructors and classmates. They may have presentations and virtual class discussions. Assignment deadlines and exams days/times are maintained and included on the class syllabus.

  o Synchronous classes will appear on the schedule with approved meeting days and times. For example, the room will be listed as “Online-Synchronous” but may have Monday/Wednesday, 8:00am to 9:15am listed as the meeting days and times. This means that you must be
available every Monday and Wednesday at the scheduled time to log in to your course. If you click on the course and review the entry notes, you will see that the course indicates, “This class is listed for synchronous online instruction.”

- **Mixed Synchronous** classes have specific days and times assigned, but the instructor will determine the meeting frequency. In a mixed synchronous class, the instructor may require students to sign onto their virtual learning platform on the scheduled meeting days and times, but not outside of those times. Scheduled meetings may be held weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly and will be published in the course syllabus. Students must commit to the instructor’s scheduled class meeting days and times.
  
  o If the course is a **Mixed Synchronous** class, it will appear on the schedule with approved meeting days and times. For example, the room will be listed as “Online Mixed Synchronous” but may have Monday/Wednesday, 8:00am to 9:15am as the meeting days and times. This means that you must be available every Monday and Wednesday at the scheduled time to log in to your course. However, when you click on the course and review the entry notes, you will see that the course indicates, “This class is listed for a mixture of synchronous and asynchronous online instruction.” This is your indication that the instructor will provide you with further details on the meeting frequency.

- **In-person** All required class meetings occur on campus, during scheduled class meeting times. Contact includes instruction, learning activities, and interactions (both student-student and student-instructor). An In-Person class where material is provided online, via a learning management system or website, does not displace any of the required contact hours that would normally occur in a scheduled In-Person class. Assignment deadlines and exams days/times are maintained and included on the class syllabus. All in-person class meeting days/times are listed in the schedule of classes.
  
  o In-person classes will appear on the schedule with approved meeting days and times. For example, the course may have Tuesday/Thursday, 8:00am to 9:15am listed as the meeting days and times. This means that you must be available every Tuesday and Thursday at the scheduled time to log in to your course. There will be a room assigned, or the room may be listed as TBA.

- **Hybrid** Some required class meetings occur on campus, during scheduled class meeting times. Other required course content is delivered online. Content includes instruction, learning activities, and interactions (both student-student and student-instructor). Assignment deadlines and exams days/times are
maintained and included on the class syllabus. All in-person class meeting
days/times are listed in the schedule of classes.

- Hybrid classes will appear on the schedule with approved meeting days
  and times. For example, the course may have Tuesday, 8:00am to 9:15am
  listed as the meeting days and times. This means that you must be
  available every Tuesday and Thursday at the scheduled time to log in to
  your course. There will be a room assigned, or the room may be listed as
  TBA.
- For most Hybrid courses, the online instruction is delivered
  asynchronously. In such cases, only the on-campus meeting days and
  times are listed.
- Some Hybrid courses may be listed with synchronous or mixed
  synchronous online meetings that replace in-person meetings. For
  example, a course may have Thursday 8:00am to 9:15am listed as
  synchronous online instruction alongside a Tuesday meeting on-campus.
  Such courses have the online meeting clearly indicated as “Online
  Synchronous” or “Online Mixed Synchronous.”