

DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSIFICATIONS

Please see the guidance below for additional information related to online class definitions and billing.

University at Albany Definitions:

Fully Online (100%) - Asynchronous: describes forms of education, instruction, and learning that do not occur in the same place or same time.

Fully Online (100%) - Synchronous: describes forms of education, instruction, and learning that occur at the same time, but not in the same place.

Primarily Online (80 - 99%) - Asynchronous: describes forms of education, instruction, and learning that do not occur in the same place or same time.

Primarily Online (80 - 99%) - Synchronous: describes forms of education, instruction, and learning that occur at the same time, but not in the same place.

Blended/Hybrid* - Asynchronous: Online course activity replaces from 30 - 79% of required face-to-face class sessions and class "seat-time" is reduced commensurately. Asynchronous: describes forms of education, instruction, and learning that do not occur in the same place or same time.

Blended/Hybrid* - Synchronous: Online course activity replaces from 30 - 79% of required face-to-face class sessions and class "seat-time" is reduced commensurately. Synchronous: describes forms of education, instruction, and learning that occur at the same time, but not in the same place.

Blended/Hybrid Synchronous Weekly: Every other week in person, alternating week synchronous online. Contact instructor prior to the start of the term for

Blended/Hybrid Synchronous Alternating Session: Alternating Sessions (with those not in person participating online). Contact instructor prior to the start of the term for specific information on in-person meetings.

Synchronous Simulcast: In-person class with ability for students to attend online. Student who wish to attend in-person meet with the instructor in the classroom. All other students in the class interact with the instructor and their peers through online in a synchronous manner.

Alternating Attendance Session: Alternating Sessions (with those not in person participating online). Contact instructor prior to the start of the term for specific information on in-person meetings.

***Class meeting dates and times for blended/hybrid classes must be provided during initial scheduling. If dates/times are not available during initial scheduling, the class cannot be scheduled.**

Dual/Shared Courses: dual sections of classes can be created to accommodate distance-learning non-residents using certain technologies that allow them to join the on campus section of the class (see below for definitions). Dual/Shared classes utilize two sections of the same course that are combined/shared; with one section to accommodate students physically in a classroom at the University and the other section to accommodate students using certain technologies that allow them to join the on-campus

section remotely, as indicated below in the SUNY definition. Please contact the Registrar's Office for further information or interest.

SUNY Definition:

Distance Learning Non-Resident: A student enrolled at the University at Albany who: a) for a given term is enrolled exclusively in online distance learning course(s); and b) has not had an address within the borders of New York State at any point within the last 12 months.

Distance Learning Courses: Distance learning courses have been defined for this purpose as courses that use certain technologies to deliver instruction to students who are separated from the instructor and to support regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor. The instruction and interaction may be synchronous (occurs in real time, without time delay), or asynchronous (occurs under time delay, not in real time), or a combination of the two. The technologies may include: the internet; audio conferencing; or one-way and two-way transmissions through open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, broadband lines, fiber optics, satellite, or wireless communications devices.

Fees:

The University fee waiver policy is available [here](#). There are specific fee reductions available to students enrolled exclusively in online classes.

Distance Learning, Non-Resident Tuition information can be found [here](#).