

HYBRID OR ONLINE: Which is right for you?

What are the differences between HYBRID and ONLINE courses?

HYBRID courses blend the consistency of the traditional classroom with the flexibility of the online environment. Students and instructors meet 50% of a traditional three hour "class" every. The rest of the time, class is conducted in an online threaded discussion where students communicate asynchronously. It is the best of both worlds!

ONLINE courses are delivered entirely over the Internet although some courses may have special attendance requirements. Online courses are NOT SELF-PACED; there are deadlines for assignments just as in other traditional course formats.

Online courses provide:

- Flexibility and convenience for student participation
- Deadlines for course work and assignments
- Travel time and cost savings
- Time to reflect before responding to discussions and other class activities

Online courses are a good fit for learners who are:

- Self-directed
- Able to manage their time effectively
- Technologically savvy
- Able to work through barriers independently

Are you ready for HYBRID or ONLINE learning Checklist

1. Are you self-disciplined and highly motivated?
2. Are you willing to work on your own without immediate feedback?
3. Do you have effective time management skills?
4. Do you enjoy reading, writing, and communicating online?

If you checked all of the above, online courses may be a good fit for you. If not, you may struggle with online courses and hybrid classes might be a better fit. Continue...

1. Can you commit to being online at least 3 times per week?
2. Do you have reliable Internet access?
3. Can you commit 17-20 hours of time per week, per 3 credit class?

Did you check all of the above? All conditions apply each week for ONLINE courses and for non-class weeks in HYBRID learning. Continue...

1. Do you enjoy having face-to-face interaction with your instructor and classmates periodically as well as online flexibility?

If you checked the box above, you may be a candidate for HYBRID learning. If you are comfortable without any face-to-face interaction then you may be a candidate for ONLINE learning.