Office of the Registrar

Instructional Modality

In an effort to clarify how courses are being created under Protect Purdue, the Registrar is adding language on the modality of instruction for each course. Below are definitions and examples of how these modalities will appear on Residential and Fully Online schedules. All modalities will provide regular opportunities for students to interact and network with instructors and classmates, as this is a foundational learning strategy at Purdue.

**Face-to-Face/ Hybrid/Hyflex**

Students attend class at a designated time. Face-to-face students will learn from instructors and classmates in person and participate in active learning activities. Hybrid/Hyflex students will learn from the instructor and classmates using both online and in person learning experiences.

- **Face-to-Face**
  - Assigned location and assigned time on campus

- **Hybrid/Hyflex**
  - Combination of in person and online learning

**Synchronous Online**

All components of the course are in an online environment, but some components are available at set times, when students will need to login and participate in real time. Students, classmates, and instructors interact in a specific virtual place at set times for things like office hours, question sessions, or relationship-building portions of the class (group or team work) and must be viewed in real time.

- **Where/When**: Assigned time; Building/Room = SYNC ONLINE
- **Who**: Residential Students
- **How**: Synchronous
- **Instructional Delivery**: Online

**Asynchronous Online**

All components of the course are in an online environment, with no meetings at established times. The course of study, instructor, or program provides all components in an online environment. This might include self-guided materials, pre-recorded lectures or videos, online discussion boards, assignments and assessments to be completed by specific deadlines.

- **Residential Distance**
  - **Where/When**: Arrange Hours = TBA; Building/Room = ASYNC ONLINE
  - **Who**: Residential Students
  - **How**: Asynchronous
  - **Instructional Delivery**: Online

- **Non-Residential Online-OL**
  - **Where/When**: Arrange Hours = TBA; Building/Room = ASYNC ONLINE
  - **Who**: Online Students
  - **How**: Asynchronous
  - **Instructional Delivery**: Non-Residential Online (OL)

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1. **Face-to-Face/Hybrid/Hyflex:** Face-to-face students will attend class at a designated location and time on campus. Students will learn from instructors and classmates in person and participate in active learning activities. Hybrid/Hyflex learning is the practice of using both online and in person learning experiences. In a hybrid learning course, for example, students might attend a class taught by an instructor in a traditional classroom setting, while also independently completing online components of the course outside of the classroom. In this case, in-class time may be either replaced or supplemented by online learning experiences, and students would learn about the same topics online as they do in class—i.e., the online and in-person learning experiences would parallel and complement one another.

**Example A: Face-to-Face:**

Scheduling Assistant

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Lec 13363-003  MW 4:30p - 5:45p 08/24 - 12/02 EE 170
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**Example B: Hybrid/Hyflex:**

Scheduling Assistant

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Lec (Hybrid) 29033-005  M 9:30a - 10:20a 08/24 - 11/30 ARMS 1028
Dist (Hybrid) 29034-006 08/24 - 12/05 ASYNC Online
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2. **Synchronous Online**: The SYNC ONLINE designation refers to courses where all components of the course are in an online environment, but there are some components available at set times. This might include office hours, question sessions, or relationship-building portions of the class (e.g. group or team work). Times for these components are established based on the availability and time zones of the instructor and students. Students are required to login at a specified time to be able to interact with peers and instructors.

   **Example A:**

   **Scheduling Assistant**

   ![Scheduling Assistant](image)

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3. **Asynchronous Online**: The ASYNC ONLINE designation may appear for courses that are either in the Residential schedule or Fully Online courses. All instruction and learning occurs in an online modality with no meetings at established times. Examples might include the use of prerecorded video lessons, email exchanges between instructors and students, online discussion boards, and the use of Brightspace learning management system to organize materials and related correspondence.

   **Example A: Residential Distance:**

   **Scheduling Assistant**

   ![Scheduling Assistant](image)

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Example B: Non-Residential Online:

Scheduling Assistant

Dist (Online) 29032-OL1 08/24–12/05 ASYNC Online

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