

NWIC Delivery Methods and Class Definitions

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In this document, a “course” has a subject code and course number, for example ENGL 101, and is independent of its delivery method in any given quarter. “Class” refers to the specific implementation of a course with a section code, for example ENGL 101 section NP, in a particular quarter where the section code identifies its delivery method and location.

Delivery Method Definitions

In-person: the student is in the same physical location as the instructor.

Synchronous (face-to-face) class: a class that focuses on concurrent, collective, and collaborative learning amongst students, requires regularly scheduled contact times between instructor and students, may be in-person or at a distance, and is listed in the quarterly class schedule.

Asynchronous class: a class that may be self-paced, individual or intermittently collaborative, requires that the content of the class be delivered using methods that do not rely on structured meeting times, and that no regularly scheduled contact times are listed in the quarterly class schedule.

Hybrid class: a class in which part of the contact time of a synchronous/face-to-face class is replaced by a required asynchronous component, thus reducing the amount of required scheduled contact time. Hybrid classes are typically 50% synchronous and the remainder asynchronous although they may be implemented between 25% and 75% synchronous and the remainder asynchronous.

Class Definitions

Independent Learning Class (section code IL): a class in which students study asynchronously and individually under the direction of an instructor.

Online Learning Class (section code OL): a class in which students study asynchronously using an online learning management system.

Learning Contract Class (section code LC): a class in which one student studies asynchronously and individually under the direction of an instructor according to a learning contract developed together by the student and instructor.

On-campus class (Lummi campus: section codes A, B, ..., use N if class starts 5 pm or later, Extended Campus sites: section codes MS, NP, NI, PG, SW, or TU): a class in which students participate synchronous and in-person at the Lummi or one of the extended campus sites.

Workforce education class (Lummi campus WFE: section codes A, B, ..., use N if class starts 5 pm or later, Extended Campus sites WFE: section codes MS, NP, NI, PG, SW, or TU): a synchronous class for a workforce education course.

Telecourse (section code TC): a class in which students participate synchronously via ITV and not in-person.

Videoconferencing class (section code VC): a class in which students participate synchronously via videoconferencing other than ITV and not in-person.

Note: Classes previously implemented as section OLH on Lummi campus will now be implemented as a hybrid on-campus class with an AH section for students attending in-person plus a hybrid videoconferencing class with a VCH section for students attending at a distance via videoconferencing. OLH classes originating from an extended campus site will now use that site's location code for the hybrid on-campus class, for example PGH for students in-person at the PG site, plus a VCH section for students attending at a distance via videoconferencing, including those at the Lummi campus.