

UNDERSTANDING COURSE MODALITIES

GERMANNA

ONLINE PROGRAMS
AND LEARNING SUPPORT

Modality: The way a course is taught, based on timing, location, and interaction.

TIMING

Synchronous: Class activities occur at regularly scheduled times

Asynchronous: Class activities can be accessed at any time

LOCATION

In person: Class activities occur in a physical classroom or other place (like a clinic)

Online: Class activities are all accessed online via computer applications

INTERACTION

Face-to-face: Students meet in the real world

Virtual: Students meet synchronously via a web meeting like Zoom

Limited: Students work independently unless assignments require collaboration

IN PERSON

Timing:

Synchronous

Location:

In person

Interaction:

Face-to-face

Example:

MTH 154-F03 meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-9:20 a.m. at the Fredericksburg campus in room SP2-235.

INTERACTIVE VIDEO

Timing:

Synchronous

Location:

In person

Interaction:

Instructor (and some classmates) may be virtual

Example:

CST 126-CV01 meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. at the Culpeper campus in room CU1-224, but the professor broadcasts via Zoom from the Locust Grove Campus.

SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE

Timing:

Synchronous

Location:

Online

Interaction:

Virtual

Example:

ART 203-W01S meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE

Timing:

Asynchronous

Location:

Online

Interaction:

Limited

Example:

HLT 143-W01 has no required meetings. Students may work at their own pace but must meet due dates.

HYBRID

Timing:

Part synchronous, part asynchronous

Location:

Part in person, part online

Interaction:

Face-to-face while in person, limited for online component

Example:

ENG 111-FH02 meets Thursdays only from 9:30-10:50 a.m. at the Fredericksburg campus in room SP1-318. Students work at their own pace to complete additional coursework online but must meet due dates.