Instruction Modes for Fall/Winter 2021-2022





The uncertainty of the pandemic presents challenges when faced with planning courses in Fall 2021. This resource provides guidance on the various modes of instruction that are being planned for the lecture, lab, tutorial and seminar components within your courses.

Definitions



Component

Each course is made up of one or more components, such as lectures, labs, tutorials, and seminars. Each component may have multiple sections, or groups of students, and where there are multiple sections, you may have some choice in selecting sections for each component of the course.



Instruction Mode

During course selection, each course component will be marked with a distinct instruction mode that will indicate if it is virtual, online, or has elements of in-person learning.



Synchronous

Synchronous learning is any activity in a course that happens live in real-time, whether in person or online.



Asynchronous

Asynchronous learning is all the other activities in a course that you can complete online, in a self-paced manner, on your own time.

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Virtual Classroom

For lectures, labs, tutorials and seminars that are scheduled as virtual classrooms, you can expect to primarily join synchronously using a web conferencing tool (e.g. Zoom, Teams, etc.). Your instructors will lead a live class where you and other students will join synchronously.

Online Class

For lectures, labs, tutorials and seminars that are scheduled as online classrooms, your learning will primarily occur in an asynchronous manner. This means that these components will not be scheduled into your timetable. Your instructor will outline the due dates and deadlines that you will need to meet for various tasks and assessments within the course.

In Person

Your instructors are planning some in-person learning time for these lecture, lab, tutorial or seminar components for this course. However, Public Health restrictions are likely going to prevent all of this time being used as in-person time and thus some of the in-person scheduled hours are likely going to be offered virtually. Your instructors will use Avenue to Learn to inform you of which hours will be in-person hours.

Enrolment



Look out for the instruction mode notations when enrolling in Mosaic. Instructions on enrolment via Mosaic and/or MyTimetable can be found here.

Additional Resources

For course and program questions, please contact your Faculty/Program Office.

A list of Faculty/Program Offices can be found here.

Looking for academic skill support? Connect with the Student Success Centre.

^{*}Please note other instruction modes may be listed.