

What Type of Course Are You Designing?

TEACH ONLINE: DO IT YOURSELF (DIY) RESOURCES

Types of Online Courses

At UNLV we have three online designations or “modes of instruction”:

- WB: a fully online web based course.
- WM: Web-based course with some required meetings.
- HY: hybrid face-to-face and online course.

WB: Fully Online Courses

Fully online courses at UNLV deliver all instruction, discussion, and learning activities entirely online via a learning management system such as Blackboard, Canvas, or Kannu. They may be developed for an individual course or as a [master course](#).

Why You Should Develop a WB Online Course

Online courses developed with the Office of Online Education provide an engaging and effective learning experience for students by utilizing a variety of media to deliver instruction and provide opportunities for practice. In addition:

- Class and/or group discussions may be held online.
- Assignments are distributed and collected online.
- Assessment of student learning takes place online.

The majority of our fully online classes are offered asynchronously. However, some UNLV online classes may require a face-to-face organizational meeting. Other courses may have some instructional activities that require students to meet at a specific time and date online. In some instances, instructors may want high-stakes assessment to occur under the [supervision of a proctor](#). The course development team members collaborate to determine the best options for each individual course.

Develop a Fully Online Course

If you are interested in working with the Office of Online Education to develop an online course, please review our course development process and request a [course consultation meeting](#).

Current Online Courses

For a list of online and hybrid courses offered by term, visit [MyUNLV](#) or view [our online and hybrid course list](#).

WM: Web-based With a Few Required Meetings

In some courses, there may be a requirement to attend an organizational meeting or testing session on campus or to “meet” at a specific time and date online. For these courses, the mode of instruction is listed in MyUNLV as “web-based w/ on/off campus mtg” (WM). If the class will have a final exam that requires students to come to campus the course must be listed as “WM.”

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HY: Hybrid Courses

Hybrid courses blend face-to-face and online course instruction, discussion, and learning activities based on the students' needs and subject matter taught.

Why You Should Develop a HY Online Course

At UNLV hybrid courses are offered 50% online and 50% in a face-to-face classroom. This multimodal approach to instructional delivery provides flexibility for UNLV academic departments, instructors, and students. Hybrid courses can also help students to better balance their professional and personal lives with their educational pursuits.

- In MyUNLV, these courses are listed as "hybrid" (HY) under the mode of instruction.
- UNLV uses the term "hybrid" to remain consistent with NSHE Board of Regents terminology.
- Other higher education institutions may refer to these types of courses as "blended" or "distributed learning."

For more information, please see the [UNLV Office of the Registrar's standard class times](#).

Develop a Hybrid Course

If you are interested in learning more about offering your class as a hybrid, please contact the [Office of Online Education](#).

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