

Course Modalities and Instructional Activities

Professional undergraduate programs are taught in a variety of formats including:

- In-person classes, which deliver 100% of their instruction face to face and have required classroom attendance. Students meet on a regularly scheduled basis and may encounter internet and/or computer requirements in these classes.
- Blended classes, which deliver at least 33% but less than 50% of their instruction in an online format and include required classroom attendance and online instruction, which can be either synchronous or asynchronous. Compared with in-person classes, blended classes have substantial activity conducted online, which substitutes for some classroom meetings.
- Online asynchronous classes, which deliver 50% or more of their instruction in an online format but have no required live virtual meetings. Students have a timeframe for participation each week, but they may contribute whenever they choose in accordance with course instructions. Some asynchronous courses may offer optional live sessions such as desktop video chats, but live, real-time class meetings are not required.
- Online synchronous classes deliver 50% or more of their instruction in an online format. These classes require students to meet online at specified times for live instructions, student presentations, or other real-time activities. Synchronous online classes have no campus meeting place; rather, students log into the online classroom from off-site locations. These classes may have specific technology requirements.
- Distance learning classes originate in a campus classroom where the instructor and students meet. Video-conference technology allows additional students from offsite locations to interact with the instructor and students at the campus classroom using video, audio, and text. These classes may have specific technology requirements.

Some programs may have clinical placements, fieldwork, or practicum assignments at clinics, schools, hospitals, or other APU-approved organizations that meet specific program degree and/or certification requirements. Such placements and assignments may need to be completed within the geographic vicinity of APU's main campus or regional locations. Check with your department of interest regarding these requirements as part of your admission process, especially if there is a possibility you may relocate out of the area before your program is completed.