



## **Let's Review the Two Types of Online Classes Offered: Synchronous/Live vs. Asynchronous**

### **OVERVIEW**

In accordance with California Community College's Title 5 Regulations, instructors have a choice of how they will teach each online class.

Each course will either be taught  
**SYNCHRONOUSLY/LIVE** or **ASYNCHRONOUSLY**  
as outlined in the detailed class schedule course description.

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### **YOUR COLOR-CODED GUIDE TO SYNCHRONOUS VS. ASYNCHRONOUS CLASSES**

(ORANGE) (GREEN)

### **GENERAL DEFINITIONS OF SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING vs. ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING**

**SYNCHRONOUS CLASSES:** Students attend a course an instructor teaches LIVE, in real-time, via CANVAS. Students are logged in at the same time to view the lecture and communicate via videoconferencing.

**ASYNCHRONOUS CLASSES:** Students do not attend a course at a set time, but instead access class materials online via CANVAS, and communicate with the instructor and classmates via discussion boards, etc. on their own time.

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## DETAILED DEFINITIONS

### SYNCHRONOUS/LIVE CLASSES

- Within CANVAS, Zoom meetings will be held during the days & times published in the class schedule.
- Zoom links will only be available after logging into CANVAS.
- Class Time Conflicts WILL apply when registering since the required online class meeting has a set day/time (similar to when classes meet in-person).
- Each instructor may choose to offer additional teaching methods beyond the requirements above. Additional methods are OPTIONAL, not required. Check each individual course description in the Class Schedule for details.

If you have a question, please contact the instructor.

### ASYNCHRONOUS CLASSES

- Within CANVAS, weekly course content will be posted in class modules.
- Within CANVAS, weekly discussion board questions will enable students to engage with each other.
- Within CANVAS, the instructor will post weekly feedback with students.
- Class Time Conflicts will NOT apply when registering as there is no requirement for ASYNCHRONOUS CLASSES to meet live. (Even if an instructor chooses to optionally offer live class meetings, time conflicts will NOT apply.)
- Each instructor may choose to offer additional teaching methods beyond the requirements above. Additional methods are OPTIONAL, not required.
- If you have a question as to whether optional Zoom meetings will be offered in addition to class module content, and day(s)/times, please contact the instructor.

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## Here's How to Differentiate Between the Two Types of Courses in the Class Schedule

The easiest way to determine which mode of instruction a class will be taught is whether a day/time for the class is listed in the course description. If there's a day/time listed, it's a **SYNCHRONOUS CLASS**. If there's NO day/time listed, it's an **ASYNCHRONOUS** class.

**Here's an example from the class schedule.  
One subject taught two different ways.**

### EXAMPLE: EART 501 - ART HISTORY (EI)

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#### **TICKET 13305 OPEN**

Open Seats: 100 Day/Time **Th 11:00AM - 12:50** EL-Internet (Off Campus) **E. Rodriguez-Morris**

This is an online class with all course requirements completed via Canvas. There **are** required live-stream meetings during all of the days/times that are on the course schedule.

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#### **TICKET 13380 OPEN**

Open Seats: 100 Day/Time **TBA\*** Internet (Off Campus) **M. Redfield**

This is an online class with all course requirements completed via Canvas. There are **no** required scheduled live stream meetings. Optional live-stream meetings may be held.

\*TBA usually means "to be announced", but here it's just a placeholder so disregard.

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- **Highlighted in ORANGE above** -- The FIRST class listed, ticket # 13305, has a day and time listed that it meets online -- Thursday 11:00am - 12:50 pm. The second sentence states "There **ARE** required live-stream meetings...."

**This is a SYNCHRONOUS CLASS.**

- **Highlighted in GREEN above** -- The SECOND class listed, ticket # 13380, doesn't have a day and time listed. In the description, the second sentence states, "There are **NO** required live stream meetings. (The instructor has the option to conduct live meetings additionally, if desired.)

**This is an ASYNCHRONOUS CLASS.**