



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.

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)

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.

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.

- **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.