Instruction Mode Definitions

Syncrony: Synchronous learning is any activity in a course that happens live in real-time, whether in person or online. Synchronous activities facilitate student-student and student-instructor interaction and local community.

Asynchronous: Asynchronous learning is all the other activities in a course that students can complete independently of each other, and they can proceed at their own pace. Use asynchronous learning for course activities that benefit from students taking time to carefully consider and analyze content and engage in authentic constructive exchange.

Online Classroom: A learning component that is designed for online education. The course will be completed in a completely asynchronous, self-paced manner with guiding students through the learning.

Virtual Classroom: A learning component that includes required synchronous elements delivered through in-person meetings (e.g., Zoom, Teams, etc.). Instructors deliver a live teaching component (e.g., lecture, tutorial, or lab) using the conferencing tool with questions and discussions in a very similar way as to in-person classroom experiences.

In Person: In-person classroom component with an assigned physical classroom (some time may be in an online component). It is recommended that there is at least one in-person component in the course that Public Health requires restrictions before or during the semester.

Some Scenarios

Course 1A03 has 3 lecture sections (C01 to C03), 6 lab sections (C04 to C06), and 10 tutorial sections (T01 to T10).

For this scenario, the MOSAIC instruction mode assignments would be:
- C01 – C03 – In Person (P)
- T01 – T05 – Virtual Classroom (V)
- T06 – T010 – Virtual Classroom (V)

Course 1A03 has 2 lecture sections (C01, C02) and 10 tutorial sections (T01 to T10).

For this scenario, the MOSAIC instruction mode assignments would be:
- C01, C02 – Virtual Classroom (V)
- T01 to T10 – In Person (P)

Course 1A04 has 1 lecture section (C01) and 5 tutorial sections (T01 to T05).

For this scenario, the MOSAIC instruction mode assignments would be:
- C01 – Virtual Classroom (V)
- T01 to T10 – In Person (P)

Course 1A04 has 2 lecture sections (C01, C02), 5 lab sections (C04 to C08), and 6 tutorial sections (T01 to T06).

For this scenario, the MOSAIC instruction mode assignments would be:
- C01, C02 – In Person (P)
- T01 to T06 – Virtual Classroom (V)

The uncertainty of the pandemic presents challenges when faced with determining your course delivery plans for Fall 2020/2021. This guide provides guidance on various instruction modes and their definitions and how they are scheduled in MOSAIC to help clarify expectations of instructors and students. With all options, please ensure your course design offers students in various learning needs. For more information, please visit the Office of the Registrar’s information on determining what would work best for your course, year, and your students. For further support, please visit the Office of the Registrar on how to modify or amend instruction.