

Guidelines on Blended (Hybrid) Courses

In recognition of the growing importance and popularity of the blended (hybrid) course modality, the Office of the Provost has established the following guidelines for such courses for Spring 2023, with the anticipation that the Faculty Senate recommendation will be ready soon. Based on the established literature as the Faculty Senate committee report cites, a course with greater than 80% of instruction presented in class, face-to-face, will be considered a “face-to-face” course, a course with less than 25% of instruction presented in-person, face-to-face will be considered an online course. Blended or hybrid courses have in-person, face-to-face instruction that ranges from 25% to 80%.

1. Courses taught in a blended modality will feature a minimum of 25% face-to-face, in classroom instruction during a given semester. A 14-week, 3-credit course will have a minimum of 8.75 hours of in classroom instruction.
2. Prior to the beginning of a blended course, the instructor will determine regular meeting pattern and share this information with the students in the course section. Instructors may deviate from the regular meeting pattern for the sake of illness, conference attendance or pedagogical reasons.

These guidelines shall continue in force in case the Faculty Senate recommendation will not be ready soon.