Framingham State University (FSU) will be offering courses in multiple delivery methods.

Course Expectations - All of the course delivery methods listed below are not self-paced. Faculty provide a list of topics and assignments with due dates for the semester in the course syllabus. You should expect to spend a minimum of 12 hours per week on each course; this will include any FACE-TO-FACE or REMOTE (Synchronous) class time.

Please note the following definitions:

Synchronous - The course meets at specific days and times, which are listed in the course schedule, and you will attend class at those specified times. For lectures, discussions, and presentations there is real-time interaction between the faculty and the students.

Synchronous refers to both FACE-TO-FACE (i.e. in-person on campus) and REMOTE delivery methods. (Examples of remote include Zoom, Canvas, or other similar platform).

Asynchronous – The course or a portion of the course has no meeting days and times. You will not attend class at a set time, but rather access pre-recorded lectures and/or digital curriculum materials at a time of your own choosing but within the timeframe specified in the course syllabus. Interactions between faculty and the class occur through FSU email, discussion boards, social networking, and/or collaborative documents.

Asynchronous refers to the ONLINE delivery method.

Hybrid - A combination of Synchronous and Asynchronous delivery methods.

On the Course Schedule, as viewed through myFramingham or the Student Schedule Planner, please see Instructional Method and Building for the information regarding the delivery method for each course section.

In order to help you identify the course delivery method (modality) when viewing just the course subject prefix/course number/section code, the third character of the section number will be one of the following:

Third Character:

1, 2, etc. indicates Face2Face (In-person) Synchronous

R Indicates Remote Synchronous

M Indicates Mixed Face2Face & Remote Synchronous

A Indicates Online Asynchronous

H Indicates Hybrid: Face2Face (In-person) Synchronous/Online Asynchronous

Y Indicates Hybrid: Remote Synchronous/Online Asynchronous

FACE-TO-FACE (F2F) (Synchronous)

A Building and Room Number will be listed as the course Location on your course schedule. You will need report to this Building & Room on the specific course day and time as the class will be delivered in-person.

REMOTE (Synchronous)

Course Location will show as Building as REMOTE. The course is considered synchronous (instructor and students all meet together at the same time) and will be delivered via video conferencing software. You will connect via video conferencing software for your course at the specific day and time noted on your schedule. You will be able to see and interact with your instructor and classmates in a virtual environment.
**FACE-TO-FACE (F2F) and REMOTE (Synchronous)**

A Building and Room Number will be listed as the course **Location** on your course schedule. You will need to report to this Building and Room Number on the specific course day and time for the portion of your class delivered in-person. And for the course **Location** designated as **REMOTE**, the instructor and students all meet together at the specific day and time via video conferencing software.

**ONLINE (Asynchronous)**

Course **Location** will show as **ONLINE**. The course will be offered entirely online (asynchronous), most likely through Canvas, without the constraints of having to log on at a certain time or be at a certain place. You will need to meet the assignment deadlines outlined in the instructor’s course syllabus.

**HYBRID OPTIONS (Combination of Synchronous & Asynchronous)**

Some courses will be offered combining **Synchronous** and **Asynchronous** delivery methods:

**FACE-TO-FACE (F2F) and ONLINE (Combination of Synchronous & Asynchronous)**

You will have a Building and Room Number listed in **Location** for a certain day/time, and will also see **ONLINE** listed. A portion of the course is taking place **F2F** on campus in the Building and Room Number assigned and the rest **asynchronously ONLINE**, meaning you are not expected to join the class at times other than those listed. However, you may be expected to access pre-recorded lectures and digital curriculum materials and participate in online discussion forums at a time of your own choosing but within the timeframe specified in the instructor’s course syllabus.

**REMOTE and ONLINE (Combination of Synchronous & Asynchronous)**

You will have **REMOTE** listed in **Location** for a certain day/time, and also see **ONLINE** listed. A portion of the course is taking place as **REMOTE** (synchronously) and the rest **asynchronously ONLINE**, meaning you are not expected to join the class at times other than those listed. However, you may be expected to access pre-recorded lectures and digital curriculum materials and participate in online discussion forums at a time of your own choosing but within the timeframe specified in the instructor’s course syllabus.

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