

Liberal Studies Program

***Plan "H", General Studies Option
 ON-LINE Version***

CSUN offers many Plan H, General Studies Option courses on-line. This form should be used as a guide since on-line course offerings change every semester. Please consult CSUN's Schedule of Classes for the most current on-line course offerings. The following on-line courses will meet major requirements:

Lower Division Requirements	Select one course from each section.
1. Introduction to Literature	ENGL 300*
2. Mathematics or Logic	MATH 131, 140, 331*, PHIL 230
3. Science and Lab/Field Studies	BIO 100, ASTR 152, ASTR 154L, GEOG 101&102, GEOG 103&105, GEOL 101, GEOL 300, or PHYS 305*&305L*

Upper Division Requirements	Select one course from each section.
1. Upper Division Writing	ENGL 305
2. Theories and Methods	HUM 391 (not available on-line at this time)
3. Upper Division Literature	ENGL 364
4. Social Sciences/Anthr., Psych, Soc	SOC 324
5. Social Sciences/Geog, Hist, PoliSci	GEOG 318, 321**, or 322
6. Humanities, Phil., or Religious Stds	PHIL 310 or RS 390
7. Ethnicity, Gender, & Culture	AAS 345**, PAS 300, or GWS 350**
8. Visual and Performing Arts	ART 305 or TH 310
9. Capstone	LRS 491 (not available on-line at this time)

Area of Specialization, Option B.: Diversity in the Liberal Arts	
<i>Interdisciplinary Specialization consisting of 21 units of which at least 15 units must be at the upper division level.</i>	
Forms and Ideas in the Humanities	HUM 101
The Urban Scene	URBS 150
Contemporary Issues in Asian American Studies	AAS 345**
Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality	GWS 350**
United States	GEOG 321**
World Drama	TH 315
History of the Chicano	CHS 445

*Approved substitution

** Six units in the Interdisciplinary Specialization may be double counted with lower and upper division major requirements.



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--Most Frequently Asked Questions--

Q: Why should I consider taking my classes on-line?

A: On-line classes are extremely convenient for students with busy lives. You can complete your classes in the privacy of your home or at work during your lunch break, on the weekends, or late at nights should you choose to. The department offering the course will be able to give you information about whether the course is offered completely on-line or as a hybrid course. By taking classes on-line you will also save on travel time to CSUN. On-line classes can be more interesting than the traditional lectures since professors may present class content in many different innovative ways such as narrated PowerPoint presentations and videos. You may also have the opportunity to participate in class discussions via an electronic bulletin board.

Q: How do I enroll for on-line classes?

A: All on-line classes are listed under the "Online Courses at CSUN" section of the Schedule of Classes each semester. You enroll in on-line classes like any other class through the portal (www.csun.edu/portal). After enrolling for the course, you must email the instructor in order to complete your enrollment.

Q: I have never taken an on-line course. Do I need to be a computer expert to take on-line classes?

A: No. You don't have to be a computer expert to succeed in on-line classes. As long as you have had some experience surfing the net and have used email in the past, you should be able to handle taking your classes on-line.

Q: Do I need specific software to take on-line classes?

A: Students must have access to a browser such as Internet Explorer or Netscape in order to take classes on-line. In addition, access to Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint) and email are highly recommended.

Q: Will I be able to use CSUN's server to gain wireless access?

A: Yes. Matriculated CSUN students have access to CSUN's server at home or on campus. For assistance on how to gain wireless access, please visit <http://www.csun.edu/itr/>.

Q: In the Schedule of Classes, some on-line classes have a specific meeting time. Does that mean I will have to log in at that specific time?

A: Yes. If an on-line class has a specific meeting time, it means you must be at your computer at that specific time—the class meets in real time. Please feel free to direct your questions about the class meeting time to the assigned instructor.

Q: In the Schedule of Classes, some on-line classes have a “TBA” meeting time. When will I have to be available for the class?

A: Classes with a “TBA” meeting time do not have a required meeting time. Typically, professors for these classes give an assignment and it is due by a specific deadline.

Q: Who should I contact if I have difficulty with my on-line classes?

A: The Office of On-Line Instruction provides support for on-line classes. Their phone number is (818) 677-6558 and they are located in SH 441. The Help Desk is another office you can contact. Their phone number is (818) 677-1400.

Q: Do on-line classes cost the same as other classes?

A: There is no extra charge for taking classes on-line. You will pay the same tuition and fees as any other class offered through the regular schedule.

Q: Will I be able to complete my entire major on-line?

A: At this time, all major requirements *excluding* HUM 391 and LRS 491 are offered on-line. Please note: General Studies Option students complete their General Education (GE) requirements outside of the major. Please check the Schedule of Classes on SOLAR for GE courses offered on-line.

Q: Are General Studies Option students guaranteed a seat in on-line classes?

A: Liberal Studies students are NOT guaranteed a seat in on-line classes. You may attempt to enroll in on-line classes based on the registration date that has been assigned to you by Admissions & Records.

Q: Do I earn residency credit if I take my classes at CSUN on-line?

A: Students who complete on-line classes as a matriculated student at CSUN will earn residency credit toward graduation. ONLY 24.0 units completed through the College of Extended Learning can be counted toward residency.

Q: If I take on-line classes will I be able to attend classes on campus as well?

A. Yes. Matriculated students may take their classes on campus or on-line at CSUN.

Q. Will I be able to enroll in General Education and/or elective units on-line?

A. Yes. You may take General Education and/or elective units on-line in addition to the major courses listed on this handout.