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Online Learning Opportunities

One of Broward College's goals is to provide access to classes when a student wants and needs them. Online and blended courses are some of the many ways BC makes education accessible and promotes a successful learning environment.

BC's online and blended courses and degree programs are designed for motivated, self-disciplined students whose schedules do not permit them to attend regularly scheduled meetings on campus, for students who prefer to study independently, or for students who prefer a blend of online and on-campus learning.

Cutting edge online courses have the same start and end dates as on-campus classes, but students can log in anytime, anywhere to read content, take part in class discussions, upload assignments, email the professor, and take quizzes. Online courses have few, if any, on-campus requirements. Blended courses combine on-campus with online learning, reducing, but not replacing on-campus attendance requirements.

Fully Online Degrees

Several A.A. and A.S. degree programs can be taken entirely online. A number of certificate programs are also available in a fully online format. For a complete list of available degrees and certificates, see the [Broward College Online](http://www.broward.edu/online) website.

Online Courses

Online courses are a great way for students to complete degree requirements while juggling work and/or family responsibilities. However, online learning requires self-discipline and well-developed study skills. Some online courses may require limited on-campus meetings for orientations, labs, and proctored tests. On-campus meeting requirements (if any) are listed in the course schedule, Course Preview Page and in the course syllabus.

All online courses are college credit equivalents to courses taken in a classroom. Online courses can be used to meet A.A. degree requirements, as well as requirements in a number of A.S. and technical certificate programs. The cost of tuition is the same as for on-campus courses; however, students enrolled in online courses are assessed a distance learning fee.

Blended Courses and Programs

Blended courses combine traditional on campus learning with online learning. Blended learning classes replace some of the time that would normally be spent in a classroom with online learning activities. Blended courses are a good choice for students who enjoy both online and on-campus learning but cannot spend as much time on campus as would be required for a traditional course. Some blended courses are offered in an accelerated format that permits students to complete courses in a shortened time frame.

Blended programs either consist of some online courses and some on campus courses, or offer all the courses in the program in a blended format. For a complete list of available degrees and certificates, see the [Broward College Online](http://www.broward.edu/online) website.

Getting Ready for Class

You can log in to your online or blended class on the first day of the term. If you are receiving financial aid to pay for this course, simply logging onto the course is not enough, you must engage in the course with the faculty and complete assignments at minimum before any aid will be disbursed or refunded to you. For online classes you should read the Course Preview Page for the course(s) for which you registered. Preview Pages include important documentation that you need to know before the class actually begins such as information about required textbooks and supplies, mandatory on-campus meetings or exams (if there are any), and information about the class orientation.

For more information about BC's online learning program visit the website at <http://www.broward.edu/online> or email BConline@broward.edu.