

Section Instruction Type
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The type of instruction or the method by which organized instruction is conducted, reflecting educational technology and the use of the facilities, materials, and equipment.

- L = *Lecture* – A course where the primary delivery of instruction is by the instructor’s in-classroom in-person presentation of academic subject matter.
- D = *Discussion* – Those sections associated with a lecture course that are used to facilitate consideration of a question or topic in open and informal debate.
- R = *Recitation* – A course requiring a public exhibition of acquired skills or knowledge.
- B = *Laboratory* – That part of a course set aside for experimental hands-on observation or practice in a field of study (does not include “virtual labs” delivered electronically).
- S = *Seminar* – A course for students studying under the direction of an instructor for the purpose of presenting and exchanging scholarly ideas or research findings.
- A = *Activity* – A course or educational procedure designed to stimulate learning via first-hand experience (e.g., reading and conference, athletics, tutorial).

Distance and Electronic Delivery

- C = *Correspondence* – A course covering a designated unit of instruction conducted primarily via correspondence using a public, private mail or e-mail service.
- T = *Video-based Distance Learning Courses* – Courses that are at least 51% delivered by some form of video-based technology including interactive video networks, satellite networks, cable television, Instructional Television Fixed Services (ITFS), telecourses and/or videotape to both on- and off-campus students.
- U = *Computer-based Distance Learning Courses* – Courses that are at least 51% delivered by computer-based networks including the Internet, CD-ROMS and/or LAN/WAN computer networks to both on- and off-campus students.

Individualized Instruction

- I = *Independent or Special Study* – A course of organized instruction or research determined solely by a student and his/her instructor.
- N = *Individual Research* – A course designed for 1) the discovery or creation of new knowledge, art, or scholarly work; and 2) the revision of accepted theories or practical application in a particular subject area (e.g., thesis, dissertations, projects and studios).
- P = *OUS-Approved Internship* – A course designed for the practical application of academic knowledge and skills that provides occupational exposure to a discipline or profession within a supervised work setting. Approved internships must identify the skill set or outcomes that participants are expected to attain and meet minimum criteria established by OUS. Examples of internship experiences include student teaching, clinical internships, community service learning, and capstones.
- E = *Other Experiential/Cooperative Education* – A course providing supervised training, practical applications, or exposure to a discipline or profession (e.g., internship, externship, practica) other than those approved by OUS.