

Course Formats at Helena College

At HC, all courses are offered in seven different delivery methods: Online (**O**), Hyflex (**H**), Blended (**B**), Face to Face (**#**), Virtual (**V**), Virtual Blended (**VB**) and Virtual Face-to-Face (**VF**). HC provides course options to support our students, open access, and remove barriers students face related to time and place.

Each course delivery method (also called modality) has a section letter or number on the course schedule so that students know their options related to *where to* and *when to* attend class.

Modality Name	Section
Online	O
Hyflex	H
Blended	B
Face-to-Face	#
Virtual	V
Virtual Blended	VB
Virtual Face-to-Face	VF

How does each course delivery method (modality) work?

Each of the following sections describes what each delivery method (modality) means for place and for time. Read about all of them before you start reviewing the schedule or jump to the one you have questions about.

**Synchronous* means everyone is doing something together at the same time.

***Asynchronous* means that everyone is working at different times.

(no letter, just a number) = Face-to-Face

This course section designed for in-person, on-campus attendance.

What does F2F mean for place?

Do I need to be on campus for course sessions?

Yes, you need to be on campus to attend scheduled course sessions.

What does F2F mean for time?

Do I need to attend class sessions at a specific time?

Yes, you will be expected to attend scheduled course sessions in accordance with the course attendance policy.

O = Online

Online = 100% of the course section is offered completely online and delivered asynchronously**.

What does Online mean for place?

Do I need to be on campus for course sessions?

No. Online classes have no scheduled on campus meeting times.

What does Online mean for time?

Do I need to attend class sessions at a specific time?

No. While there are no regularly scheduled class sessions, your instructor might arrange video conferences with students during the semester.

V = Virtual

Virtual = Course section designed for synchronous* interactive video conferences.

What does Virtual mean for place?

Do I need to be on campus for the scheduled course sessions?

No, while you will need to be available at the scheduled times, you can attend virtually via Teams.

What does Virtual mean for time?

Do I need to attend class sessions at a specific time?

Yes, while you can attend the class via Teams, you will be expected to attend scheduled course sessions in accordance with the course attendance policy.

B = Blended

Blended = Course section designed to be delivered partially online in an asynchronous** format and partially through face-to-face synchronous* interaction. Both online and F2F interactions are required for the course.

What does Blended mean for place?

Do I need to be on campus for course sessions?

Yes, part of the course is held in a classroom at a particular time. Not all course credits are associated with a scheduled class time. The syllabus will explain how the course credits are split between scheduled class sessions and online asynchronous work.

What does Blended mean for time?

Do I need to attend class sessions at a specific time?

Yes, you need to attend the portion of the credits with scheduled meeting times. Not all course credits are associated with a scheduled class time. For example, a 3-credit blended class might have two 50-minute class sessions each week instead of three. The course schedule will show when the class meets.

H = Hyflex

Hyflex = Course section where students may choose to attend synchronously* (face-to-face or via Teams) or in an asynchronous** online environment.

What does Hyflex mean for place?

Do I need to be on campus for course sessions?

No, but you can choose to attend scheduled course sessions on campus or via Teams. While you don't have to come to the classroom for the scheduled class meetings, you can.

What does Hyflex mean for time?

Do I need to attend class sessions at a specific time?

No, but you can. While the course has scheduled class times, you can attend those by coming to the classroom, attending class via Teams, or completing the work asynchronously without attending the scheduled times. The course schedule will show when the class meets; however, each week you can choose to participate asynchronously instead of attending the synchronous sessions.

VB = Virtual Blended

Virtual Blended = Course section designed to be delivered partially online in an asynchronous** format and partially through face-to-face/virtual synchronous* interaction. Both online and F2F/virtual interactions are required for the course.

What does Virtual Blended mean for place?

Do I need to be on campus for course sessions?

No, but you can choose to attend on campus. While part of the course is held in a classroom at a particular time, you can attend those scheduled times via Teams as well as by coming to the classroom. Not all course credits are associated with a scheduled class time. The syllabus will explain how the course credits are split between scheduled class sessions and online asynchronous work.

What does Virtual Blended mean for time?

Do I need to attend class sessions at a specific time?

Yes, while you need to attend the portion of the credits with scheduled meeting times in accordance with the class attendance policy, you can attend those sessions in person or via Teams. Not all course credits are associated with a scheduled class time. For example, a 3-credit virtual blended class might have two 50-minute class sessions each week instead of three. The course schedule will show when the class meets.

VF = Virtual Face-to-Face

Virtual Face-to-Face = This course section designed for in-person & on-campus OR virtual attendance.

What does Virtual Face-to-Face mean for place?

Do I need to be on campus for course sessions?

No, but you can choose to attend on campus. You can attend the scheduled class sessions via Teams as well as by coming to the classroom.

What does Virtual Face-to-Face mean for time?

Do I need to attend class sessions at a specific time?

Yes, you will be expected to attend scheduled course sessions in accordance with the course attendance policy.