

Instructional Methods

FAU offers a variety of instructional methods to accommodate our students. Below is information about the instructional methods used within the College of Business. Additional information about instructional methods can be found here:

https://www.fau.edu/registrar/courses/Instru_Method.php

Traditional vs. Online Bachelor of Business Administration (OBBA) Majors

Traditional and OBBA students have the same curriculum, are taught by the same faculty, and receive identical diplomas. The only difference between the two programs is access to instructional methods as noted below. Note: Pre-business students who plan to be fully online have the same access as traditional majors until they officially declare into an OBBA program.

Declared Traditional Majors and All PBUS Students	Declared Fully Online Majors (OBBA)
Can register for any kind of instructional method , including fully online	Can only register for fully online courses
Must wait until a later date to register for some fully online business courses that are reserved for OBBA students	Can register for fully online courses as soon as registration begins

For all FAU courses, including in-person classes, course information will be posted through FAU’s online learning portal, Canvas.

In-person or Primarily Classroom: Traditional concept of in person. Mandatory attendance is at the discretion of the instructor.

In-person with Live Remote Option: Instructor will live stream the class for remote attendance at the date and time listed on the schedule. In-person attendance is optional but not required. Not open to declared fully online majors.

In-person with Recorded Lecture: Instructor will live stream the class for remote attendance at the date and time listed on the schedule. Students will have the option to attend in person on designated days. Not open to declared fully online majors.

Mostly/Mixed Online: A blended (also known as a mixed mode) course in which students may be required to attend some on-campus lectures/exams while completing the remainder of the course requirements online. Not open to declared fully online majors.

Fully Online: 100% of the course is delivered online. The instructor may post lecture slides and notes, short videos, or full recorded lectures that students are required to watch. Many online business courses are reserved for OBBA majors; non-OBBA students can register a few weeks later if space remains available. On the Searchable Schedule, click the title of the course, and then click the “Course Description” tab. You may see the following message: “Non-OBBA students register on [date].”

The following common pbus and business core courses usually have at least one fully online section that is not reserved and is available for registration as soon as registration begins: ECO2013, ECO2023, ACG2021, ACG2071, ISM2000, MAN3025, MAR3023, FIN3403, BUL4421, ECO4223, ISM3011, QMB3600, MAN3506, and MAN4720.

Mini-Term: Mini-term courses may be offered in any of the above instructional methods. In the Fall and Spring, mini term courses are eight weeks long. In the Summer, mini term courses are six weeks long.

Intersession: Intersession courses are three-week fully online courses offered in the break between semesters. The College of Business currently offers intersession only in the break between Fall and Spring, also known as “Early Spring” courses. These fully online courses are not reserved for OBBA students and do not have a delayed registration date.

Mini-term and intersession options can be found at:

<https://business.fau.edu/undergraduate/current-students/mini-term-courses/>.