COURSE DELIVERY FORMATS

SCHEDULING TIPS

Registrar's Office November 2023

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Effective for scheduling Summer and Fall 2024 classes, the definitions of the course delivery formats will change slightly as defined in the Online Teaching and Learning at USM policy established in July 2023. Additionally, per this policy, the required approvals to change the course delivery format of classes after schedule entry closes have also been updated. This document will show how to schedule classes in each of the formats as defined by this policy. An infographic with brief definitions of the course delivery formats is available on the Registrar's Office webpage at www.usm.edu/registrar. The full policy is available at tinyurl.com/akk5jkcn.

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From the new policy:

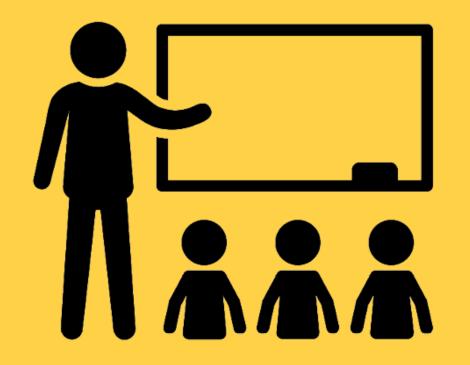
Course Modalities

Courses at The University of Southern Mississippi can be delivered in one of seven formats:

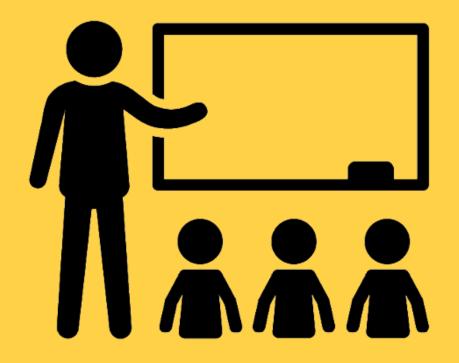
- a. face-to-face;
- b. synchronous online ("Chat");-
- c. asynchronous online ("Online");
- d. hybrid face-to-face/synchronous online ("Hybrid Synchronous");
- e. hybrid face-to-face/asynchronous online ("Hybrid Asynchronous");
- f. blended synchronous/asynchronous online ("Blended Online");
- g. executive format (as part of a program configured in this format).

Each of these formats carries different expectations for online and in-person meetings (if any), but the level of work and learning is the same, regardless of format. All classes must also adhere to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) stipulations, including maintaining the privacy of student grades and comments on student work.

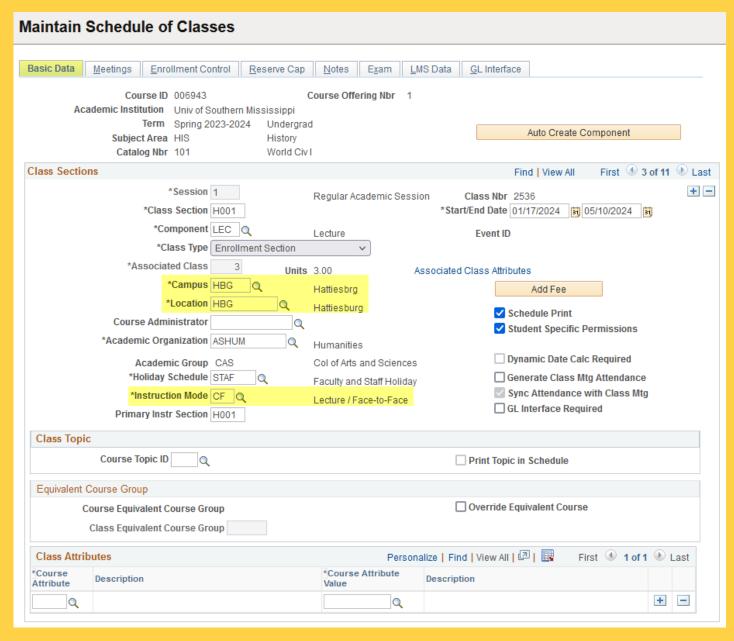
Course modalities must be identified at the time courses are scheduled. If a class is hybrid or blended online, the meeting patterns must be clearly indicated in SOAR, and details of the meeting days/times must be specified in the Notes section in SOAR (e.g., the class meets on Tuesday but is asynchronous online on Thursdays). Once set in SOAR, course modalities are generally not changed; any changes require written approval through the Dean's and Provost's office.



Courses offered in "face-to-face" format require students to be physically co-present with the instructor of record for the duration of the term, fulfilling contact minute guidelines.



- Meets 100% of the contact minute guidelines in the classroom
- Campus & Location will always be a physical teaching site
- Possible campus/location options:
 - HBG/HBG
 - USMGC/GULF PARK
 - USMGC/GCRL
 - USMGC/MRC
 - USMGC/STENNIS
- Instruction Mode will always end with an F
 (ex. CF for lectures, LF for labs, TF for thesis, DF
 for dissertation, etc.)
- Meeting patterns and times should be standard meeting patterns/times
- Will be assigned to a classroom in Ad Astra

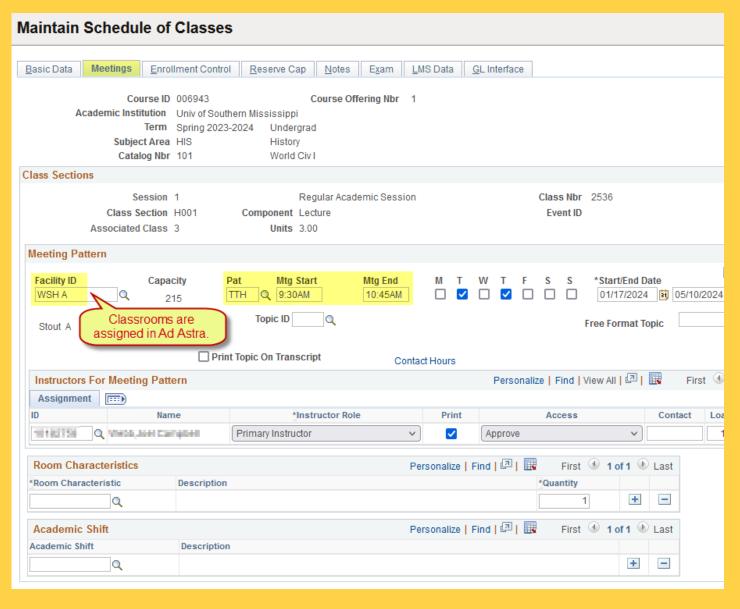


Example class – HIS 101 **Basic Data** tab:

• Campus: HBG

• Location: HBG

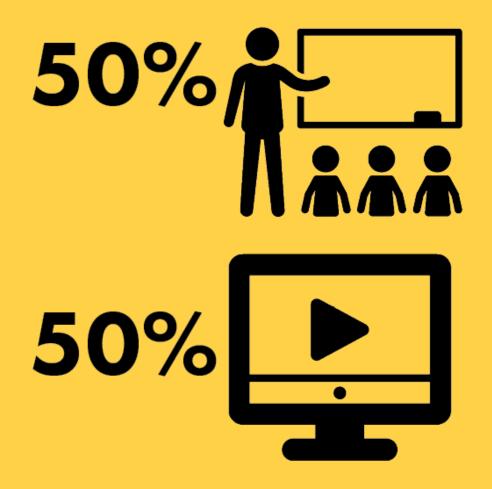
Instruction Mode: CF



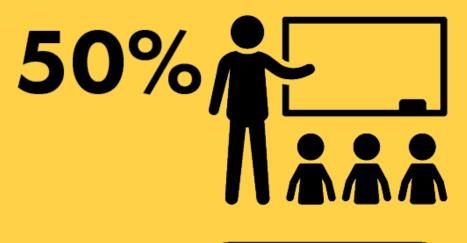
Example class – HIS 101

Meetings tab:

- Meeting Pattern & Times:
 TTH 9:30AM 10:45AM
- Facility ID: WSH A
 (assigned in Ad Astra)

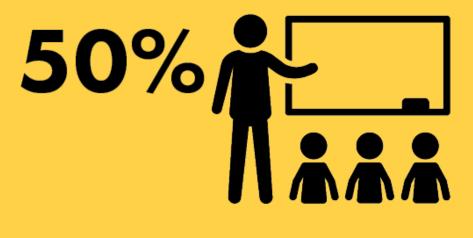


Combines face-to-face sessions with online work without any required virtual meetings. These courses meet in person at a teaching site for a minimum of 50% of the required contact minutes, and the remaining course delivery is online and asynchronous.



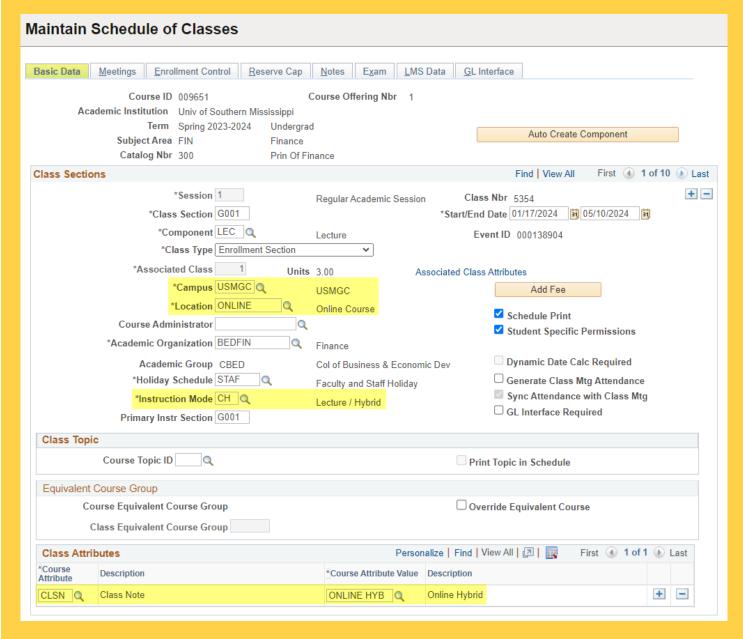


- Meets <u>at least 50%</u> of the contact minute guidelines in the classroom
- Campus will be the physical location where the class meets in person, either HBG or USMGC
- Location will be ONLINE
- Instruction Mode will always end with an H
 (ex. CH for lectures, LH for labs, TH for thesis, DH
 for dissertation, etc.)
- Will have Online Hybrid attribute: CLSN, ONLINE HYB





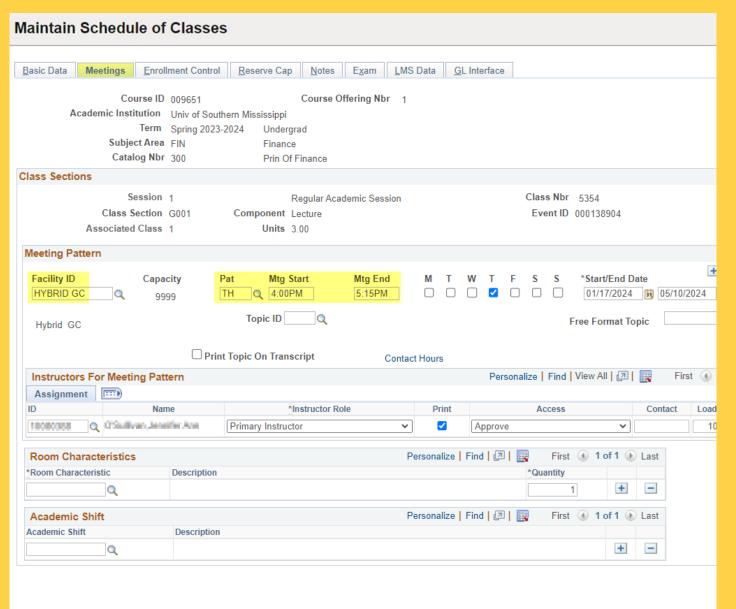
- Meeting patterns and times for the in-person portion should be a standard meeting pattern/time
- Facility ID will be HYBRID HBG or HYBRID GC
- The classroom for the in-person meeting will be scheduled in Ad Astra as an event
- Classroom should be added in the Notes section in Maintain Schedule of Classes when the event is created in Ad Astra to reserve the room



Example class – FIN 300 **Basic Data** tab:

- Campus: USMGC
- Location: ONLINE
- Instruction Mode: CH
- Class Attribute: CLSN,

ONLINE HYB



Example class – FIN 300 Meetings tab:

Meeting Pattern & Times:

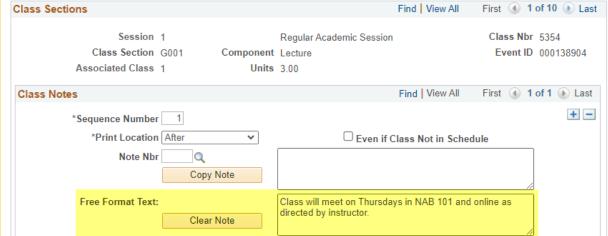
TH 4:00PM - 5:15PM

• Facility ID: HYBRID GC

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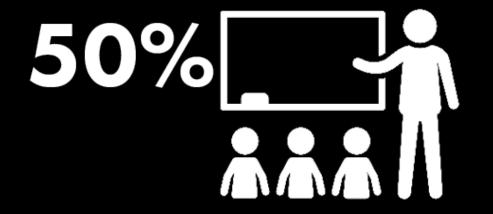
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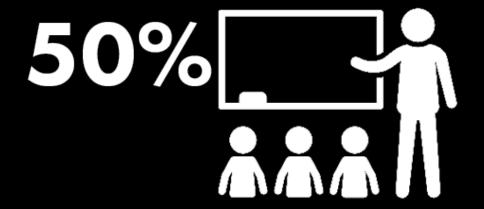
Example class – FIN 300 **Notes** tab:

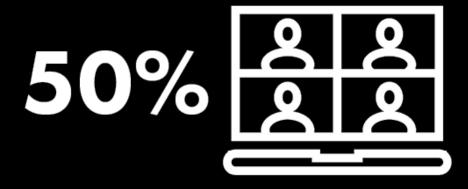
 Free Format Text: Class will meet on Thursdays in NAB 101 and online as directed by instructor. (Please be consistent and use this wording format in the notes.)



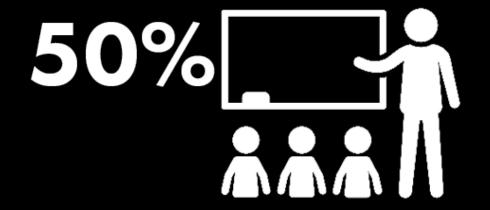
50%

These courses meet in person at a teaching site for a minimum of 50% of the required contact minutes, and the remaining course delivery in online during scheduled chat times.



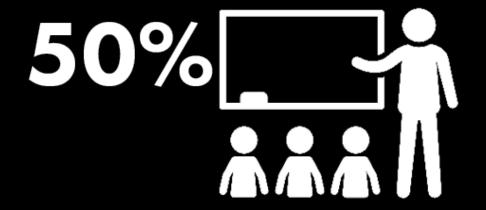


- Meets <u>at least 50%</u> of the contact minute guidelines in the classroom
- Meets online in a scheduled chat format for the remaining time per week
- Examples include:
 - One day per week for 1 hour, 15 minutes in person & one day per week for 1 hour, 15 minutes in online chat
 - Two days per week for 1 hour each in person
 & one day per week for 1 hour in online chat



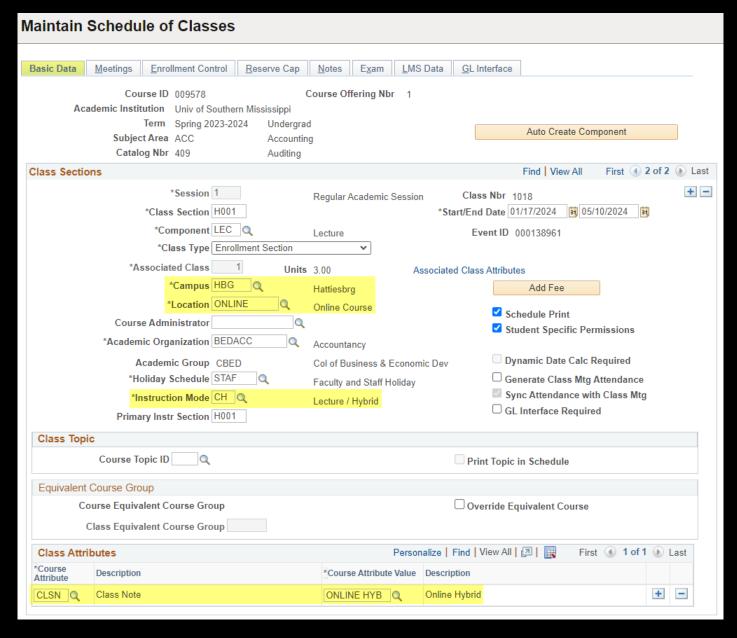


- Campus will be the physical location where the class meets in person, either HBG or USMGC
- Location will be ONLINE
- Instruction Mode will always end with an H
 (ex. CH for lectures, LH for labs, TH for thesis, DH
 for dissertation, etc.)
- Will have Online Hybrid attribute: CLSN, ONLINE HYB



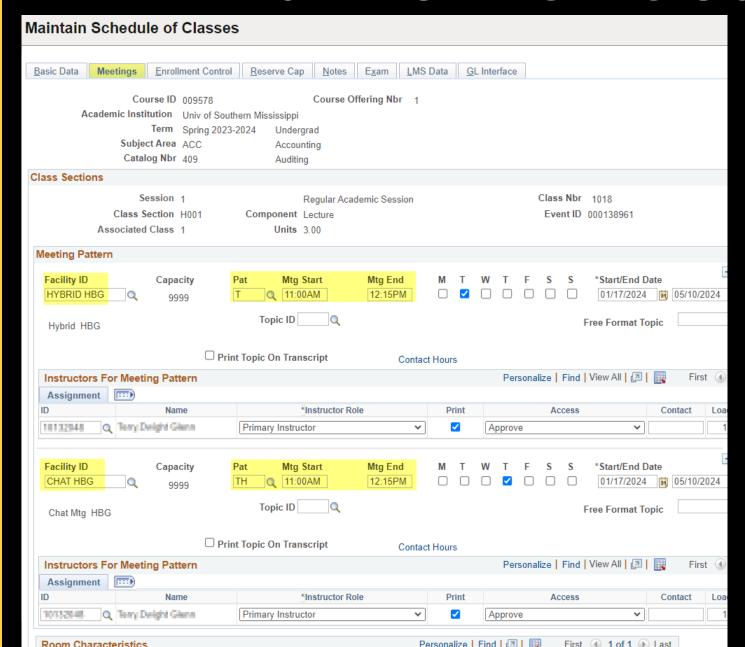


- Will have separate meeting patterns for the inperson meeting and the online meeting
- Meeting patterns and times for both the inperson and online meetings should be standard meeting patterns/times
- Facility ID will be HYBRID HBG or HYBRID GC for the in-person meeting and CHAT HBG or CHAT GC for the online meeting
- The classroom for the in-person meeting will be scheduled in Ad Astra as an event
- Classroom should be added in the Notes section in Maintain Schedule of Classes when the event is created in Ad Astra to reserve the room



Example class – ACC 409 Basic Data tab:

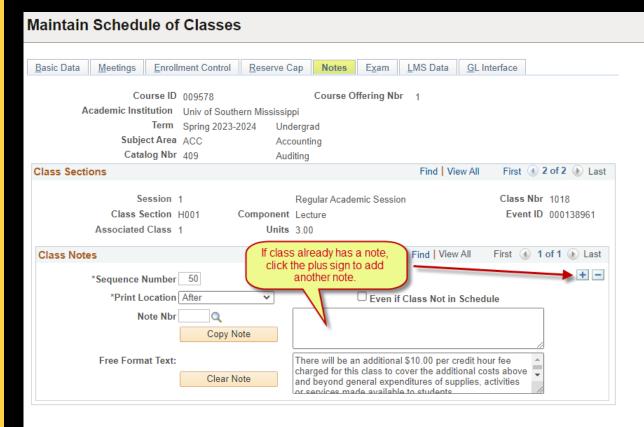
- Campus: HBG
- Location: ONLINE
- Instruction Mode: CH
- Class Attribute: CLSN, ONLINE HYB



Example class – ACC 409

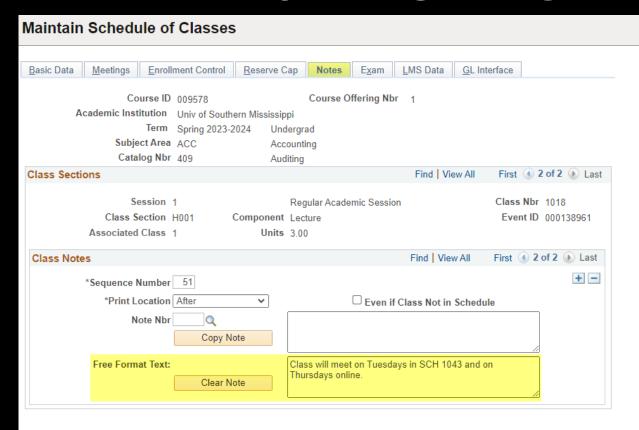
Meetings tab:

- In-Person Meeting:
 - Meeting Pattern &
 Times: T 11:00AM –
 12:15PM
 - Facility ID: HYBRID HBG
- Online Meeting:
 - Meeting Pattern & Times: TH 11:00AM 12:15PM
 - Facility ID: CHAT HBG



Example class – ACC 409 Notes tab:

• Free Format Text: Class will meet on Tuesdays in SCH 1043 and on Thursdays online. (Please be consistent and use this wording format in the notes.)



Example class – ACC 409 Notes tab:

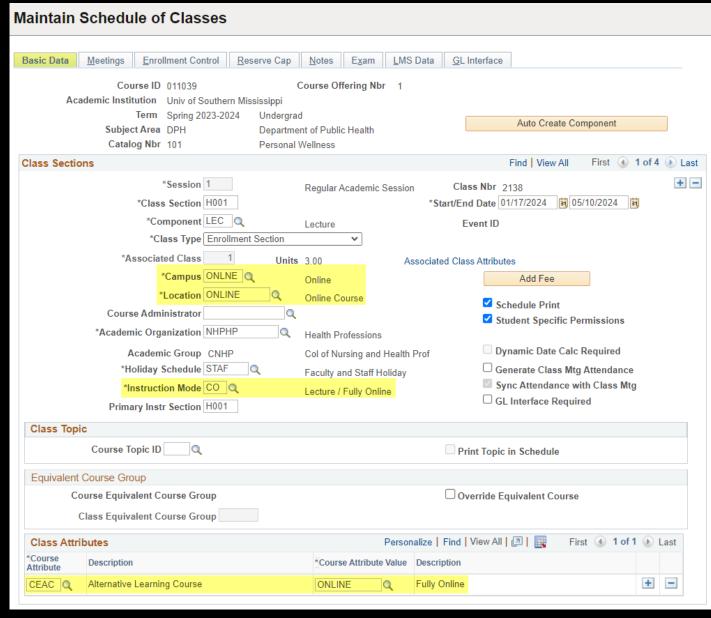
• Free Format Text: Class will meet on Tuesdays in SCH 1043 and on Thursdays online. (Please be consistent and use this wording format in the notes.)



Online asynchronous courses do not require students to come to a physical campus at any point, and students are also not required to log in at any set time.



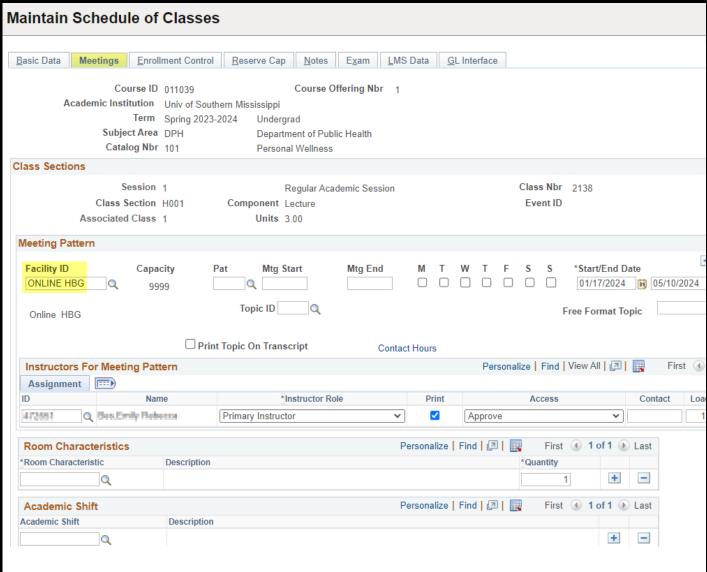
- Meets 100% of the contact minutes guidelines online
- Section number will be based on the primary location of the instructor. For example, if Jane Doe is hired as Hattiesburg faculty, the section number will begin with an H.
- Campus will be ONLNE
- Location will be ONLINE
- Instruction Mode will always end with a O
 (ex. CO for lectures, LO for labs, TO for thesis,
 DO for dissertation, etc.)
- Will have Fully Online attribute: CEAC, ONLINE
- Will not have any meeting patterns/times
- Facility ID will be ONLINE HBG or ONLINE GC



Example class — DPH 101

Basic Data tab:

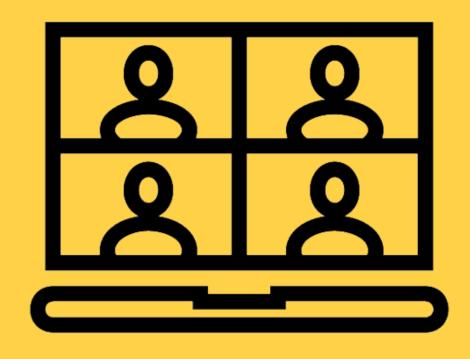
- Campus: ONLNE
- Location: ONLINE
- Instruction Mode: CO
- Class Attribute: CEAC, ONLINE



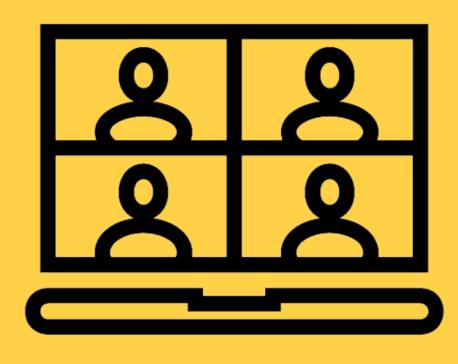
Example class – DPH 101

Meetings tab:

• Facility ID: ONLINE HBG



Students log in and participate during a set, scheduled time noted on their class schedule. All contact minutes are fulfilled through virtual class meetings. Students in Chat courses are never required to physically come to a teaching site.

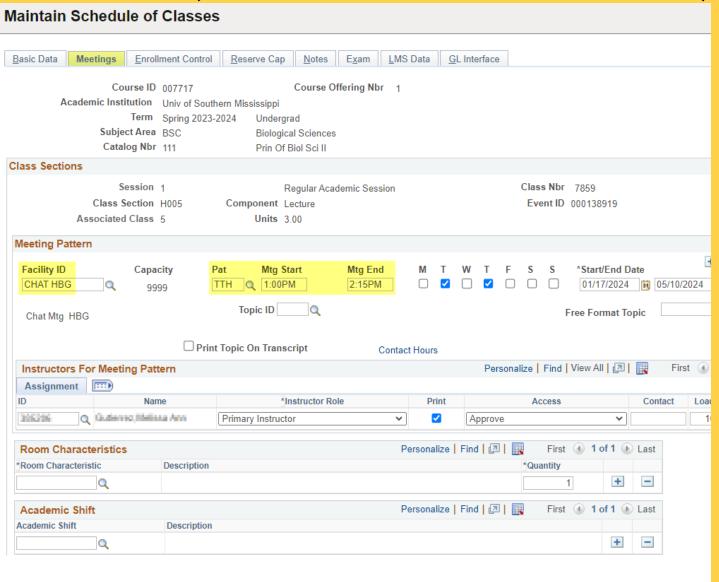


- Meets 100% of the contact minute guidelines in the in scheduled online class meetings
- Section number will be based on the primary location of the instructor. For example, if John Smith is hired as Gulf Park faculty, the section number will begin with a G.
- Campus will be ONLNE
- Location will be ONLINE
- Instruction Mode will always end with a N
 (ex. CN for lectures, LN for labs, TN for thesis,
 DN for dissertation, etc.)
- Will have Fully Online attribute: CEAC, ONLINE
- Meeting patterns for the online meetings should be standard meeting patterns/times
- Facility ID will be CHAT HBG or CHAT GC

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Example class — BSC 111 Basic Data tab:

- Campus: ONLNE
- Location: ONLINE
- Instruction Mode: CN
- Class Attribute: CEAC,
 - **ONLINE**



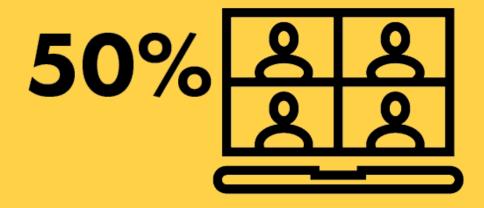
Example class — BSC 111

Meetings tab:

Meeting Pattern & Times:

TTH 1:00PM - 2:15PM

Facility ID: CHAT HBG



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Requires students to meet online in synchronous, scheduled sessions for a minimum of 50% of the required contact minutes. The remainder of course delivery is also online, but asynchronous. Students are never required to come to a physical USM location





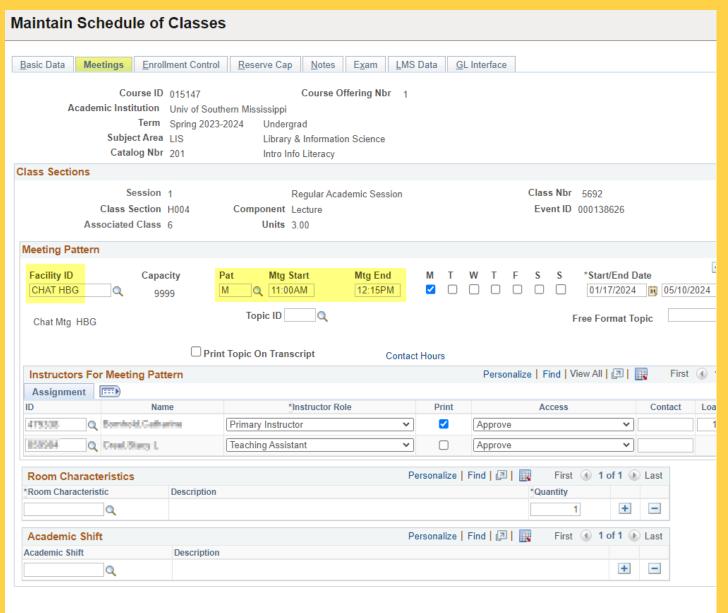
- Meets <u>at least 50%</u> of the contact minute guidelines in scheduled online class meetings
- Section number will be based on the primary location of the instructor. For example, if Mary Jane Jones is hired as Hattiesburg faculty, the section number will begin with a H.
- Campus will be ONLNE
- Location will be ONLINE
- Instruction Mode will always end with a N
 (ex. CN for lectures, LN for labs, TN for thesis,
 DN for dissertation, etc.)
- Will have Fully Online attribute: CEAC, ONLINE
- Meeting patterns for the online meetings should be standard meeting patterns/times
- Facility ID will be CHAT HBG or CHAT GC

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Example class – LIS 201 **Basic Data** tab:

- Campus: ONLNE
- Location: ONLINE
- Instruction Mode: CN
- Class Attribute: CEAC,

ONLINE



Example class – LIS 201 Meetings tab:

Meeting Pattern & Times:

M 11:00AM - 12:15PM

Facility ID: CHAT HBG

EXECUTIVE FORMAT



Condensed course delivery for nontraditional/professional learners. Typically includes a combination of online content delivery (asynchronous or synchronous) and weekend or other "intensive" inperson content. May be entirely online or entirely face-to-face. This format is for programs, not individual courses.