

New River Community and Technical College

Instructional Modalities Explained

This is an explanation of the **Instructional Modalities** used at New River and describes how course information is delivered to students. **Instructional Modalities** appear in a column labeled **IM** on course schedules. **Remote learning** opportunities at New River primarily consist of courses available by web browser with Brightspace (**WEB**) and by Zoom videoconferencing (**ZOOM**). Remote learning can be **fully remote** or **blended** —which means there are some required on-site interactions. All available Instructional Modalities are described below.

Fully remote learning is a form of distance education in which all instruction and assessment are carried out remotely—no on-site meetings are required.

WEB (Brightspace) — All course information (**100%**) is delivered remotely using **Brightspace**. There is typically no requirement for scheduled class meetings, but students must have access to a computer and Internet to participate.

ZOOM (Zoom) — Course information (**100%**) is delivered using **Zoom** and **Brightspace**. Students connect from a location of their choice and must have access to a computer with webcam and Internet to participate. Scheduled **Zoom** class meetings are required for students to participate, while **Brightspace** is used to deliver some course content.

Blended learning (also called hybrid learning) allows students to receive portions of instruction remotely, but some on-site meetings are required. Blended learning combines the best of both worlds by including some remote and some on-site learning opportunities. Even fully traditional (on-site) courses now use Brightspace to share the syllabus and possibly some course content.

TRAD (Traditional Face-to-Face) — More than **75%** of the course information is delivered **on-site** in a scheduled classroom but **up to 25%** of the course information may be delivered **remotely** (using Brightspace or Zoom).

ETRAD (Enhanced Traditional) — Between **50-74%** of the course information is delivered **on-site** in a scheduled classroom, but a **significant portion** of the course information may be delivered **remotely** (**26-50%**).

WTRAD (Web Traditional) — Between **26-49%** of the course information is delivered **on-site** in a scheduled classroom but the **majority** is delivered **remotely** (**51-74%**).

WEBP (Web Proctored) — Less than **24%** of the instruction and/or proctoring is delivered **on-site** in a scheduled classroom, but the **majority** is delivered **remotely** (**76-99%**).

IVN (Interactive Video) — More than **75%** of the course information is delivered **on-site** from an IVN classroom (using Zoom) where the instructor is located to remote IVN classrooms at other New River campuses (at a scheduled time) and students must travel to one of the designated classrooms to receive the video-based instruction, but **up to 25%** of the course information may be delivered **remotely**.

IVNE (Interactive Video Enhanced) — Between **50-74%** of the course information is delivered **on-site** from an IVN classroom (using Zoom) (where the instructor is located) to remote IVN classrooms at other New River campuses (where students are located) in real time and students must travel to one of the designated classrooms to receive the video-based portions of the instruction, but **26-50%** of the course information is delivered **remotely**.

IVNH (Interactive Video Hybrid) — Between **25-49%** of the course information is delivered **on-site** from an IVN classroom (where the instructor is located) to remote IVN classrooms at other New River campuses (where students are located) to receive the video-based instruction, but the **majority** (**50-74%**) of the course information is delivered **remotely**.

IVNW (Interactive Video Web) — Less than **25%** of the course information is delivered **on-site** from an IVN classroom to remote IVN classrooms in real time, but **75-99%** of the course information is delivered **remotely**.

HYFLX (Hybrid-Flexible) — Course content is delivered via multiple modalities at the same time and students must communicate with Instructors to share their preferences regarding participation by the modalities available so that the course can be all TRAD or all remote (using WEB or ZOOM).