

Riverside Community College District Workforce Preparation

Open Campus

Course Attendance/Class and Study Time

Riverside Community College District offers the Open Campus to distribute Distance Education programs, such as, online, hybrid, and web-enhanced courses. The goal of the Distance Education programs is to make learning available anytime, anywhere for students who find it difficult to meet on campus at scheduled class times. **Open Campus courses are academically equivalent to on-campus courses and fulfill RCCD General Education, elective, and/or major requirements, with many classes transferable to four-year institutions.**

*****Open Campus Class Type*****

Online courses are taken exclusively over the Internet with no on-campus meetings required.

Hybrid courses meet both on-campus and online; like traditional face-to-face courses except 50% of the on-campus class meetings are replaced with online assignments.

Web-Enhanced courses are traditional face-to-face classes that include course websites, online books and/or use of blackboard for assignment submissions. Unlike hybrid courses, all web-enhanced class meetings take place on-campus.

The Open Campus (online) courses deliver lectures on-line and are equivalent to the traditional on-campus courses requiring the same number of hours in attendance, home work and study time per week.

Class Time for On-Campus and Open Campus 3 unit Courses:

Fall & Spring Semester-----3 hours per week
Short-term courses (8 weeks) -----6 hours per week
Summer term (6 weeks)-----8.5 hours per week
Summer term (8 weeks)-----7 hours per week
Winter term (6 weeks)-----8.5 hours per week

Course units vary. To determine the Open Campus class time for courses that are not 3 units, use the hours provided in the Schedule of Classes for an on-campus class with the same number of units.

Study Time

The number of hours given for unsupervised study time (one hour per week for each hour of class time) is the same for both traditional and Open Campus courses. See above for number of hours in class. For supervised study time, Riverside Community College District recommends students have 2 to 3 hours per week of study time for every unit of class time.