

ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS QUALITY COMMITMENT



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Center for Online and
Continuing Education

All new **(post Jan. 1, 2021)**

FAU programs intending to be offered as fully online are required to submit an Intent Form for Provost Office acknowledgement.



WHAT IS AN ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM?

- All courses are offered 100 percent online.
- No on-campus requirement for students.



WHAT IS AN ONLINE COURSE? (AS PER THE FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS)

- 100 percent of the direct instruction of the course is delivered using a form of technology when the student and instructor are separated by time, space, or both.
- All special course components (exams, internship practices, clinicals, labs, etc.) that cannot be completed online can be completed off-campus.
- In some cases, exam proctoring may be required at an approved testing center proximal to the student's location.



ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A FULLY ONLINE COURSE

- Asynchronous format, but may require select online synchronous attendance where appropriate.
- Hosted in FAU's LMS, Canvas.
- Regular and substantive interaction between students and faculty (in accordance with US Department of Education Policy).
- No on campus commitment.



COMMITMENT TO AN ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

Sustained Offering: Commitment for sustained offering of the program in a fully online format with no on-campus requirements for degree completion.

Course Development: Commitment to the sequence and frequency of fully online courses that will be developed with COCE to state high quality standards.

Program Completion: Commitment to offer all fully online courses necessary for program completion in an appropriate sequence and frequency for students to graduate within a 2-year, 4-year, or program appropriate timeframe.



In the event the online modality is inactivated, a teach out plan will be submitted for approval through the Office of the Provost and Faculty Senate. Online degree programs and online courses are subject to the policies of Florida Atlantic University and the Florida Board of Governors 2025 SUS Strategic Plan for Online Education [pages 9-16].