



Non-Traditional / Non-Standard Learning

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What is Non-Traditional / Non-Standard Learning?

“Learning through different methods, not necessarily in a routine day-time classroom setting.”

Who does this assist?

- Working adults.
- Military, veterans, & dependents.
- First generation students.
- Students with disabilities.
- Faculty and staff.
- The educational institution.

How does this differ from Standard / Traditional Learning?

- NU’s 4-week quarter terms vs traditional learning terms.
- Welcoming range of age groups.
- Tailored to an independent style of learning.

What are the advantages of this style of learning?

- Commute time.
- Living situations.
- Working by day & learning by night.
- Flexibility (4-Weeks).
- Housing allowance and preserving veteran educational benefits.

What challenges do we face?

- SCO to student ratio 1:200.
- TA / VA (End of FY Military).
- Shorter processing times.
- Yellow ribbon program.
- Switching entitlement benefits during enrollment.
- Changing of student location affecting MHA payments.

**What pros or cons have you seen at your
Non-Traditional education institution?**

Attendance

- Attending the 1-mandatory meeting from out-of-state.
- Scheduling a make-up session via student to professor communications.
- Paying online housing allowance rate if unable to attend the mandatory on-site meeting.

Reporting Non-standard terms & Vacation Periods

- Graduate students with classes over 4-weeks (TT/FT).
- Classes with overlapping periods but different beginning and end dates.
- Christmas breaks.

Reporting Drops

- More frequent changes with 4-week terms.
- Student -> Advisor -> School Certifying Official notification delay.
- Running drop report weekly to capture dropped classes throughout the weekend.

What type of learning does our Non-Traditional education path provide?

Online / Distant Learning

“When a course is taken solely online (through distance learning) ...”

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- Ability to attend class anywhere with internet connectivity.
- Highest amount of flexibility with work, school life balance.
- Increased course variety.

Hybrid Learning

“Hybrid training must have at least one session that meets the definition of a standard class session (i.e. : one 50-minute class) but does not have to meet weekly.”

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- Best experience as both in-person and online learning environment.
- Working at your own pace.
- On-Site Housing Allowance Payments.

Concurrent Enrollment

“If the student is enrolled at the primary school and the secondary school at the same time (concurrent enrollment), VA will pay for the combined credit, taking overlapping enrollment dates into account.”

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- Saving time with faster graduation rates.
- Improves skills with time management.
- Larger networking opportunities amongst peers.

Does your learning institution have any experience with subscription-based learning?

Questions?

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