Hybrid Courses
The New Wave at NOVA

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a hybrid course?

A hybrid course blends traditional in-class teaching and online learning. Depending on the subject, the amount of Web-based instruction ranges from 30-70 percent, with the remainder taking place in a traditional classroom setting.

What technology will I need?

A reliable Internet connection is necessary. If you do not have your own computer, you can use campus computers.

What software is used?

Most hybrid courses use a program called Blackboard. You can log on to get your Blackboard account at http://tac.nvcc.edu/blackboard/

How much time will a hybrid course take?

Hybrid courses are not condensed courses. The online portion of a hybrid course requires the same number of contact hours as the face-to-face class time that it is replacing.

How can I succeed in a hybrid course?

- You should be comfortable using computers and the Internet
- You need excellent time management skills and self-motivation
- You need to keep up with class reading
- You need to stay current with the class calendar
- You need to read assignments and follow directions carefully

What if I want to take a hybrid course but I can't come to campus?

NOVA'S Extended Learning Institute offers virtual hybrids that combine online class sessions with independent assignments. For more distance learning course options, see the ELI section of this schedule or go to the ELI Web site at http://eli.nvcc.edu

Note: Hybrid courses are identified in the class note listed below the specific course section. If you need additional information, contact the division using the information provided.