

## What is Learning Modality?

Learning modality is the academic way of describing how (delivery mode) and when (convening method) your class will meet.

**Delivery Mode** – Describes how your professor will teach and how content will be delivered.

- Delivery mode is organized into three categories:
  1. **Face-to-Face:** In-person only – nothing online
  2. **Online:** No in-person meetings
  3. **Hybrid:** Mix of in-person and virtual through Zoom

**Convening Method** – Describes whether your entire class will meet at the same time.

- Convening is organized into three categories:
  1. **Synchronous:** Your entire class and professor regularly meets together at a scheduled date and time
  2. **Asynchronous:** You don't have a scheduled date and time to regularly meet as entire class
  3. **Blended:** A mix of synchronous and asynchronous meeting dates/times

**tdr:** Mode tells you if your course will be held on campus or online. Convening only matters if your course is all/part online – describes if the class will meet all together or if you'll work at your own pace.

LEARNING MODALITY Description	DELIVERY MODE How will the class meet?	CONVENING METHOD When will the class meet?
<b>Face-to-Face</b> All instruction occurs in a designated campus location (classroom) during regularly scheduled predetermined days and times (synchronous) for which instructor and students are physically present throughout; will require detailed health and safety protocols for engagement among faculty and students.	<b>In-Person Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your class will physically meet in a classroom on campus. In-person only. Nothing online.</li> </ul>	<b>Synchronous</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You'll physically be in a classroom with your professor and classmates during pre-determined date and times. This modality resembles a traditional class and requires you to be in the classroom.</li> </ul>
<b>Hybrid</b> Student learning occurs primarily online, asynchronously, but with pre-scheduled synchronous in-person convenings of the class (in whole or in part) held in a campus location. All in-person meetings will be subject to detailed health and safety protocols.	<b>Mix of In-Person and Online</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most of your course is online.</li> <li>• Occasionally, you'll meet in-person as an entire class.</li> </ul>	<b>Online</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When coursework is online, you don't need to meet as an entire class (asynchronous). This hybrid modality is described as online, asynchronous.</li> </ul> <b>In-Person</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you are scheduled to meet in-person, you'll physically be in a classroom with your professor and classmates at the same time. (synchronous). This hybrid modality is described as face-to-face, synchronous.</li> </ul>
<b>Online, Asynchronous</b> Student learning occurs exclusively online, asynchronously; no convenings of the entire class; student engagement with the faculty member occurs as requested via a digital platform. There will be no prescheduled meeting times either online or in-person.	<b>Online Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No in-person meetings. All of your coursework is online.</li> <li>• You do not need to physically be on campus to complete this course.</li> </ul>	<b>Asynchronous Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No scheduled day or time to regularly meet as a class with your professor and classmates. You will most likely work independently.</li> </ul>
<b>Online, Blended</b> Student learning occurs primarily online, asynchronously, but with prescheduled synchronous in-virtual convenings of the entire class (i.e., Zoom).	<b>Online Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No in-person meetings. All of your coursework is online.</li> <li>• You do not need to physically be on campus to complete this course.</li> </ul>	<b>Asynchronous</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No scheduled day or time to regularly meet as a class with your professor and classmates. You will most likely work independently.</li> </ul> <b>Synchronous</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This blended modality is described as online, asynchronous.</li> <li>• You will occasionally meet online with your entire class on scheduled dates and times. These will be outlined in your syllabus.</li> <li>• This blended modality is described as online, synchronous.</li> </ul>
<b>Online, Synchronous</b> Student learning occurs exclusively online, during regularly scheduled predetermined days and times, for which instructor and students are virtually present throughout (i.e., Zoom).	<b>Online Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No in-person meetings. All of your coursework is online.</li> <li>• You do not need to physically be on campus to complete this course.</li> </ul>	<b>Synchronous Only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will regularly meet online as an entire class on scheduled dates and times.</li> </ul>

## Critical Dates

Turn on notifications in Navigate and get reminders!

### JULY

- 14 – Fall bill is available in Navigator.
- 17 – Enroll in or waive out of university sponsored health insurance plan.
- 22 – Set up fall semester monthly payment plan (if needed).
- 22 – Begin researching and applying for student loans.

### AUGUST

- 01 – Due Date: First installment of payment plan (if applicable)
- 01 – Commuter parking passes available for purchase
- 02 – Recommended Deadline to complete Entrance Loan Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- 08 – Recommended Deadline to waive or accept health insurance.

### SEPTEMBER

- 02 – First Day of Classes
- 07 – Labor Day Holiday
- 09 – Add/Drop Period Ends

## Student Services

Contact and information are in Navigate.

Just click the Resources icon.



Student Service	Find it in Navigate Resources
Career Services	Career Planning
Counseling and Health Services	Health and Wellness
Disability Services	Academic Support
Student Navigation Center	Campus Services
Frederick E. Berry Library	Campus Services
Gassett Fitness Center	Campus Services
Mary G. Walsh Writing Center	Academic Support
Parking	Transportation and Safety
Veterans' Affairs	Campus Service
Register to Vote!	Administrative

### Social Media

- **Facebook** – Salem State University
- **Twitter** – @SalemState
- **Instagram** – @SalemState



### Coronavirus Updates

Navigate: Resources > Health and Wellness > Coronavirus Preparedness



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## Download Navigate



Download the Navigate Student mobile app, it's free in the Apple Store or Google Play. Find contact information, get university updates, schedule appointments, connect with classmates, and more! If you are not able to download or need an accessible version, visit the Desktop Website. Log into your Salem State account and click on the [Navigate](#) link on the black bar at the top of the screen.

### To-Do's



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Stay informed with upcoming due dates, opportunities, events and things to do. Navigate allows you to easily set reminders directly to your personal calendar(s).

### Appointments



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Easily keep your appointments organized. New for Fall 2020, you can schedule appointments with offices, faculty, and staff directly through Navigate! Skip the call or email and save time by signing up for an appointment instead. *Note: Appointments are available based on department and office participation.*

### Study Buddies



Study Buddies

Opt-in for one or all of your classes and connect directly with classmates through Navigate. A great alternative to swapping personal phone numbers, emails, or social media information.

### Resources



Resources

Find (mostly) everything here! Get contact information, learn about services, and get directed to more information. A great place to start if you can't find something online.

### Holds



Holds

Keep updated with Holds that can prevent you from registering or getting transcripts. If you have Hold(s), Navigate will help you get them resolved.

*Note: There is a 24-hour delay between resolving a hold and your hold coming down in Navigate.*

### Class Schedule



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Get your class schedule and professor's contact information in Navigate. The days of needing to screenshot your class schedule for your lock screen are in the past.

### My Major



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Don't know what you'll do with your degree? Check out this quick, easy, and no-stakes tool to explore careers based on your interests and major!

### Accommodations and Access

#### What happens to my current accommodations?

Accommodations will continue to be administered, and the Disability Services office will continue operations.

If you need additional support or information, contact us at [disability-services@salemstate.edu](mailto:disability-services@salemstate.edu).

#### I haven't needed accommodations in the past, but I do now. What should I do?

If you haven't previously used the Disability Services office but need accommodations, you may connect with us virtually.

We can complete your intake by email, phone or Zoom conference. Find us in [Navigate: Resources > Academic Support >](#)

[Disability Services](#)

## Online Learning Tools

**CANVAS** –The online learning management system for Salem State University. Many course sections have private web spaces designed by the professor that provide online access to class materials like homework, readings, quizzes, test, videos, podcasts and other materials.



**ZOOM** – The videoconferencing system used for remote learning and online/virtual appointments. Links to instructions, video tutorials, and FAQs are available in [Navigate: Resources > Campus Services > Zoom](#).



### Commonly Used Terminology

For those new to college, it can sometimes sound like administrators use made up words. Not you though, you're a pro! But just in case you need a refresher, here are a few definitions of commonly used terms:

**Add/Drop:** The Add/Drop period is a time frame at the beginning of each academic semester when students can add or remove classes from their schedule without impact to their Official Transcript. After Add/Drop, classes can NOT be "dropped." Instead, you must complete a course withdrawal.

**Course Withdrawal:** When Add/Drop ends, you are no longer able to add or drop any classes. If you decide you want to drop a class after the Add/Drop period, you may only remove yourself from a class through a course withdrawal. Withdrawing from a class any time after Add/Drop will be reflected in your transcript (W) and may impact your academic standing.

**FAFSA:** The acronym for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA is a Federal form required to apply for any federal financial aid. The form is required to apply for some State and University financial aid.

**FERPA:** The acronym for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, FERPA is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records regardless of age or who is paying the bill. Education records include everything from your enrollment status, grades, and bills.

**FERPA Waiver:** A form used to grant permission to a parent/guardian to discuss your educational record. Get it in [Navigate: Resources > Administrative](#).

**Master Promissory Note (MPN):** The MPN is a legal document in which you promise to repay your loan(s) and any accrued interest and fees to the U.S. Department of Education, or any lender. It also explains the terms and conditions of your loan(s). Make sure you sign your MPN to make sure your financial aid is disbursed.

**Settle Your Bill:** Each semester there is a deadline to "settle your bill"—this means you have paid your balance in full OR signed up for a payment plan with Student Accounts AND/OR secured financial aid to cover your balance. This includes completing all aid-related items on your To-Do list in your Navigator account.

## Online Academic Support

[Navigate > Resources > Academic Support](#)

### Center for Academic Excellence

Visit our Canvas course for student resources and information about registering for classes, reviewing degree tracker, maintaining good academic standing, and more! [Navigate: Resources > Campus Services > Center for Academic Excellence \(CAE\)](#).

### Academic Advising

Get help with academic plans, major or minor exploration, degree tracker, course selections and other academic matters. Schedule a virtual/online appointment with us in Navigate.

### Peer Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction

Studies show that one of the most effective ways that students learn is from their peers. With that in mind, the Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) offers a free peer tutoring and supplemental instruction program for all enrolled undergraduate students. [Navigate: Resources > Academic Support > Peer Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction](#).

### Disability Services

Students registered with our office also have access to the Student Academic Meeting (SAM) program, a one-on-one academic support meeting, in addition to applicable classroom accommodations. We also offer trainings for **Read&Write**—a literacy software that is available for any SSU student to download at [salemstate.edu/viking-toolbelt](http://salemstate.edu/viking-toolbelt). [Navigate: Resources > Academic Support > Disability Services](#).

### NAVIGATE VS. NAVIGATOR



**NaviGATE** is a mobile advisor that gets you from orientation to graduation. The app helps you stay on top of important dates and deadlines, explore your major, and quickly connects you to people and resources you need.



**NavigatOR** is the student portal (website) where you conduct all your official university business. It's where you currently register for classes, pay your bills, view Degree Tracker, access transcripts, etc. Access your Navigator account at [navigator.salemstate.edu](http://navigator.salemstate.edu).

### Accommodations and Access

For accommodations and access information, visit [salemstate.edu/access](http://salemstate.edu/access) or email [access@salemstate.edu](mailto:access@salemstate.edu), or contact disability services at **978.542.6217** or **TTY 978.542.7146**.

If you have not used the Disability Services office but need accommodations, you may connect virtually. Complete your intake by email, phone or Zoom conference. [Navigate: Resources > Academic Support > Disability Services](#).