

ALC study modes

Definitions

Alternative campus [AC]: Students attend lectures at a campus other than ALC's campus in North Adelaide.

Audit [AU]: Students attend on campus lectures or workshop sessions—with prior approval of the Academic Dean—receive unit material, without proceeding with assessment tasks. No grade is given for the unit. They have the responsibility to attend classes regularly just as if they were doing the unit for credit. They are not, however, expected to complete the required assignments, nor is the lecturer expected to mark assignments that the student may choose to submit. However, students may participate in class discussion at the discretion of the lecturer. Student cannot build on the audited unit for credit at a later time in the course, but will be required to repeat the unit in its entirety.

Coursework [C] mode: students receive a [learner resource package](#) to commence engagement with the unit content. Through reading, reflection and discussion activities students work through the material and submit assessment tasks, being encouraged to maintain contact with the lecturer throughout the study period eg by email, phone or fax.

The **mixed mode [M]** consists of workshop sessions where students receive an overview of the unit content and discuss issues with the lecturer and other participants. Students then complete the unit using the [learner resource package](#) and submit assignments, able to access ongoing support through email and telephone contact with lecturer. The normal pattern is either two workshops of two days early in the study period, or one workshop of 4 days during school holiday periods in January and July. Local tutors and mentors may also be identified and students are encouraged to establish study groups and networks amongst themselves. Email discussion groups may also be established

On campus [OC]: Course units are delivered in the face to face mode on campus, normally in a classroom situation using a range of methodologies including lectures, workshops, tutorials, simulations, multi-media presentations, and other group experiences. Units also require individual reading, study and research leading to classroom presentations, group work and assignments. Excursions and other off campus activities including field experience are also appropriate in some units.

Online [OL] study mode: students work through the study material online [via [ALC Online](#)] at a steady pace. Online learning may encompass a range of technologies such as the Internet, email, forums, computer social networks, or similar where available. Additional [learner resource package](#) items are distributed for some units. Students are encouraged to discuss issues relevant to each topic and to assessment tasks.

Supervised [S]: When a unit is not on offer during any study period, students may seek permission to undertake the unit by supervised study mode. Students should consult initially with their Head of School. The unit is then arranged by negotiation with the lecturer and is authorised by the Academic Dean. In this mode, students are not involved in classroom sessions but regularly meet with/contact the lecturer, working through the unit content as outlined in the unit syllabus.