

ALC study modes

The following definitions explain terminology used in enrolment. Units can be delivered in different ways. You will need to be aware of the study mode (sometimes referred to as delivery mode or attendance mode) and what it entails when you are choosing units.

Definitions

Alternative campus (AC)

Students attend lectures at a campus other than ALC's campus in North Adelaide (e.g. ACU Brisbane).

Classroom-based (CB)

Units require on campus attendance at ALC, North Adelaide. Units are normally delivered 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 activities and resources may also support and complement face-to-face delivery. CB units are offered during semester one and semester two.

Intensive/Workshop (IW)

Students attend full-day workshop sessions which introduce and support the learning objectives of the unit by engaging students in appropriate learning tasks. Students then complete the unit in the online environment. For scheduled workshops refer to the higher education workshop calendar at [Calendars and timetables](#).

Online (OL)

Students engage with the unit content in an online environment. Through guided 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 e.g. by email, phone or SMS. Online learning encompasses a range of technologies such as the Internet, email, forums, computer social networks, or similar where available. In some units an optional workshop is offered.

Practicum (P)

The purpose of practicum (field education) units is to place students in ministry environments to help them integrate their formal learning with workplace realities. You will normally be at an external organisation for the entire duration of the unit, under the professional supervision of the organisation. There is usually no on campus attendance.

Additional study options

Students may also seek permission to study by the following options.

Audit (AU)

Students attend on campus lectures or workshop sessions—with prior approval of the Dean—and receive access to unit content, without proceeding with assessment tasks. No grade is given for the unit. Students 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.

Supervised Reading Unit (SRU)

When a unit is not on offer during any study period, students may seek permission to undertake the unit by supervised study mode. Following permission being granted by the Dean or Coursework Coordinator, the proposed unit of study is designed by negotiation between the lecturer and student, then approved by the Dean. In this mode, students may sometimes be required to attend classroom sessions in addition to regularly meeting with the lecturer (face to face or online), working through the unit content as outlined in the unit syllabus. SRUs are normally only available for level 3 and postgraduate units.

Related information

The higher education student handbook, under 'Unit code and level information', explains how a scheduled unit code identifies the study mode of enrolment. See [Handbooks](#).

The ALC website provides current academic year unit scheduling information. The study modes by which units are offered are listed under 'Availability'. Go to [Units](#).