



WIU IAI Course Modality Decision Tree

(For Illinois Articulation Initiative Reporting)

Purpose: To ensure consistent classification of course sections as Live, Online, or Hybrid for IAI review, based on student physical presence requirements.

STEP 1: Is the student required to be physically present anywhere?

- Yes → Go to Step 2
- No → ONLINE
 - **NOTE:** If students attend entirely via Zoom, Teams, livestream, or LMS (synchronous or asynchronous), the section is Online.

STEP 2: How often is physical presence required?

- All or nearly all instruction is in person → LIVE (Face-to-Face)
- Some required in-person meetings AND some required online instruction → HYBRID
 - **NOTE:** Even one required face-to-face meeting makes a course Hybrid.

STEP 3: Different variations on course offering modalities

Livestreamed / Zoom / Teams

- Students remote, instructor remote or in room → ONLINE

Hybrid Flex (students choose in-person or remote)

- **NOTE:** Classify based on official approved modality, not student choice
- Any required in-person component → HYBRID
- No required in-person component → ONLINE

Optional in-person activities (e.g., labs, reviews, exams, or meetings)

- Ignore optional elements
- Classify based on required components only

Labs, studios, clinicals

- Required in-person lab/studio/clinical → LIVE or HYBRID
- Fully virtual labs → ONLINE

Irregular or compressed meetings

- One required in-person meeting (e.g., first week) → HYBRID

Emergency or temporary modality changes

- Use the approved, scheduled modality for determination, not temporary delivery adjustments

Dual-credit or off-campus sections

- Students physically present at a high school → LIVE
- Students attend remotely → ONLINE

Final Check (Before Reporting Percentages)

- ✓ Classify by section, not by individual student attendance
- ✓ Use the official section modality

Standard Rule of Thumb

If the student never has to be physically present, the course is not “live.”