

UCI Summer Session

Online Courses: Helpful Information

How much do online courses cost?

Online courses cost the same as on-campus courses.

How do I add/change/drop an online course?

You can add/change/drop courses online or in-person, but be mindful of [important Summer Session dates](#). In addition, if your course units change, you will have to update your financial aid information accordingly.

What if I am on the waitlist for an online course? Can I still be part of the course so I don't fall behind just in case I get in?

Unlike an on-campus course, you will not have access to the course until you are officially enrolled. You will be notified if a spot opens up and you will have a deadline to accept the spot. If you decide to take the course, you will have to catch up at that time.

Where will online courses be held?

Most online courses are offered on Canvas which you will be able to access through EEE. Some instructors might choose to use EEE or some other system.

How will I get started with online courses?

During week 0, instructors will e-mail you information to get started. Summer Session will also e-mail you with a reminder that your course has opened.

How will I access textbooks?

You may be able to purchase your textbooks online. The Hill can also ship you your textbooks.

Will I need to be on the campus network (VPN) to have access to my online courses?

Online courses *do not* require you to be on VPN, however, if you are using library resources you will have to be on VPN.

What web browser should I use?

There is no specific web browser requirement for online courses; however please make sure you have the most updated version of whatever web browser you use. It's also a good idea to have more than one browser installed.

What if I am taking classes outside the U.S.?

Most online courses are accessible anywhere.

What if I am taking classes somewhere such as China where YouTube is blocked?

E-mail your instructor to let them know that you cannot access YouTube. He/she may be able to send you another link to download the videos. Please note that not all course videos are posted to YouTube.

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What if I am taking classes somewhere such as China and my UCI e-mail is blocked. Can I use another e-mail address?

You can only access your online course with your UCI e-mail. You will have to set your UCI e-mails to be forwarded to another e-mail that can be used where you are.

Where should I go if I have technical difficulties?

You will [contact EEE](#) with any technical difficulties. During the summer there will be a “Help” tab on Canvas with contact information providing you info on where you can receive assistance.

How will I participate in online courses?

Canvas has a discussion board where instructors might ask you to ask/answer questions or create posts. Many instructors have noted that they get to know their students better in online courses, and students have noted that they participate more in online courses.

How do I take exams for online courses?

Check the Summer Session website to [view the list of online courses](#) – it will list whether a class will have an on-campus or online exam. If you are taking an online exam, most instructors will give you a time period in which to take them.

What is a ProctorU?

ProctorU is a testing system in which proctors watch you take your exam. It imitates the experience of your instructor watching you take an exam in the classroom. Proctors will have access to your computer screen and web cam viewing. **You will be required to have a webcam and reliable internet access. Your exams will be formatted in the same way as exams are given in the classroom.**

How much are ProctorU exams?

The cost of ProctorU exams varies between courses. The cost typically ranges between \$10.00 - \$40.00.

Where do I take ProctorU exams?

You will have to take a ProctorU exam somewhere private. Locations such as an internet café or computer lab are not permitted. If you have any questions, [contact ProctorU](#) to verify your options.