



OSUN Online Courses - Spring 2023 Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why should I take an OSUN Online Course?

You will have the chance to learn from a professor at another university in a classroom with students from around the world. You will hear about life and society in other parts of the world and have the chance to share your perspective and experiences with a diverse set of student peers.

2. When will I be notified of whether or not I am admitted to an OSUN Online Course?

Students will be notified of course acceptance via email and you will be asked to confirm your participation by submitting the OSUN Course Commitment Questionnaire in your online OSUN profile. Once you have submitted your Commitment Questionnaire, you will be considered “registered” for the course and your status in the course will be reflected on your academic record.

3. Can I take more than one OSUN Online Course?

Students may enroll in one course. Those with special circumstances are invited to write to study@opesocietyuniversitynetwork.org to request permission to enroll in more than one course. These courses are intended to be one part of your full-time enrollment at your home institution.

4. Do I need to pay to participate in OSUN Semester courses?

No, the courses are supported by the Open Society University Network. There is no extra fee.

5. Do I need to attend all of the classes? Can I watch course recordings instead?

Yes, you are required to log in to your OSUN course at the scheduled meeting times. Failure to attend classes will result in your being removed from the course, or a failing grade. In certain circumstances faculty may record the class and share the videos, this does not remove the attendance requirement.

6. Can I try out a class for one or two meetings before I decide if I want to continue?

No, students who enroll are expected to remain in the class. You will have opportunities to ask questions about the course before the semester begins. If you join then leave we cannot give that seat to another student. We have tools to help you succeed.

7. Will I have access to the course materials online?

Yes, students will receive the necessary credentials to be able to access the course site and related assignments.

8. What kind of support is available to me if I am having difficulty with an assignment?

- a. Tutors and peer ambassadors are available to help you succeed in your course. Tutors may be requested via this form [OSUN Tutor Request Form](#)
- b. Yaw Kwayki ykwayki@opensocietyuniversitynetwork.org can direct you to a student ambassador in your timezone, and connect you to the OSUN student WhatsApp group and other resources here: <https://linktr.ee/ykwakyi>
- c. Your OSUN professor has listed office hours on their syllabus, you can schedule a time to meet to discuss your concerns
- d. Reach out to study@opensocietyuniversitynetwork.org and we'll help you connect to succeed with the course!

9. How will I get my grade? Will it count toward my GPA?

A transcript with your grade and credits will be sent to your home campus. How your grade counts toward your overall average is determined by your institution's transfer credit policy.

10. How do I know when my course begins and when I need to attend?

Here is a sample course listing with an explanation:

Film-Philosophy. Hector Gonzalez Castano, National Sun Yet-sen University. 300 Level - 3 US / 6 ECTS. Course Term: February 13-June 2, 2023. Wednesdays, 14:00-17:00 Kaohsiung Time, Tuesdays 05:00-08:00 New York Time, Tuesdays 11:00-14:00 Vienna Time.

Film-Philosophy = title of the course

Hector Gonzalez Castano, National Sun Yet-sen University = Professor's name and university

300 Level = the course is for upper college students and not appropriate for first year students

3 US / 6 ECTS = students will earn 3 US or 6 ECTS credits upon successful completion of the course

February 13-June 2, 2023 = the start and end dates of the term at the college hosting the course (NSYSU)

Wednesdays, 14:00-17:00 Kaohsiung Time, Tuesdays 05:00-08:00 New York Time, Tuesdays 11:00-14:00

Vienna Time. = when the online synchronous portion of the course occurs - you must be available at these times.

Timezone converter: <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/full.html?sort=1>

Use this tool to confirm when the course occurs in your timezone and double check that your schedule is open at that time.

11. What does the course level mean?

100 level courses are introductory and ideal for first year students

200 level courses require some prior college experience and are ideal for second year students

300 and 400 level courses are for upper college students with backgrounds in the academic field.