

OSUN Semester Courses Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will I be notified of whether or not I am admitted to an OSUN Semester class?

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.

2. Can I take more than one OSUN Semester course?

Our priority is to ensure that all interested students can take at least one class. If you would like to be considered for more than one class please be sure to indicate your second and third choices and make a note on the course selection questionnaire that indicates you would like to enroll in more than one class. Eligibility for additional courses will be confirmed in coordination with your home campus.

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

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

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

Attendance is required for all of the classes at the times indicated on the course description and class participation is expected of all students. Some professors may record the classes and share recordings, but the class times are intended to be times when everyone joins together on zoom. Attendance is part of the grade. Students who need to miss a class for a personal reason should contact the instructor ahead of time if possible. Please consider the course times and your own work or family commitments when you are selecting a course.

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

No, enrolling in class is a commitment that we expect students to make and stay with for the duration of the course. We will share course details and instructor email addresses with you ahead of time so that you have information about assignments and expectations before you make your final decision.

6. What does the course level mean?

100 level courses are suitable for first year students and those new to the subject.

200 level courses are suitable for all students who have completed one year of college.

300 level courses are intended for students who have completed two or more years of college.

100 and 200 level courses are excellent for students who are in their first year or second year of college. The courses will feature opportunities to work in groups and will introduce students to new material and concepts in the subject areas.

The 300 level courses are likely to require more reading assignments of specialized materials. These are very engaging courses for students with foundational knowledge in the subject area and an interest in exploring the particular topics of the classes.

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

The college that is hosting your course will provide a transcript of credits and your grade to your home campus. In most cases the credits will be transferred to your official transcript and the course may meet one of your graduation requirements. Refer to your home campus regarding how these credits will be counted in your overall grade point average.

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

The syllabus you receive should indicate office hours or how to contact your professor if you wish to discuss an assignment or have a question. In addition, many courses will have a teaching assistant or course intern. Finally, we have Remote Student Ambassadors available to help you as well as informal opportunities to connect with other participating students. You can contact the Ambassadors via email (remotestudentambassadors@bard.edu).

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

Here is a sample course listing with an explanation:

Economics: Democratizing Work after the Pandemic, Pavlina R. Tcherneva, Bard Annandale, 200 level, 3 US credits, 6/21-7/9, Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:00am-12:00pm (New York), 15:00-18:00 (Vienna)
Economic Democracy Institute course. SA*

Course title = Economics: Democratizing Work after the Pandemic

Course faculty = Pavlina R. Tcherneva

Host campus = Bard Annandale, NY

Level = 200 level is suitable for all students

Credits = 3 US credits, 6 ECTS

Dates = 6/21-7/9, start date is June 21 end date is July 9, 2021

Days = Mon/Tues/Thurs, students must attend class three days per week Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Time = 9:00am-12:00pm (New York), 15:00-18:00 (Vienna) Students should refer to their local timezone and be prepared to be present online in class for three hours per class meeting every day of class.

Economic Democracy Institute course. SA* = this course is part of the OSUN Economic Democracy Institute and meets a Bard Annandale Social Analysis distribution requirement.