

MA16020 -- 3 Different Class Structure Options

*** Know Your Class Structure ***

Special Notes: FOR ALL 3 Class Structures of the course

- a. **As far as total time spent on this course, there is no significant difference among the three different class structures.** HOWEVER, the overall time will be spent differently in the different class structures.
- b. **Exams and homework assignments are the same for all students,** regardless of the class structure.
- c. **For all students** (traditional, distance/online, and IMPACT versions), there are free tutoring services available on campus, as well as Piazza(an online discussion forum).

*** 1) IMPACT: ACTIVE LEARNING environment working in groups.

- a. IMPACT class **meets only twice a week** for 50 minutes each.
 - b. **PROACTIVITY is the key -- BEFORE CLASS** meetings, **students preview and study the new material by watching some of the lecture videos in LON-CAPA and completing some of the easier homework problems. IN CLASS, students spend almost the entire time doing hands on problem solving working in groups.** Students receive feedback and help in class from a team of instructors and TA's.
 - c. Graded work includes exams, quizzes(**both pre-work and normal quizzes working in groups**), and homework.
 - d. When registering, in addition to selecting the section with the meeting time, students also need to select the independent study section. This is how the registration is setup. No need to worry about the reason why.

*** 2) Traditional: Normal lecture

- a. It **meets three times a week** for 50 minutes each.
- b. The structure of a traditional class is the usual structure that one would expect. In particular, instructors lecture for the majority of the class time.
- c. Graded work includes exams, quizzes and homework.

*** 3) Distance Learning/Online: Only works well for reasonably strong students who are proactive and independent learners.

- a. No physical meetings at all. **Students learn the material primarily through watching the lecture videos and reading the etext online in LON-CAPA.**
- b. Help is primarily provided through the tutoring services on campus and Piazza(an online discussion forum).
- c. Graded work includes only exams and homework. **There are no quizzes.**
- d. For exams, students will typically take them on campus with the other students in the course (for free), or in very unusual circumstances and by special permission only through an online proctoring service (for a fee).