# WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW TO START MY ONLINE TERM?

## WHEN THE NEXT TERMS START

| FULL TERM DATES | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| TERM | FALL | SPRING | SUMMER |
| FIRST DAY OF CLASSES | September 08, 2020 | January 05, 2021 | May 10, 2021 |

For details of the 2020/21 Academic Schedule, visit **calendar.kpu.ca/academic-schedule**
For important term dates and deadlines visit **kpu.ca/registration/dates**

*Note: Trades and vocational programs may start on dates that differ from the full term dates listed above. If you are unsure when your program begins, contact 604-599-2000 for details.*

## WHERE DO I GO FOR MY ONLINE CLASSES?

Within KPU's **Registration Guide** you can access the **Online Registration Application** to browse classes, prepare for registration and plan your timetable for the term. Each course's delivery format is indicated so you are aware of online and on campus requirements when you register.

Once you are registered, you can access your online courses through Moodle at: **courses.kpu.ca**

## WHAT IS MOODLE?

Moodle is the online learning platform where your courses are hosted. This is where you will login to find your courses and your course material, assignments and/or quizzes. You can access Moodle at: **courses.kpu.ca**

## IS MY CLASS SYNCHRONOUS OR ASYNCHRONOUS AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

ASYNCHRONOUS online learning is the educational term for everything that isn't "live." This means you can access the course material at any time online.

SYNCHRONOUS online learning is the educational term for live streaming. This learning occurs on a designated day and time to allow for real-time interaction between faculty and students. If your course has synchronous components, you will need to be available and online during those days and times.

If there is a specific day and time assigned to the class on the timetable, the section has a synchronous component (it may not necessarily be fully synchronous, but you may be expected to be online for a lecture on that day and time). If there is no day and time assigned to the class, the section is fully asynchronous. However, almost all sections have a synchronous exam.

## WHAT DO I DO IF I DON'T HEAR FROM MY INSTRUCTOR AT THE START OF THE TERM?

You will receive details in Moodle from your instructors about your course delivery format, but please know this may not be until the first day of classes. For courses with on campus requirements, your instructor will confirm for you the specific times when you will be expected to be on campus. If your Moodle course site doesn't already contain this information, or if you still haven't heard from your instructor after the first day of class, contact your Dean's Office.

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*Note: It is essential that students monitor their KPU email.*

**For further details on what you need to know for Spring 2021 visit**
**kpu.ca/registration/spring-2021**

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