



OSUN Network Collaborative Course Design Essentials

Network Collaborative Course Definition:

OSUN Network Collaborative Courses (NCCs) are co-designed and taught simultaneously across partner institutions. Students enroll in and receive credit for these courses at their own institution. The courses may differ by institution but share key assignments, bringing students together online for class discussions and collaborations.

NCCs aim to strengthen a set of learning objectives among participating students, including:

1. Global Learning (understanding of global systems and how diverse perspectives impact the framing of global and local issues; the recognition of one's role in contributing to solutions in both local and global contexts)
2. Intercultural Competence (cultural self-awareness; curiosity and open-minded consideration of others' ideas, and increased ability to embrace cultural diversity)
3. Teamwork (the ability to synthesize and build on others' contributions; the development of skills and mindset required for effective collaboration)

The course syllabus should include: 1) cross-institutional collaborative activities and projects, 2) shared readings, 3) schedule of cross-network online sessions, 4) guest speakers, and 5) course-related co-curricular events (optional) to ensure that students from participating campuses can engage in meaningful cross-network collaboration.

Course Design Essentials:

- ☐ Check dates of terms, time differences, weekends, holidays, daylight saving times, and vacations of participating institutions
- ☐ Determine the timeline for cross-institutional collaboration between the course sections (overlapping teaching days and times that can be allocated to cross-network synchronous online sessions)
- ☐ Establish shared course learning outcomes and how the course will promote Network Collaborative Course program learning objectives (global learning, intercultural competencies, collaboration/teamwork)
- ☐ Determine collaborative tasks and projects, including an expectation of how the cross-network assignments will be scaffolded via synchronous and asynchronous sessions and how collaboration will be assessed
- ☐ Identify and agree upon common readings and materials
- ☐ Propose speaker(s) for all-course section sessions (optional)
- ☐ Establish key cross-network collaboration due dates
- ☐ Enroll the course on OSUN's Brightspace platform (upon proposal acceptance)

For more guidance, please contact Anita Tarnai at atarnai@bard.edu and/or refer to the: [The OSUN Connected and Blended Learning Toolkit](#) to develop your NCC.