












Comparing your Options

Universal Learner Courses and ASU Online

	Universal Learner Courses	ASU Online
College Level Courses	 All Universal Learner Courses are college-level, rigorous courses. Courses are taught by ASU faculty. Credit received for the course is identical to credit received in an on-campus class.	 All ASU Online courses are college-level, rigorous courses. Courses are taught by ASU faculty. Credit received for the course is identical to credit received in an on-campus class.
Course Options	Limited Select courses offered as self-paced or session-based. View courses at https://ea.asu.edu/courses/	 Larger catalog of ASU courses available View courses at www.asuprepdigital.org/university-courses/
Interaction with Peers and Faculty	Limited Due to the scale of the Universal Learner Courses, direct and/or private access and communication to the instructor is limited. Students will communicate with faculty strictly through the course discussion board. There is a 24 - 48 hour turnaround time on responses.	 University Professors create course materials, deliver recorded video lessons and provide help during online office hours. Limited interaction with peers via online classroom.
Flexibility	 Students can enroll in the self-paced course at any time and are not restricted by specific start dates. Self-paced courses allow students to complete course assignments at their own pace and the students have one year to complete the self-paced course. (Note: Session-based courses do have set start dates and assignment deadlines.)	Courses begin and end on a set date and assignments and exams have specific dates. Students must attend to university add/drop deadlines and procedures.

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Low Academic Risk	 If a student receives an “A”, “B” or “C” they are eligible to convert to credit. If they choose not to convert to credit, the course does not appear on their transcript.	Course credit is immediate and grades are recorded, regardless of the grade. Students do not have the opportunity to opt in or out of converting to credit. Students must attend to the university’s add/drop deadlines and procedures.
Low Financial Risk	 \$25 registration fee + \$400 to convert to credit. Payment is collected only upon completion of the course. If a student receives an “A”, “B” or “C” they are eligible to convert to credit. If they choose not to convert to credit, the course does not appear on their transcript.	U.S. Students: \$75 registration fee + \$600 for 3 credit course* International: \$75 registration fee + \$1000 for 3 credit course* Payment is collected at the beginning of the course. The student incurs the cost regardless of whether or not they successfully completed the course.
No Prerequisites	 Courses do not have prerequisites or placement exams.	Some courses have prerequisites or require placements exams. (International learners must have a language proficiency score on record to participate.)
No Additional Fees	 No required textbooks or additional fees.	Some courses require textbooks, and/or additional materials and fees.
How to Enroll	<p>Talk to your school administrator to get set-up in the ASU system.</p> <p>We will provide you with step-by-step instructions for enrolling in the courses. Welcome to ASU!</p>	

**Fee is increased for courses above 3 credits*