Delivery Method Definitions and FAQs

Definitions

- **Main:** The program can be completed in-person at the main campus
- **Online:** The program can be completed online
- **Blended (or Hybrid):** The program can be completed though a combination of in-person and online courses

How is delivery method noted on the Academic Program Inventory (API)?

For the purposes of Ball State University's Academic Program Inventory, the "distance education" designation is based on the status of the program with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE):

Distance education program = 80% of requirements to meet the degree/credential are offered via distance.

It is important to note that "online," "main campus," and "blended" are internal **institutional** designations and are **only** used to categorize distance education programs. If a program is not offered via distance education, then no delivery method is indicated on the API.

If a program is not designated as distance education, it is assumed that the program is offered at the main campus (in-person), although it may include some online course options.

Which delivery method(s) should I select within the Curriculum Strategy New Program Form or Revised or Drop Program Form?

If no change in delivery method is proposed, please select the delivery method(s) that reflect how the program is currently offered. If you are proposing a change in delivery method, please select the delivery method(s) that reflect how the program will be offered in the upcoming academic year. This information will update the Academic Program Inventory and be submitted to ICHE and HLC. In addition, Admissions will update the application to align with the Academic Program Inventory.

What if we are planning to offer the program online or in-person in the future, but it is not yet available?

Please only select the delivery method(s) that reflect how the program will be offered in the upcoming academic year. The delivery method you select will be reflected on the application for admission, so it's important that students have accurate information when they apply.

The delivery method can be updated in the future once the option is available to students.

How does instructional method for courses connect to the delivery method for programs?

The instructional methods for courses are Blended, Face-to-Face, Online, and High School. An individual course may be offered via multiple instructional methods depending on the section and term. The delivery method for the program (Main, Online, and Blended/Hybrid) reflects how a student may complete the overall requirements for the program.