Faculty Council on Academic Standards Policy on DL (distance learning) designation for UW Seattle courses

A course or section of a course in which students can participate fully without being physically present on campus must be designated as a “DL” course or section. This includes courses in which some, but not necessarily all, offerings of the course are online, such as courses that are offered with different technologies in different quarters (i.e., one quarter on campus and another quarter online) and courses where, in a quarter, one section of the course is on-campus and another section is online. A DL course may have occasional meetings on campus for the purposes of organization, evaluation, or group presentations.

However, courses that make extensive use of online teaching tools but also have regular recurring meetings (i.e., weekly), such as labs, discussion sections, studios or other on campus offerings, do not typically require the DL designation, even if these meetings are for shorter duration than those traditionally encountered in on-campus courses.

The DL designation is obtained via the course creation/change process. Courses designated DL do not count for residency and must be re-approved after 3 years, in accordance with Student Regulations Chapter 115.1.I.

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