Luther Seminary Course Modalities and Codes
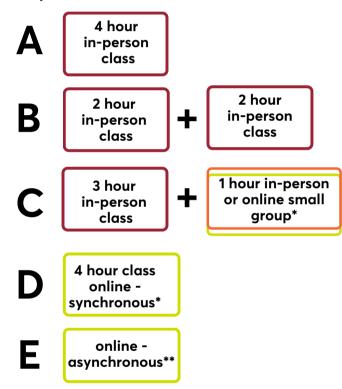
Luther Seminary offers courses in a variety of modalities. These options provide flexibility for students at the same time they cultivate a shared learning community across the various pathways and degree programs. Each degree program has a minimum number of RFS course requirements that fulfill Luther's residential requirement.

Each full course (1.0 credit) is based on 40 hours of instruction guided by a professor, plus 2-3 hours of additional reading and assignments for each hour of guided learning. The different modalities layout the 40 hours of instructor guided learning in different ways.
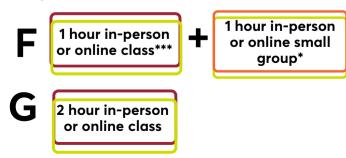
Each term offers 1 credit courses that spread the 40 hours of professor guided instruction across the term.

Options include:

A — 4 hour in-person class

B — 2 hour in-person class **+** 2 hour in-person class

C — 3 hour in-person class **+** 1 hour in-person or online small group*

D — 4 hour class online - synchronous*

E — online - asynchronous**

These terms also have .5 credit courses that spread the 20 hours of professor guided instruction across the term.

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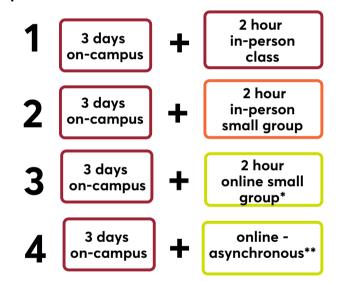**F** — 1 hour in-person or online class*** **+** 1 hour in-person or online small group*

G — 2 hour in-person or online class

*synchronous options meet at a particular time
**asynchronous options have no dedicated meeting time
*** has both both synchronous and asynchronous options

What is a an RFS?

RFS (or Residential Focus Session) courses provide 20 hours of professor guided learning in-person, on-campus across 3 days at the beginning of a term and 20 hours in an extended session spread over the remaining weeks of the term. Students need to pay attention to the RFS and the extended sessions as they register. If an RFS courses has multiple extended session options, students register for the option that best suits their needs.

Options include:

1 — 3 days on-campus **+** 2 hour in-person class

2 — 3 days on-campus **+** 2 hour in-person small group

3 — 3 days on-campus **+** 2 hour online small group*

4 — 3 days on-campus **+** online - asynchronous**

Course Coding

When registering for courses, each class has 5 codes.
DD NNNN SS TT GG
Here is a key to decoding course codes:
DD = Department (2 digits)
NNNN = Course Number (4 digits)
SS = Section Number (2 digits)
TT = Meeting Type (2 digits)
GG = Group (2 digits)
Department Codes and Course Numbers are found in the Academic Catalog. Section Numbers refer to the sections of a particular course offered in that term. Meeting Types are:
RF = Residential Focus Session
IP = In Person
OS = Online Synchronous
OA = Online Asynchronous
HY = Hybrid
TR = Travel
Group codes refer to small groups offered as part of a course.

Parent-Child functionality allows us to create cross listed courses. Hybrid and RFS courses with two different extended session modalities will utilize the Parent-Child functionality.