

The Art Institute Online

Frequently Asked Questions by Online Students

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the online classes like? 	<p>Online classes are 6 weeks in duration. Courses are in an asynchronous format. That means that you can work on the course anytime within a 24-hour period. You will be required to log in to the course 5 out of each 7 days in the class week (each of the 5 log-ins during a separate 24 hour period). All assignments must be submitted by midnight of the due date. Student participation in the course is required—you are required to comment about course material and respond to classmate comments at each log-in, in addition to submitting formal assignments for the course. Log-ins are monitored. The instructor will advise students who do not participate.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What goes on during the software orientation? 	<p>The software orientation is planned to begin in the week prior to the beginning of classes. During the week of software orientation, you will load the software that runs the courses on your computer. There are several exercises that you will go through to make sure you are knowledgeable and comfortable working before the class begins. It is absolutely necessary to make sure you are ready to begin working on the class when it begins. You will not have the time then to orient yourself to the software. You will have access to 24-hour software support via a toll-free number.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will I have the opportunity to interact with other students who are taking the same class? 	<p>Yes! Usually, at the beginning of an online course, you and other students will be asked to post some information about you and your interests and goals for the course. You will have access to what all of your classmates wrote about themselves and they will have access to what you wrote. In addition, there are often study questions online and group work that requires interaction of all classmates with each other.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will I really learn as much as in a traditional classroom? 	<p>Absolutely! The online courses have the same course and exit competencies as the on-ground version of the same course. The online courses are specifically designed to take advantage of technology, making the learning environment more efficient and maximizing relevance to your prior learning and experiences. Many online students report an increased level of learning because of the highly interactive and collaborative nature of the online experience.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the online facilitators the same faculty who teach the traditional on-ground classes? 	<p>Most of the faculty who facilitate online course are the same faculty who teach courses on-ground at The Art Institutes. All faculty who facilitate online courses hold the appropriate credentials and experience required by The Art Institutes and regulatory agencies. In addition, all faculty have been trained to teach in the online environment.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will I get my textbooks and materials for my online classes? 	<p>You may review the specifications and make your purchases of textbooks, software and hardware through Partners Link on The Art Institute Online campus website at campus.aionline.edu.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What courses are available online? 	<p>There are a variety of courses being offered online. Some are general education and others are art and design courses. Additional courses are under development. You should check with your Admissions Representative to determine which courses are available.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of computer equipment will I need for online courses? 	<p>Recommendations for technology can be reviewed in the technology area in the About AIO section on The Art Institute Online Campus web site at campus.aionline.edu. You may review the course goals, contact hours, technology needed and a list of supplies for each course in the Course Catalog on The Art Institute Online Campus web site at campus.aionline.edu.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much will online courses cost? 	<p>Online course tuition is priced \$310 per credit hour. There is an additional \$100 online fee for each online course. This fee includes administrative and technical support that is provided throughout the course. Each course is three credit hours making the cost of tuition and online fees per course \$1030.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is The Art Institute Online an accredited school? 	<p>The Art Institute Online (Ai Online) is a division of The Art Institute of Pittsburgh (Ai Pittsburgh), which is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCCT) and the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Ai Pittsburgh is authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to award the bachelor of science and the associate of science degrees. Ai Pittsburgh offers the following programs in an online format through Ai Online: an Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design and a diploma in Digital Design.</p>

	<p>The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, established in 1921, specializes in career preparation in the visual and practical arts and has graduated over 30,000 students.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do I have to do to sign up for online classes?	<p>You will want to speak to an Assistant Director of Admissions before you apply to Art Institute Online. An Assistant Director of Admissions will help you to determine what program of study is right for you and will help you to complete the application and enrollment process. Feel free to call the Art Institute Online office at 877-872-8869 or send an email to aioadm@aii.edu to receive more information about The Art Institute Online.</p>