

Factors to Consider	Online	On Campus
<p><b>Degree</b></p> <p>To a graduate school or employer, there is no difference between a degree from an online or campus-based program.</p>	✓	✓
<p><b>Flexibility</b></p> <p>Online students can choose a program based on its course and degree offerings without being tied to a geographic area or set schedule.</p>	✓	
<p><b>Quality</b></p> <p>Online courses share the same standards and outcomes as classroom instruction.</p>	✓	✓
<p><b>24/7 Access</b></p> <p>Online courses can be accessed 24/7, so you can work at the most convenient time for you and at your own pace. Students who are self-motivated and good time managers succeed at online learning.</p>	✓	
<p><b>Set Schedule</b></p> <p>Many students prefer the structure of on-campus classes, with its defined schedule and clear boundaries between class and personal time.</p>		✓
<p><b>Transferable Credits</b></p> <p>Most schools accept transfer credits from both brick-and-mortar (traditional on-campus) and online courses, as long as they are from accredited institutions.</p>	✓	✓
<p><b>Interaction with Students and Professors</b></p> <p>Classroom education provides face-to-face interaction while online learning offers virtual interaction through discussion boards, video, chat, and email.</p>	✓	✓
<p><b>Accreditation</b></p> <p>Online schools and programs must be accredited and meet the same standards applied to their on-campus counterparts.</p>	✓	✓
<p><b>Credibility</b></p> <p>Consider whether your program or its faculty have received national awards and recognition from leading professional organizations.</p>	✓	✓
<p><b>Commute</b></p> <p>You save the time and expense of a commute when learning online.</p>	✓	
<p><b>Student Campus Life</b></p> <p>Being on campus puts student life within easy reach, with access to sports, extracurricular activities, and social and cultural events.</p>		✓
<p><b>Demographics</b></p> <p>In an online learning setting, you have the opportunity to interact, network, and do coursework with other students who could be across the U.S., or even in another part of the world.</p>	✓	
<p><b>Balancing Work, Life, and Education</b></p> <p>Offering a more flexible schedule and the option of accelerating your coursework to complete your education faster, online learning facilitates a balance between work, life, and education.</p>	✓	
<p><b>Graduation Day</b></p> <p>Whether you attend classes online or on-campus, you will have the option to participate in a graduation ceremony to celebrate your accomplishment.</p>	✓	✓
<p><b>Resumé</b></p> <p>The online degree you earn will appear exactly the same on your resumé as that obtained on campus. Your mastery of online and social technologies could, however, enhance your technical credentials.</p>	✓	✓

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