



EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Part-time Online and Personalized Learning

What are Part-time Online and Personalized Learning Courses?

Online and Personalized Learning (OPL) Courses are online classes taken outside of regular school hours. Students access courses through a website and work at their own pace. Every course has a “Course Map” that informs students of assignment due dates. There is no live Google Meets, but students can contact teachers via email, Google Chat, or one to one Google Meet.

When do Part-time OPL Courses start?

OPL courses are on the quarter system. There are 2 quarters per semester, or 4 in the academic year (not including summer). New courses start every quarter. Quarter start and end times are generally as follows:

Fall Semester:	Quarter 1: August - October	Quarter 2: October - December
Spring Semester:	Quarter 3: January - March	Quarter 4: March - June

Students enrolled in an OPL course are sent an email with directions and exact course start and end dates.

Why take a Part-time OPL Course?

Students may take OPL courses if they need to make up grad required courses or restore college eligibility. While make-up courses can be taken during summer or following years, many students prefer to catch up immediately, or simply prefer an online environment. Other students take OPL courses because they are trying to get ahead in their 4-year plan (often requires administrative approval).

What are the pros and cons of Part-time OPL Courses?

Some pros of OPL courses are: (1) Students can take classes during the school year to recover credits, restore college eligibility, or get ahead. (2) Courses are self-paced. (3) Instruction can be paused and rewatched. (4) Motivated students have extremely high success rates. (5) Students retaking courses get withdrawn if they don't pass (vs receiving a grade of F).

Some cons of OPL courses are: (1) Classes are in addition to the regular school schedule (will increase daily work load). (2) Students must check emails and communicate electronically. (3) Unmotivated students may struggle. OPL teachers cannot force students to work.

How do I take a Part-time OPL Course?

Contact your counselor to request an OPL course. If an OPL staff member has reached out to you via email, respond to that person and we will help you to enroll. You must also complete a formal OPL Agreement online. To do this, go to <http://bit.ly/oplagreement>. You must be logged into your school Google account to complete the agreement.

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