

# Announcing **New Option** for Math: Synchronous Online Classes!

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## **Look for the “V” in the Section Number! Example: MAT-143-0V02**

### **Q: What is it?**

**A:** An online class with scheduled meetings each week that happen online instead of in a physical classroom. These meetings allow the instructor to teach the lesson, work examples, and answer student questions in real time using Blackboard Collaborate – the virtual meeting space built right into Blackboard.

### **Q: Why would I take it?**

**A:** Synchronous online classes are perfect for students who want the advantages of meeting in real time with the instructor, but do not want to come on campus for physical class meetings due to commuting distance, family responsibilities, or a desire to stay home during the current pandemic.

### **Q: Do I need special equipment?**

**A:** YES, besides a computer and reliable Internet connection, you will need a webcam, microphone, and earphones or earbuds.

### **Q: Do I have to meet at certain times each week?**

**A:** YES, unlike a traditional online class, you will be required to attend virtual class meetings each week. In these online meetings, the instructor will be able to share notes with you, work problems step-by-step just like they would in a face-to-face class, and answer your questions about the lesson.

### **Q: How do I know when the class meetings occur? I need to make sure it fits with my schedule.**

**A:** The times when you are expected to attend virtual class meetings are listed with the details of the class when you register. Be sure to read the details!

### **Q: How do I find a synchronous online class?**

**A:** Look at the section number! When a class is listed, it gives the department abbreviation, course number, and then a section number. To find a synchronous online class, look for a “V” as the second character in the section number. For example, MAT-143-0V02 is a synchronous online class.

### **Q: How can I get more information about this new class format?**

**A:** Contact Lori Kiel, Math Division Chair, at (910) 678-8523 or by email at [kiell@faytechcc.edu](mailto:kiell@faytechcc.edu).