For the spring and summer sessions at McMaster University there are two course delivery formats indicated on Mosaic.

A Virtual Classroom (V) is a shared online learning environment for students and instructors. Instructors lead a live lecture using video and/or audio with questions and discussions with the class in a very similar way to the in-person classroom experience. This synchronous experience does not preclude the instructor from recording and sharing the lecture to allow for the flexibility of asynchronous viewing and review and instructors are strongly encouraged to do so. Alternatively, instructors may also choose to deliver and record a lecture without a student audience and release it to students so that it may be viewed asynchronously by students at different or multiple times. In both cases the recorded lecture will be closed captioned automatically by the video recording tools.

If a class is designated as V, a day and time are scheduled for the class. Please see the course outline to determine the expectations for the scheduled times and whether or not the instructor will be using these regularly for lectures or other communications during the term.

Your instructor will communicate whether the lecture is also recorded and shared and available at other times.

Students will need a strong internet connection and a device that allows them to access and participate in the lecture through video and/or audio.

An Online Classroom (ON) is course that is designed for the online environment. Learning occurs in a self-paced manner with instructors guiding students through the learning. In this asynchronous classroom experience, instructors pre-record lecture modules that may contain interactive elements including quizzing and activities. The pre-recorded lecture modules will be closed captioned by the video recording tools.

If a class is designated as ON, there may or may not be a specific day and time scheduled for the class, but your instructor will indicate timelines and checkpoints for your learning. Please see the course outline to determine the expectations for accessing the pre-recorded lecture modules.

Students will need an internet connection and a device that allows them to access the lecture through video and/or audio.

Virtual and Online may be combined. A tutorial may be scheduled for a specific time through a virtual classroom even as core lecture is available through pre-recorded online modules. Please check the course outline for the course expectations on participation.