

Factors to Consider	Online	On Campus
<p>Degree</p> <p>To a potential employer, there is no difference between a degree from an online or campus-based program.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Flexibility</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>Quality</p> <p>Online courses share the same standards and outcomes as classroom instruction.</p>	✓	✓
<p>24/7 Access</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>Set Schedule</p> <p>Some students prefer the structure of on-campus classes, with its defined schedule and clear boundaries between class and personal time.</p>		✓
<p>Transferable Credits</p> <p>Widener University, in some instances, accepts transfer credits from both brick-and-mortar (traditional on-campus) and online courses, as long as they are from accredited institutions.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Interaction with Students and Professors</p> <p>Classroom education provides face-to-face interaction while online learning offers virtual interaction through discussion boards, video, chat, and email.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Accreditation</p> <p>Online schools and programs must be accredited and meet the same standards applied to their on-campus counterparts.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Credibility</p> <p>Consider whether your program or its faculty have received national awards and recognition from leading professional organizations.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Commute</p> <p>You save the time and expense of a commute when learning online.</p>	✓	
<p>Student Campus Life</p> <p>Being on campus puts student life within easy reach, with access to sports, extracurricular activities, and social and cultural events.</p>		✓
<p>Demographics</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>Balancing Work, Life, and Education</p> <p>Offering a more flexible schedule, online learning facilitates a balance between work, life, and education.</p>	✓	
<p>Graduation Day</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>Resumé</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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