

SCHEV Policy Statement on Distance Education Courses: Supplement on the Transferability of Online Laboratory Coursework

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For students completing online laboratory coursework at a public two-year institution, the receiving institution will accept and apply the coursework toward satisfaction of general education requirements. In accordance with SCHEV's *Policy Statement on Distance Education*, the following information outlines the transferability and acceptance of online laboratory coursework for students **majoring** in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology/Earth Science, or Physics. The policy states in Item #2 that:

“For students completing online courses at a public two-year Virginia college prior to transfer, the two year and four-year institutions will accept and apply the course work for all subject areas, including lab sciences, towards meeting general education requirements. Students majoring in the natural sciences may be required to complete in-person labs for lower division science courses.”

The table below specifies the modality requirements for both public and participating private four-year institutions for each of the listed majors. Definitions for course deliver modality are provided for clarification.

I. **Definitions:**

- 1) **Distance Education** – Classes are online and have no on-campus class sessions. Includes both synchronous and asynchronous courses.
- 2) **Hybrid** – Classes require a combination of on-campus and online sessions on specified days and times.
- 3) **On-campus** – Class sessions must be attended in person.

II. **Additional Information:**

- 1) Graduate schools vary in their acceptance of online coursework or online degrees. Students who aspire to apply to a graduate school should consult the institution or enroll in on-campus courses/labs.
- 2) Institutions indicating “on-campus” (OC) modalities require students to take the laboratory in person or may require the student complete a “lab boot camp” post-transfer. Institutions indicating “no distinction” (ND) provide credit toward the student’s major for all lab course modalities.
- 3) Asterisks (*) in the table below indicate an institutional preference for OC modality.

III. Institutional Laboratory Transfer Requirements for Students Majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Environment Science, Geology/Earth Science, or Physics:

Institution	Biology	Chemistry	Environmental Science	Geology/Earth Science	Physics
Public Institutions					
Christopher Newport University	ND*	ND*	ND*	ND*	ND
George Mason University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
James Madison University	ND	OC	ND	ND	ND
Longwood University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Norfolk State University	OC	OC	OC	OC	ND
Old Dominion University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Radford University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
University of Mary Washington	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
University of Virginia	OC	OC	OC	OC	OC
University of Virgins Wise	OC	OC	OC	OC	OC
Virginia Commonwealth Univ	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Virginia State University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Virginia Tech	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
William & Mary	ND*	ND*	ND	ND	ND
Private Institutions					
Averett University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Bluefield University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Bridgewater College	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Eastern Mennonite University	OC	OC	OC	OC	OC
Emory & Henry University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
George Washington University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hampden-Sydney College	OC	ND	N/A	N/A	ND
Hampton University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hollins University	OC	OC	ND	N/A	OC
Liberty University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Mary Baldwin University	OC	OC	OC	N/A	N/A
Marymount University	OC	OC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Randolph College	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Randolph-Macon College	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Roanoke College	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
University of Lynchburg	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Virginia Union University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Virginia Wesleyan University	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND