ONLINE CONSORTIUM OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (OCICU) FAQ’s

How do I register for OCICU courses?
Register for OCICU courses just like any other Dominican course. Use your Registration Form, or after your initial registration use a Drop/Add form.

Do OCICU courses count toward my required units for graduation?
Yes! OCICU courses appear on your degree audit and transcript just like all Dominican courses. Talk with your advisor about whether OCICU courses will meet your specific lower division, upper division, and major requirements.

How much do OCICU courses cost?
OCICU courses are Dominican courses. Therefore, tuition fees are the same for these courses as any other academic course you take.

Do OCICU courses count toward my Financial Aid course load and satisfactory progress?
Yes! OCICU courses appear on your student record, so are included in the total number of units you are enrolled in for the semester.

How do I access the online course?
Once you have registered and Dominican has sent your registration information to the consortium, you will receive an e-mail at your official Dominican student email address from the host institution with instructions on connecting to the online course software. You must respond to this message right away! You will also have access to an orientation program to familiarize yourself with the specifics of the host institution’s platform.

How much work are online course?
With OCICU courses, there are two factors you should consider in estimating your time. First, all OCICU courses are ACCELERATED. Each course is eight weeks long. This means you will cover roughly twice as much material each week as you do in a traditional 14 week semester course. So, assume you will have twice as much reading, twice as many projects, etc. as you normally have. BUT, you are finished with the course in eight weeks! Second, online courses require discipline. You don’t have to physically “go to class,” but you do have to be present in the online classroom as much or more than in a traditional classroom. The advantage is that for the most part you choose when you are in class—before breakfast, at lunch break, after the kids are in bed, etc. Your instructor will give you guidelines on how often you need to log in and “discuss” course topics with your fellow learners.

Can I try the class and drop if online isn’t for me?
Yes, you can enroll in a course and drop for a refund. HOWEVER, since these courses are accelerated, this window is very small. To drop for a refund and not receive a “W” in the course, you must submit an add/drop form to the Registrar’s Office by the end of business hours on the seventh day of instruction. No refunds will be granted after this date. The last day to drop a course and receive a “W” on your transcript is by submitting an add/drop form by the end of the business day on the 28th day of instruction (but no refund).

How do I find out specifics about online learning and what it looks like?
Go to the following web page to read the Student Guide. Inside the guide you will find additional links to course specific information (like ordering books) and a demo course that you can walk through. After you enroll and the enrollment information is sent by Dominican to the Consortium (usually about one week prior to the start date), you will receive login information from the host institution.

http://www.ocicu.org/pdf/OCICU_StudentGuidebook.pdf