

## Online Programs FAQ

### 1. Who has ownership of online course material?

Please review the [UC Policy on Ownership of Course Materials](#).

The general rule is that ownership of the rights to course materials, including copyright, shall reside with the faculty member who creates them unless the course materials are created with the use of exceptional university resources. In such cases, ownership of the rights to these course materials shall be governed by a written agreement entered into between the faculty member(s) and the University. Please contact [Kyhm Penfil](#) in the Office of Campus Counsel with any questions regarding intellectual property.

### 2. How are faculty compensated for teaching online courses in Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs?

If faculty teach online as part of their assigned course load, the online course/program must cover the full cost (salary, benefits, retirement) of the proportion of time the faculty member devotes to the course.

If faculty teach online on an overload basis, they are paid for that additional teaching. If the teaching is during the nine months of active service for an academic-year appointee or during the eleven month of active service of a fiscal-year appointee, then the teaching is considered a Category II outside professional activity per APM 025 and APM 671, and it must be reported.

Please see the [UC Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Program Policy](#), [APM 025](#), [APM 662](#), and [APM 671](#) for additional information.

### 3. Can an online course taken through the Division of Continuing Education be counted towards a master's program at UCI?

Up to one-fifth of the total units required for a master's degree may be transferred from the Division of Continuing Education. Transfers of credit toward master's degree requirements are governed by University regulation and policy summarized in the [UCI General Catalogue](#), and require graduate students to submit a [General Petition](#) to the Graduate Division.

### 4. How do I receive assistance with online course development?

The Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation can assist with online course development and content updates. The Division provides an instructional designer and a platform for online courses. It takes approximately one quarter (six months total production) to create an online course with the Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. The cost to create one online course is approximately \$15,000-\$20,000.

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