



Schiller Online Campus – FAQ's

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Is the on-line program provided through the Schiller Florida campus?

Yes, the Schiller online program is based in and provided by our Largo, Florida campus via eCollege.

In a nutshell, what is the value of an online program?

Reducing environmental impact: eLearning allows people to avoid travel, thus reducing the overall carbon output. The fact that it takes place in a virtual environment also allows some reduction of paper usage. With virtual notes instead of paper notes and online assessments instead of paper assessments, eLearning is a more environmentally friendly solution.

Quality education, made affordable: The fact that instructors of the highest caliber can share their knowledge across borders allows students to attend courses across physical, political, and economic boundaries. Recognized experts have the opportunity of making information available internationally, to anyone interested at minimum costs. This can drastically reduce the costs of higher education, making it much more affordable and accessible to the masses. An internet connection, a computer, and a projector would allow an entire classroom in a third world university to benefit from the knowledge of an opinion leader.

Convenience and flexibility to learners: In many contexts, eLearning is self-paced and the learning sessions are available 24x7. Learners are not bound to a specific day/time to physically attend classes. They can also pause learning sessions at their convenience.

Are Schiller online degree programs recognized globally?

Schiller International University is accredited by the ACICS (Accrediting Counsel for Independent Colleges and Schools – www.acics.org) and is listed on the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) website at www.chea.org. ACICS is our accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and by Departments of Education around the world.

What are the computer requirements for the online classroom?

56K modem, internet connection. Minimum Windows 2000 (vista recommended). Microsoft office suite 2003. Updated internet browser.

Is it hard to learn how to use the online classroom?

Everything is point and click navigation.

How does the online student receive and hand in assignments?

In the online classroom, electronically in the course drop boxes, thru document sharing.

How does the online student interact with his/her instructor and peers?

Via email, threaded discussion, chat.

How will the online student be graded?

Weekly grades are given.

Are grades dependant on other students?

There are occasional group projects.

What time are classes held?

24 hours Asynchronous. The online student can sign in or out at will.

How much time should the online student reserve?

15 to 20 hours per week.



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Do classes have specific start and end dates?

Yes.

How long will it take to complete a degree program?

Depends on you can double up as long as you maintenance GPA and financial commitments.

How will the online student know which classes to take?

The student will be assigned an advisor by Schiller who will provide this information.

How and when does the online student enroll in online courses?

Every term the student enrolls in 4 classes at a time. The courses are assigned.

How does the online student get help with a subject?

Via their Instructor or the Teaching Assistant who is a full time Schiller employee.

What happens if the online student does not like his/her teacher?

Schiller has an appeal process.

Does the student need to buy all the recommended textbooks from Schiller? Estimated cost?

Schiller Online has a contract with **MBS Direct** (<http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/schiller.htm>) to provide a "virtual bookstore" for Schiller online students. MBS Direct has all textbooks in stock including 24 hour shipping locally or internationally. Please choose your shipping option carefully. To make sure that your books arrive in time, you may want to pay an extra fee for expedited service. If you wish to sell your books back to MBS at the end of the semester, they will send you a shipping label for your convenience. Other booksellers may be used. Textbooks vary in price, depending on whether students buy them new or used. They can be found for as little as \$25.00 or may cost as much as \$150.00 per textbook. Students should plan on spending (on average) approximately \$100.00 per course on textbooks.

Upon successful completion of the online program, how is the degree award presented to the student?

Upon completion of the program, the student is invited to attend the Florida campus graduation ceremony. If attendance is not possible, the diploma is delivered via express mail courier. Some graduates have participated in graduation ceremonies at other Schiller campuses when travel to those campuses was deemed to be easier.

When is the deadline for application?

There are no applications deadlines, as Schiller accepts students on a rolling admissions policy. Students are welcome to apply at any time for any monthly start.

Are applications submitted through the Florida campus?

Yes, please send the applications to the Florida Admissions Office.

Any other important information that should be highlighted to Schiller online students?

Schiller offers the student the best of both educational worlds! The fusion of online and campus based courses enables students to begin their courses online and finish at any of our five campuses if they so desire. This is a great opportunity for students who might experience visa problems or financial difficulties associated with traveling and living abroad. Once these issues are resolved, students can easily transfer from Schiller's virtual campus and continue their studies in the United Kingdom, the USA, Spain, Germany or France. Whether on-campus or online, Schiller students have the advantage of a truly international focus.