# Non-formal education

## Definition

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**Non-formal education** is **organized learning** that happens **outside** the traditional school or university system.

## Key points about non-formal education:

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* **Planned & structured** → there’s usually a program, schedule, or syllabus.
* **Flexible** → often shorter, part-time, or designed for specific groups.
* **Voluntary** → people join by choice, not because the law requires it.
* **Often practical** → focuses on skills for work, hobbies, or personal growth.
* **Sometimes certified** → may give a certificate, but usually not a formal diploma or degree.

## Examples:

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* Community language classes.
* Job-skills training workshops.
* First-aid courses or driving lessons.
* Online coding bootcamps or art courses.

In short:

* **Formal education** → schools, colleges, degrees.
* **Non-formal education** → organized learning outside schools (courses, trainings).
* **Informal education** → unplanned, everyday learning from life experiences.