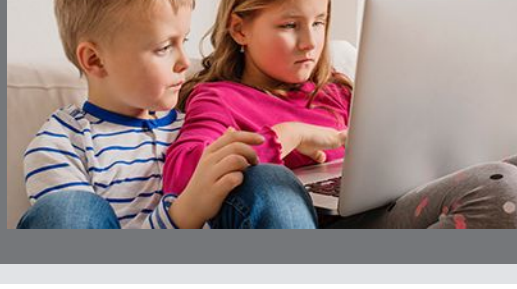


Differences between Online & Blended Learning

Online

VS

Blended



Online courses can be entirely automated, or occasionally may involve teacher interaction online. It is well suited to the learner who prefers to work in isolation and who are visual learners.

Blended or hybrid courses are a combination of both online and face-to-face instructor led classes. Blended learning course are suited to for students who prefer social interaction, instructor facilitated and who are auditory and visual learners.

Affords ability to work around schedules

Flexibility

Difficult to set up schedule that works for everyone.

Students have control over their own time.

Timing

Course attendance required periodically

Course work can be complete from anywhere in the world.

Location

Geographically specific to local participation.

Course work can be scheduled to fit one's schedule.

Scheduling

Schedule of class time fixed.

Student can lack discipline to get the work completed.

Motivation

Routine of course is structured and instructor driven.

Student can seem isolated.

Social

Classroom is a social environment with peers.

Online

BENEFITS

Blended



Non-traditional & technology based

Saves money on tuition, travel, wardrobe, and dining.



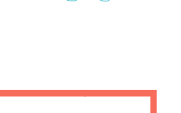
Flexible for working students

Local and accessible



Traditional instructor - student interaction.

Social and hands-on instruction



CHALLENGES

ONLINE

Digital Literacy

Many students and teacher are not technologically skilled



Accessibility

Student do not always have access to the Internet or digital devices such as computers, tablets or smartphones



Privacy

Concerns for personal privacy and security in an online environment presents many challenges.



BLENDED

Retaining Teach Authenticity

Rote use of technology erodes authentic teacher interaction with students



Building Authentic Mastery

Ensuring that students are actually learning become increasingly challenging



Creating Effective Self-paced Learning Environment

An orchestrated, controlled classroom is more difficult to maintain order with self-pacing.



Learning Management Systems for Online & Blended Learning

Canvas



An open-source LMS that is free for instructors. It makes teaching and learning easier in terms of implementation, adoption, customer support, and success. It is adaptable, reliable, and customizable.

Moodle



Moodle is widely known among open-source LMS solutions. It features detailed guides on how to set up your own Learning Management System, tips on how to create online training courses.

Adobe Captivate Prime



One of the most effective cloud-based Learning Management Systems. Full control over the eLearning course's setup, delivery and learner progress tracking along with functional features.

Open edX



The Open edX is a tool empowering learners to access online course content, including videos and textbooks, plus checking their progress in the online training course.

CONCLUSION

The benefits and challenges between the pedagogy of online e-learning courses and the blended/hybrid constructivist styled course are significant on many levels. What is similar and of most significance, however, is the effective delivery of learning to the student, and both achieve that goal.

Digital technology and online classes do not represent the future of education. It is already here today, and the pros and cons can be debated, but both methods of delivery have value.

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