ONLINE PEDAGOGY



1. Start with a right perception of online education.



What Online Education is NOT

- It is not a dumbed-down version of a seated class.
- It is not a less rigorous version of a seated class.
- It is not an easier version of a seated class.
- It is not an online version of a seated class.



What Online Education IS

- It is an alternative modality which should produce the same outcomes.
- It is a means of reaching students who cannot attend seated courses for a variety of reasons.
- It is a way to engage students who may not thrive in traditional lecture-based contexts.
- It is a rigorous and challenging style of education.
- It is different than a seated course.



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 - 2. Embrace a student-centered approach to learning.



Student-Centered Learning

- Teacher-centered classrooms are often structured around lecture and access to the instructor in a controlled environment.
- Student-centered learning focuses on the uniqueness of the students and how to engage each individual.
 - Learning styles differ.
 - Autonomy affects motivation.
 - Choice promotes enthusiasm.



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Student Challenges

- Online students lack regular access to the professor.
- Online students struggle to find community with classmates.
- Online students face scheduling challenges.
- Online students have increased workloads.
- Online students are surrounded by distractions.
- Online students can easily access information.
- Online students need to produce more in less time.
- Online students may struggle with motivation.



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Online Course Development

- Facilitate community
 - Video announcements, assignment instructions, module overviews, etc...
 - Discussion boards and group projects.
 - Synchronous opportunities.
 - Dedicated office hours.
- Limit Lecture
 - Use a various of methods for content delivery.
 - Short videos are more engaging and effective.



Online Course Development

- Give options
 - Submission type
 - Assignment type
 - Subject matter
- Utilize appropriate technology
 - Technology can engage students if used rightly.
 - Technology can facilitate creativity.
 - Technology can compliment reading and lecture.
 - Technology can help achieve learning goals.



Bloom's Taxonomy



Produce new or original work

Design, assemble, construct, conjecture, develop, formulate, author, investigate

evaluate

Justify a stand or decision

appraise, argue, defend, judge, select, support, value, critique, weigh

analyze

Draw connections among ideas

differentiate, organize, relate, compare, contrast, distinguish, examine, experiment, question, test

apply

Use information in new situations

execute, implement, solve, use, demonstrate, interpret, operate, schedule, sketch

understand

Explain ideas or concepts

classify, describe, discuss, explain, identify, locate, recognize, report, select, translate

remember

Recall facts and basic concepts define, duplicate, list, memorize, repeat, state



Redefinition

Tech allows for the creation of new tasks, previously inconceivable

Modification

Tech allows for significant task redesign

Create

Evaluate

Analyze

Augmentation

Tech acts as a direct tool substitute, with functional improvement

Substitution

Tech acts as a direct tool substitute, with no functional change

Apply

Understand

Remember

Online Course Development

- Change Approach to Assessment
 - Application and Analyzing vs Memorization
 - Use assessments to teach
 - Flip the classroom (create vs consume)
 - Be clear on expectations
 - Empower the students through choice
- Build for student and instructor success
 - Design and ease of use make a difference
 - Invest early to reap rewards later



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 - 5. Change perceptions of the instructor's role.

Instructor's Role

- Online students need an "involved" instructor.
 - Announcements
 - Timely feedback
 - Engagement in discussions
- Instructors become mentors and tutors, as opposed to lecturers and advisors.
- Instructors have to proactively engage students.

