

### Online Instruction vs. Classroom Lectures

Some people are always scared of taking the opportunities in front of them. How does an online class sound to you? When you read about it, does it sound scary, or maybe it doesn't? Of course at the beginning taking an online class is going to be difficult but everything is never easy to do. It's never easy to take a pathway and succeed so quickly. On the other hand taking a face-to-face class, you never have the chance to meet up with your professor if you're a shy person, along with how bad your professor can be teaching the course, and most of all making sure you pass the class. According to many online studies about "students who took all or part of their instruction online performed better, on average, than those taking the same course through face-to-face instruction" (1). Online classes give you the opportunity to learn differently from others. The opportunity you can get from an online class will be you can work on your own pace and it can be easily fit into your busy schedules.

Having the chance to learn differently from others help you adapt to a new learning experiences. From this article "*Online Education Today*" by Mayadas believes that "online education is established, growing, and here to stay. It is creating new opportunities for students and also for faculty, regulators of education, and the educational institutions themselves" (1). Adapting to new learning experiences helps the students open up areas in the brain that will develop new skills they will need to use in the near future. With students busy live nowadays, having a chance to be able to sit down while eating and chatting with your friends, you can also be submitting your assignment online. This gives much opportunity to students who are also

parents, others who commute to school, and students with disability who have hard access coming to school. For these types of students it gives them a stress free environment where they can work on their own pace.

Online classes give us students many opportunities to have a stress free environment and work on our own pace time to time. To develop some time on our own knowledge, to adapt something creative, extreme to learn, and to have the feeling of relaxation on our hands. As technology advances and improves each year, a student can develop in a new skill according to new technology. As reported from an article called "*The Evidence on Online Education*" supports that "using technology to give students "controls of their interactions" and has a positive effect on student learning; however, studies indicate that manipulations that trigger learner activity or learner reflection and self-monitoring of understanding are effective when students pursue online learning as individuals" (1). Based on these studies, that we can trust technology will increase our learning skills in many different ways to help us succeed in the future. Seeing that since each year technology has improved so often; like having new mobile devices and new education systems, we can improve skills that we never know what we can develop.

In the near future, everything will be cyber-based as were there will be no need for a professor in a classroom. We can listen to audio lectures from different perspectives of other professors out of this country beside United States. Knowing that you don't have to attend class and just be sitting at home with a friend taking the same course and seeing the professor from a video tape lecturing about the subject. How cool is that! Not only is this going to be convenient for the student it would be great for a professor who life is also packed with a busy schedule. Imagine your professor wearing sweat pant and t shirt walking around his or her house lecturing about the subject of the day. Really wouldn't that be just awesome! This shouldn't be a surprise

to anyone we are getting close to that point already; take the smart board for example. It completely wipes out the use of blackboard. No more chalky hand, no need for a marker eraser, or an "old school" over head projector. Pretty soon every classroom will be filled with one of these and not long after that everyone will be taking online classes.

In conclusion, we all know that everything will change and nothing will stay the same just like human being we ourselves stride for a change in our life. Having the chances to change something and adapt to a new environment and learn differently who wouldn't want to take this new opportunity. Online classes will help not only you to develop an outstanding new skill but will improve skills that the human race hasn't yet been discovering before. Just imagine yourself taking a stress free class where you work on your own pace and decide which day when you want to hear lecture or not. The power is in your hand my fellow students so strive to make that change and don't fall behind your classmates sign up for an online class next semester.

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