

Face To Face Classroom are better than Online Courses

In this world there are many different kinds of issues occurring in education. There are many topics that we could argue about. Many things are happening that are causing the people to go crazy about. People go in the streets and protests for issues they think are wrong. This people have been going to the street, so that there voice could be heard. Some of this people don't agree how education is constructed. Now days we have different ways to have an education. We could have an education studying online or being in a face to face classroom. Studying online or in a face to face classroom has its advantages and disadvantages. Knowing how face to face and online education are different or similar I prefer studying in a face to face classroom.

Online education is for students that have access to the Internet. If we don't have Internet we are not able to take courses online. Even though online might be convenient for some people it's not for others. In order to have Internet we need to pay for it, some Internets are fifty dollars per month. This might be expensive for some people. Luckily, in face to face schools, they have laptops and computers with internet that we could use. Face to face schools have a numerous of great things to offer like internet and programs that help students get educated.

A great program that CSU Stanislaus offers is the "First Year Experience". The program helps students achieve their goals toward education. They have established workshops and Forums. Recently, they took some speakers that talked about some hot topics of education. In the forum called, "Perspectives in Higher Education Speakers", Kristen Olsen states, "I agree

that face to face is not irreplaceable, but some students don't have access to higher education". Olsen works in the assembly districts and she knows that in some of those towns, there is no Universities close for students to attend. Olsen is trying to say that at some point online education is good because students don't have to drive to a far distance college. For me is not that bad attending a face to face classroom because is close from my house. This is another reason why I prefer studying in a face to face university

Many people have made research to show how an online class differ from face to face classrooms. In "Science News" UC Davis Medical Group argues that online education doesn't benefit some of the students: " We did find modest evidence that live- only instruction results in higher learning outcomes than Internet instruction"(UC Davis Medical Group 1). I agree that is harder to learn in an online course. It's not very helpful for us because we don't get to talk to others, and we need to be working at our own pace. In this world we need to know how to communicate with others. Many students tend to enrolled in online courses because it's suitable for them. They don't realize that they are going to have to manage everything alone. In "The Impact of Learning Styles on Student Achievement In A Web- Based Versus An Equivalent Face To Face Courses" Zacharis states, "Learning opportunities for the sake of convenience, without any real consideration of the appropriateness of this delivery mode for their individual learning styles. Those students who may not have developed appropriate strategies for self-regulation may find that online education courses do not meet their needs and those students may subsequently drop the course" (Zacharis 2). It has been proven that online courses are hard, due to the fact that in online courses students have to manage everything by themselves.

Why is a classroom better than an online course? In the article called "Students Feelings of and Desire for Sense of Community in Face-To Face and Online Courses," Michelle Drown and Lesa Rae Vartanian argue the fact of why students and teachers prefer online or classroom

courses. Drown and Lesa states, “The online classroom appears to present different challenge to instructors than face to face classroom; one of these challenges is the lack of physical presence” (Drown and Lesa 148). The online instructors don’t know if students are paying attention to the lecture. They could give students some advice, but can’t really have some time to talk and answer the students’ concerns. I agree with this teachers don’t know a student well and cannot identify how the student is doing. Drown and Vartanian affirms, “Research has suggested that a lack of physical presence may cause of exacerbate online student’s feelings of being isolated and disconnected from their classmates, and their school” (Drown and Vartanian 149). This is one of the many reasons why students shouldn’t take online courses. If students attend a face to face school they are going to build more relations. We get to know more people and we also get to participate in clubs and sports. I like being in a face to face classroom because I get to share my opinion with others and when I don’t understand something I ask my teacher or classmates. Even though I prefer face to face classroom, there are others that don’t.

Some students don’t like face to face classroom because they are afraid of discrimination. In “The Web Versus the Classroom: Instructor Experiences in Discussion Based and Mathematics- base Disciplines” Smith, Ferguson, and Caris argue about why some students don’t like face to face classrooms. They say that these students are afraid about discrimination. “Since online communication is primarily text, with a reduction in social cues, it is less personality centered and has less discrimination due to racial and cultural differences, as well as physical disabilities” (Smith , Ferguson, and Caris 33). These students are afraid that other students are going to make fun or judge by the way they are or look. Even though it may be true, these people have to take the risk in attending a face to face classroom. If this people want to work somewhere, they are going to be seen. If these students start attending a public school, they are going to overcome their fears. By overcoming their fears, they are going to be able to adjust

in a public place to work.

Education has many hot topics that people have imposed. A hot topic in education is something fun and interesting to argue about. Some people argue about what education is better. If an online or a face to face classroom. I'm a student that needs other people for help in order to accomplish something perfect, that is why I prefer taking courses that are face to face rather than online. Online courses are for students that could be reliable, that are going to be able to work independent. I like working with others to get different opinions and many times they are able to answer some of my concerns. In an online course I would have to wait for somebody that has time to answer my question. Everybody has their way of learning and mine is not online. I prefer attending face to face classroom in order to have an education.

Works Cited

DENNIS, JANCIS. "Problem-Based Learning in Online vs. Face-to-Face Environments."

Education for Health: Change in Learning & Practice (Taylor & Francis Ltd) 16.2 (2003): 198. *Academic Search Elite*. EBSCO. Web. 20 Oct. 2011.

The article is a good source because it gives some arguments of how students learn through each method. It's a study of what percentage of people is able to learn in an online or face to face course. Some of the examples are beneficial for my view point.

Drouin, Michelle, and Lesa Rae Vartanian. "STUDENTS' FEELINGS OF AND DESIRE

FOR SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN FACE-TO-FACE AND ONLINE COURSES."

Quarterly Review of Distance Education 11.3 (2010): 147-159. *Academic Search Elite*. EBSCO. Web. 20 Oct. 2011.

This is a good article because I notice that some students desire the sense of the community. In online classes we could chat with other people, but we don't get to see them in person. It's better face to face because we could see how a teacher or another person is. In order for us to get help right away is better face to face.

Olsen, Kristen. "Perspectives in Higher Education Speakers." First Year Experience Program (2011). CSU Stanislaus. 25 Oct. 2011.

Hearing the speakers was very interesting. I got to know their point of views in some issues. Kristen Olsen opinions toward online and face to face courses are going to help me. They gave some good reasons to support or not support one of this ways of education.

"Rushing Too Fast to Online Learning? Outcomes of Internet versus Face-to-face Instruction."

Science Daily: News & Articles in Science, Health, Environment & Technology. UC Davis, 08 Aug. 2010. Web. 02 Nov. 2011.

This is an article that is like a newspaper article about a university. The article also stated

that face to face classrooms are better than online courses. It makes me feel more confident of my decision supporting face to face classroom.

Smith, Glenn Gordon, David Ferguson, and Mieke Caris. "The Web versus the Classroom:

Instructor Experiences in Discussion-Based and Mathematics-Based Disciplines."

Journal of Educational Computing Research 29.1 (2003): 29-59. ERIC. EBSCO. Web.

20 Oct. 2011.

Reading this article gave me some reasons of why students may want to take online courses. The reason is the fear of discrimination. Some people have disabilities or are afraid people are not going to like them because of their race.

Zacharis, Nick Z. "THE IMPACT OF LEARNING STYLES ON STUDENT

ACHIEVEMENT IN A WEB-BASED VERSUS AN EQUIVALENT FACE-TO-FACE

COURSE." *College Student Journal* 44.3 (2010): 591-597. *Academic Search Elite*.

EBSCO. Web. 20 Oct. 2011.

This is another source of why students want to study online. Some students want to study online for their convenient. Even though they think is for their convenient many times is not, because some of this students don't know how to manage everything by themselves.

