Blended Learning A to Z: Myths, Models, and Moments of Magic

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What I will discuss...

- 1. Definitions of blended learning
- 2. Myths of blended learning
- 3. Models of blended learning
- 4. Examples of blended learning











Myth #1: If you read the enough research you will be able to know the impact of blended learning.

- 1. Improved Pedagogy
 - More interactive instead of transmissive
 - Authentic, real world, etc.
- 2. Increased Access/Flexibility
- 3. Increased Cost Effectiveness





Myths #2: Blended learning is easy to define. Myth #3: Blended learning is hard to define. Blending Online and F2F Instruction

"Blended learning refers to events that combine aspects of online and face-to-face instruction" (Rooney, 2003, p. 26; Ward & LaBranche, 2003, p. 22)









Myth #7: Blended learning works everywhere. Where is Blended Beneficial?

- Intro Classes (Spanish, psych, algebra, biology)
- AP Classes
- Classes with low success rates
- Classes with students working part-time
- Required classes
- Students are rural or spread over a distance
- Classes with certification or standardization
- · Classes with new requirements or standards
- Writing intensive classes, theory classes, etc.
- Lab classes?

Examples of Blended Learning

- Put assessments/reviews online
- Online discussions
- Online labs
- Put reference materials on Web
- Deliver pre-work online
- Provide office hours online
- Use mentoring/coaching tool
- Access experts live online



Myth #8: People learn more in face-to-face settings than blended or fully online ones. Fully Online and Blended Learning Advantages

- 1. Increased Learning (better papers, higher scores)
- 2. More effective pedagogy and interaction
- Course access at one's convenience and flexible completion (e.g., multiple ways to meet course objectives)
- 4. Reduction in physical class or space needs, commuting, parking, etc.
- 5. Increased opportunities for human interaction, communication, & contact among students
- 6. Introverts participate more





















Blended Model #5. Bookend

(first and last part of the course is online and middle portion is FTF; AMA Special Report, Blended Learning Opportunities, Alison Rossett (2006))















Blended Solution #3. Anchor Learning in Concept Demonstrations



















Blended Solution #12. Podcast Show Reflections

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Blended Solution #15. 3D Demonstration and Interactions

(e.g., Anatomy and Biology) http://www.cyber-anatomy.com/









Portuguese-language students at Virginia Commonwealth U. hold a "teletandem" session with students in Brazil who are learning English. The approach "basically forces you to learn," says one student. "It pushes you to practice the language to make sure you are ready for the next meeting."







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