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My vote for traditional courses

Nowadays, online courses are gaining increasing popularity. Coursera, an online course provider, which offers us a chance to study with excellent professors around the world, owns millions of users. These users aim to acquire more knowledge, earn a certificate or credit so that they can have an edge over others. However, though a large quantity of people prefer online courses, some people still only take traditional courses, including me. Several reasons as follows can account for my vote for traditional courses.

To begin with, not all online courses own good quality. Due to the boom of online courses, many courses providers record a number of courses carelessly to cater to the users. Such courses won't care what you are about to learn and studying them is a waste of time. Additionally, even when you luckily find a course that is elaborate, chances are that you won't gain more from the online course comparing to traditional courses. According to the theory of an expert in education, information is perceived in all senses through vision, hearing, touch and so on. Learners shouldn't just sit, watch and listen, they must also be involved in the learning process. They need to talk and do projects to perceive knowledge so that they can solidify what they intend to learn. An experiment also reveals that the average efficiency of learners varies with learning styles. When only listening, learners can only absorb 20% of what teachers said. While participating actively in the course, the rate raises to 80%! Learning can only be efficient when you contact with your teacher and partner face to face, but these best conditions provided for learners to learn can only be realized through traditional courses.

In conclusion, traditional courses have natural advantages that can't be substituted by online courses. As a result, I'm in favor of traditional courses.