

Educational methods of instruction and learning have evolved significantly with time. Face to face courses is old like the hills. Presently, there are online courses or mixture of both. Internet is to online courses as classroom is face to face courses analogy best describes them. Both of the study mediums are still share many qualities whereas require a great amount of work, giving and receiving feedback and of course, assignments are a huge part of the learning experience, also students can still enjoy their lessons. However, Students have the flexibility to choose what they prefer most depending on factors such as interactions and convenient.

First of all, contrary to what many people think, both online and face-to-face learning require a lot of work. Both demands, for instance, considerable planning from the teacher and studying from the students. Furthermore, the students' participation is equally necessary and effective; likewise, class management may be essential for achieving great results in the classroom and online. Also, teachers and students know that giving and receiving feedback is important in both environments. In the same way, assignments are a huge part of the learning experience, since it is great practice for everyone involve. As unbelievable as it may seem, online classes can be as entertaining as face-to-face ones. Although it is not possible to have talking corners in an online environment, it is just as possible to include songs, games and other entertaining activities because when they use the apps of entertainments like video chat and others they can have as much fun as in a face-to-face class.

Despite of that, in comparison, face-to-face learning is better than online learning because of the interactions and examples of face-to-face learning will be benefit the learner the most. One of the most beneficial means of physically being in a classroom is the response time that a person receives from an actual person, such as a professor, versus an online class instructor. During face-to-face learning, a person's questions will get an immediate answer whereas online learning means to wait for a response. Studies show that immediate and efficient feedback response time is crucial to effective learning. In a classroom environment, you may also have the advantage of working in small

groups where you can collaborate on difficult topics and receive immediate feedback from your peer groups as well. Sometimes, discussing issues or problems with their instructor in person is a lot easier than typing it out or trying to explain it in face-time online. Efficient and effective constructive feedback is imperative to proper learning environments, such as what a person would receive in an actual classroom. (https://www.jstor.org/stable/23608947?seq=3#metadata_info_tab_contents)

In the other hand, online courses are more convenient than traditional face-to-face courses. One can come with a flexible schedule of study unlike in face-to-face courses. In online courses, one can learn at his or her pace which is the direct opposite in face-to-face courses. Therefore, for students of the institution of higher learning who work as part time, taking online courses can balance between their work and study. On the contrary, one who is taking face-to-face courses has to stick to a fixed and strict schedule which can clash with work time. However, face-to-face courses have an advantage over online courses in terms of convenience in accessing learning materials in the library. In online courses, one is as free as a bird to study at any time he or she feels more productive which is vice versa in face-to-face courses. However, online courses need discipline, good time management skills and commitment to study unlike face-to-face courses where there is always pressure from instructors to learn.

(<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fcomp.2019.00007/full>)

In conclusion, although there are both similarities and differences when it comes to face-to-face and online it depends upon the student and how they prefer to learn. If the student is aware of all the aspects that come with online learning and are willing to put forth the effort to take online courses then it can be very beneficial. "One thing is certain, blended learning does not represent more of the same. It is not just finding the right mix of technologies or increasing access to learning, although a secondary outcome may be increased efficiency and convenience for students and professors. As there are a great of similarities and differences between online and face-to-face

learning it is up to the student to determine whether or not they can do the work and put forth of the effort required for either learning environment.

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