

From Onsite to Online

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Traditional Onsite Classes

- Professor
 - Writes lectures...tells (war) stories...
 - Gives assignments, assessments, exams, grades...
- Student
 - Comes to class (or doesn't)...
 - Takes notes (or doesn't)...

Online Classes

- Fully Online
 - Asynchronous, or Time Certain
- Hybrid
 - Asynchronous, *and* Time Certain
 - Lectures are delivered online
 - Laboratory experiments are conducted on campus
 - Exams are administered on campus

Online 101: Moving from Onsite to Online

- Start with current (onsite) students
 - Feedback is encouraged!!
- Adapt current course platform in small steps
 - Question and Answer thread
 - Document sharing of lectures
 - Post assignments online
 - Go green--no more handouts
 - Error Hunt for points

A Question of Time

- First time
 - Converting lectures for online-only viewing
 - “Good enough” is good enough
- Second time
 - Fix the obvious flaws
- Next time
 - Learn from students

Ask the Students

- What do you wish you knew before you took this course?
 - Content--prerequisites are important
 - Mechanics--time requirements
- What should be included in an online orientation?

Ask the Students: Results

- What do you wish you knew Before you took this course?
- Content
 - Bio refresher or bio right before; brush up on prerequisites; review of Chem 10
 - Strong lab background
 - Taxonomy--difference between a genus and a species

Ask the Students: Results

- Mechanics
- Good computer--secure high-speed connection
 - Road Map
 - Navigation of course website
 - Lab is separate from lecture
 - Time Requirements
 - Set aside 3 hrs of studying a day
 - Plan lecture time well; avoid procrastination

Microbiology Laboratory: On campus or Online?

- Benefits—On campus
 - On campus community
 - Equipment is provided
 - Time certain
- Challenges
 - Getting into impacted classes
 - Time certain may not be convenient

Microbiology Laboratory-- Online

- Benefits
 - No need for parking
 - Lab time can be convenient
 - Other?
- Challenges
 - Lack of community
 - Quality control
 - Safety?

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