BLENDED LEARNING

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Blended learning is a style of education in which students learn via electronic and online media as well as traditional face-to-face teaching (Meriam Dictionary). According to Graham 2013, BL is an integration of face to face and online instruction. E-learning is being combined with the traditional classroom to create a new hybrid teaching methodology in a way that one compliments the other. BL give students the opportunity to enjoy the best of both worlds.

There are three primary components of BL: in-person classroom activities (facilitated by a trained educator), online learning materials (pre-recorded lectures given by the instructor) and structured independent study (time guided by material in the lectures and skills developed during the classroom experience).

Teaching roles in BL focus on four key areas: developing of online and offline course content, facilitation of communication with and among students, guiding learning experience of individual students and assessment and grading.

The two key principles associated with BL: student can share information and work with other students in a cooperative have more enriched learning experience and cooperation between students can improve if group activities rely on information gathered from online or lesson. Students who complete online coursework followed by face-to-face class activities, interactive have richer educational experiences.
Learning materials and mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones are the tools and platform that complement BL. Some webinar tools options include Zoom, GoToWebinar, Cisco WebEx, Adobe Connect, Google Hangouts and AnyMeeting.

Benefits of learner in BL are convenience and flexibility, comprehensive understanding of the course content and interaction of students with the teachers.

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