The Liberal Arts Mindset at a Distance

Tactics for Building a Hybrid Course

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Poll
Why do students choose a liberal arts college?
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Looking Back into the Future

Past: Maintain relationships with previous students, lean on pre-established relationships

Present: Ensure student success until things go back to “normal”

Future: Keep current students enrolled and ensure that future students will come
Fostering Campus Culture

Encourage Co-Curricular and Third Space Learning by marketing campus events

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Bringing Students to Campus Virtually

Assignment Idea

Photo essays are great, low stakes assignments that teach writing for the online environment and show off a student’s unique voice.

Try having students go into the community and writing about what they observe.

As humans continue to mess with the natural state of the park, nature also makes its changes. Grasses takeover forgotten landmarks, water erodes the land it divides, and fungus grows on decaying trees. These changes are drastically different from man’s revisions of the land.

From death comes life.

Image Credit: Jordan Lott
Hybrid Courses 101

- Emphasis on active learning and problem solving
- Student ownership of own learning
- Student centered
- A focus on inquiry and dialogue
- Support from technology but not driven by it
What do students expect in:

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<td>• Feedback and access to faculty</td>
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Survival Brain Spectrum

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Learning Brain

Adult Learner Principles

- Autonomous and self-directed
- Have foundations of life experiences and knowledge
- Goal-oriented
- Relevancy oriented
- Practical

Strong Bond + Shared Purpose = Community
Small Actions

Connection & Re-Connection Points

- Build-in check-ins
- Create course expectations
- Get to know your students
- Being human
Ice Breaker Examples

Random Word Lightning Round
Favorite Song
Pet Parade
Map Our Locations

Translate these online, easily
Try not to think of them as silly, rather a moment of decompression
Course Structure

- Syllabus and calendar updated
- Clear written assignment instructions with rubrics
- Regularly scheduled office hours
- Consistent Zoom links
- Clear and consistent LMS course structure
LMS in face-to-face class: Depository of information

Class materials

- Readings (only ones that are not provided a... Edited Sep 5, 2019
- Immersion video Posted Aug 21, 2019
- 14th Amendment video (6:45) Posted Sep 10, 2019
- NPR Hidden Brain language program (1:00-1... Edited Sep 25, 2019
- Handouts Edited Sep 25, 2019
LMS in remote class: Pathway for learning

Week 5 (April 23-April 30)

Michelle Simmons posted a new material: Lesson for 4/23-4/30/20

Posted Apr 23

Welcome to this week's lesson in English Language Learners! For this week, please do the following:

1) Read the following:
   - Haynes: Chapter 8 (121-134)

2) Finish filling out the legal cases worksheet: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IZvKcmjGKM3BltxNUys4w3CaGFgzJ-w0q4-wkPsFY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IZvKcmjGKM3BltxNUys4w3CaGFgzJ-w0q4-wkPsFY/edit?usp=sharing)

3) Watch this classroom observation video (5 minutes): [https://youtu.be/snXOWLmOxyk](https://youtu.be/snXOWLmOxyk)

4) Write a discussion board post about observation video (above) by class time on 4/30 here: [https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/NTQzNjI2MTMwNDZa/sa/ODk3NDQyNDk1NjBa/details](https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/NTQzNjI2MTMwNDZa/sa/ODk3NDQyNDk1NjBa/details)

5) Write a discussion board post on Zwiers (2007) or Haynes Chapter 8 due on 4/28 and response due on 4/30 here: [https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/NTQzNjI2MTMwNDZa/sa/ODk3NTU0NTczNjYa/details](https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/NTQzNjI2MTMwNDZa/sa/ODk3NTU0NTczNjYa/details)

6) Come to class on Thursday, 4/30 at 8:30 AM in our Zoom class: [https://monmouthcollege.zoom.us/my/msimmons](https://monmouthcollege.zoom.us/my/msimmons)

7) Remember that I have office hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-10:00 AM in Zoom (https://monmouthcollege.zoom.us/my/msimmons). Please stop by!
Facilitating Online Discussion

- Topic threads
- Provide structure and stagger due dates
- Decide early on if written responses should be formal or informal
- Encourage connections to real-life and relevant popular culture through embedded multimedia
- Participate!

Did you consider . . .

When I read your post, I thought about . . .

You may enjoy Kelly’s perspective on . . .

Here’s a relevant article you may enjoy . . .
Feedback & Assessment

- Collecting and Implementing students feedback into your course
- Using tools to assess student learning and engagement

Entry and Exit Tickets
Mid-Semester Course Evaluations
Self Assessments
Conferencing
Student Ownership in Course

- Activate the Expert
- Takes pressure off of faculty for planning content
  - Requires pre-planning
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What does this assignment/activity look like if:
What alterations need to be made?
How will I communicate these changes to my students?

https://tinyurl.com/ACMplan
High Quality Interaction

Boring

Isolating

Difficult
Asynchronous Activity Examples

- Lecture recordings
- Discussion boards
  - Slack channel for your class
  - Shared Google Doc
- Reading buddy that work together throughout the semester
- Short video responses: FlipGrid is great for this
- Class Wordpress site or blogging
Break
Breakout Rooms

Last semester was full of unplanned changes. Discuss an aspect of one of your courses that had to suddenly change.

For example: You planned to have synchronous classes, but then multiple students went home to a dramatically different time zone.

How did you handle this change in the moment? If you could go back, would you do anything differently? How can you incorporate this experience into planning for the fall semester?
We will continue the discussion in our Discipline-based Breakout Groups on Friday. Meanwhile, here’s how you can contact us.

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