# Design your course once for multiple modalities

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#### Many questions about fall....

How will physically-distanced classrooms impact my pedagogical tool box?

How do I accommodate students in my class who might be quarantined for 14 days at any time during the term?

What if there is a student who needs to take my course, but who can't be on campus?



How might my online course take into account that some students will be on campus?

What if there is a second wave of the virus?

#### Resilient course design

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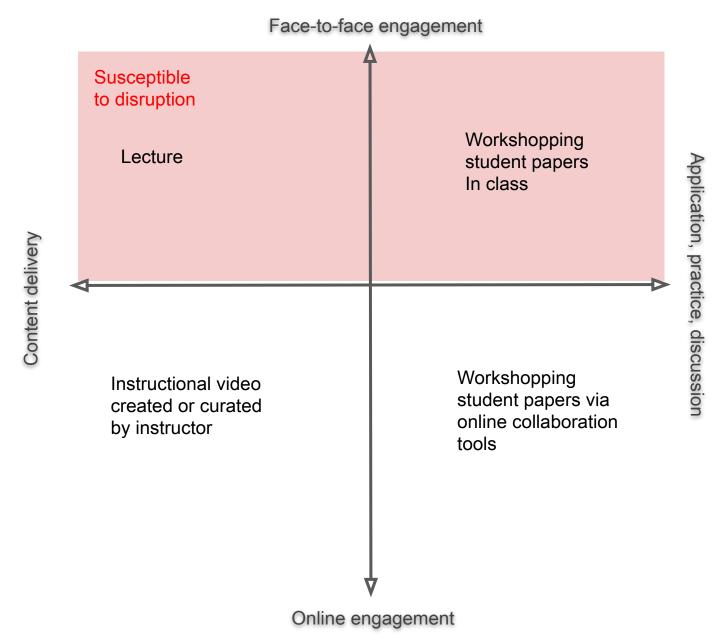
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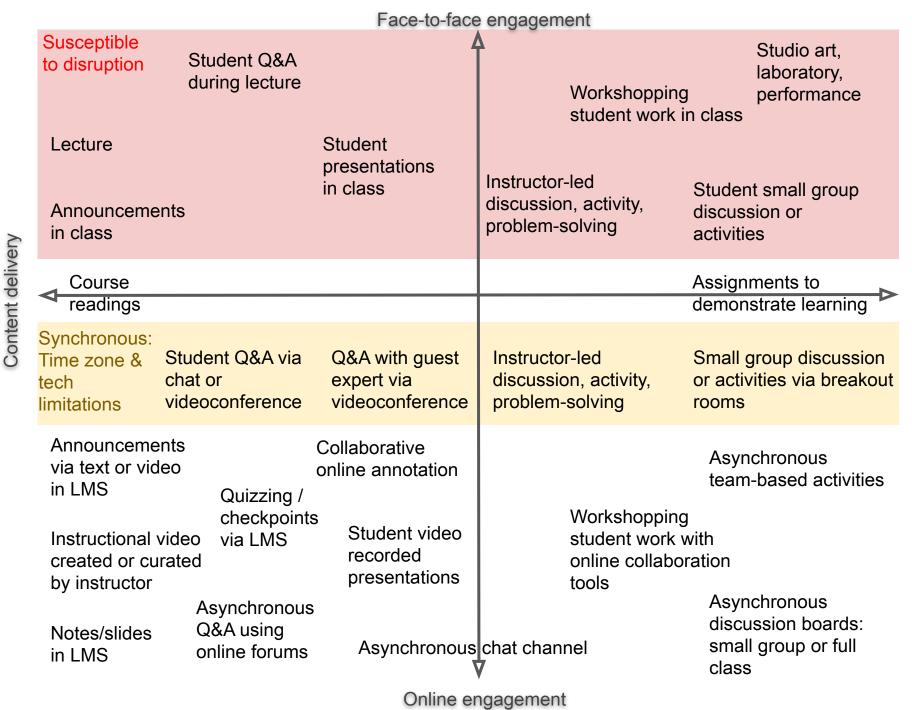
- Engagement
- Communication & connection
- Feedback (both students to faculty and faculty to students)

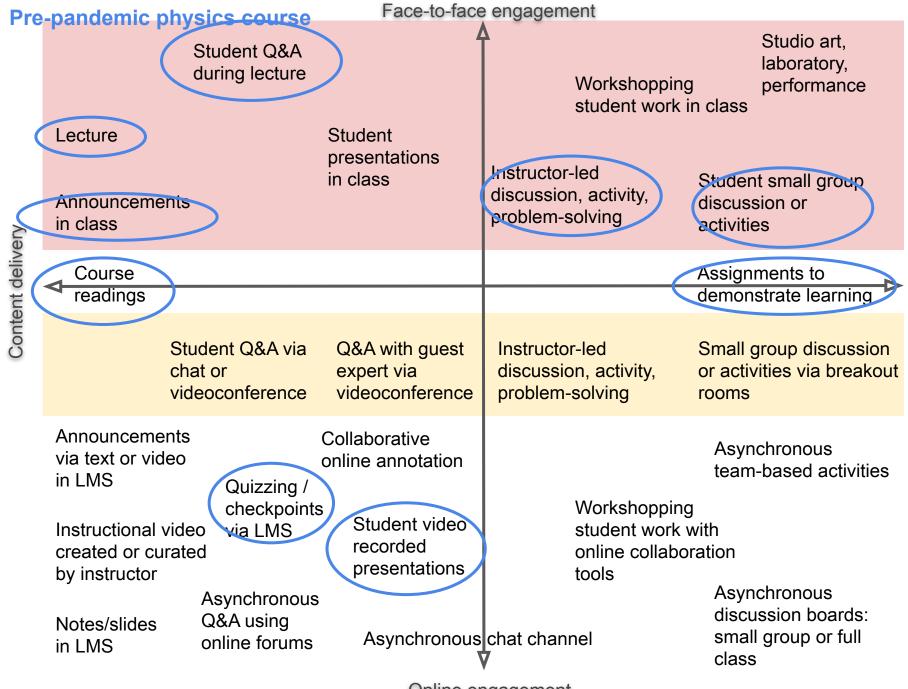
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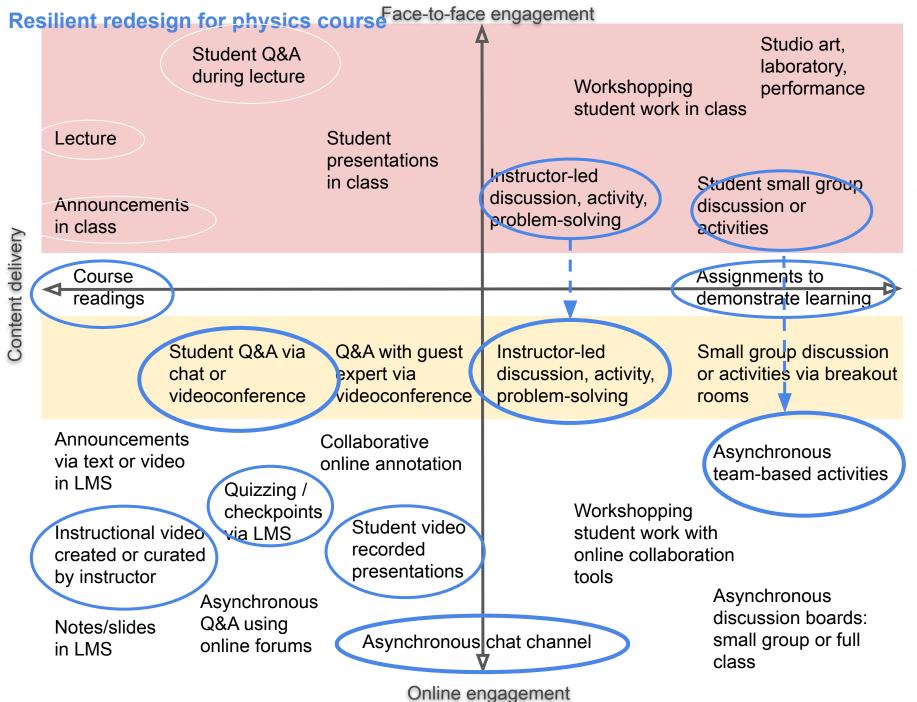
### Intentionally designing for engagement







Online engagement



### Intentionally designing for communication & connection

		Student-faculty interaction	Student-student interaction	
Before spring 2020	During class (synchronous)	<ul> <li>Discussions</li> <li>Interactive lecture</li> <li>Q&amp;A</li> <li>Circulating during class time to listen</li> <li>Clarifications/updates</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Think-pair-share</li> <li>Small group discussion</li> <li>Jigsaw activities</li> <li>Group projects</li> <li>Informal in-class chit chat</li> </ul>	
	Outside of class (asynchronous)	<ul> <li>Office hours</li> <li>Informal conversations around campus</li> <li>Assignment submission &amp; feedback</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Discussions at meals, around campus</li><li>Study groups</li></ul>	

#### For fall 2020:

- Physically distanced classrooms have different noise levels, instructor not able to circulate, students may be assigned seats for contact tracing
- Relying on informal interactions for communication and connection raises equity issues for those who are not able to be on campus or in the physical classroom

Design for communication & connection as intentionally as you design for content

#### Intentionally designing for feedback

How do you structure your course to give students feedback both about their engagement with content and their engagement with peers and instructor in a way that isn't necessarily tied to grades?

- Using completion tracking/ progress bar in LMS
- Badges to acknowledge engagement
- Opportunities for students to indicate how other students in the class have helped their learning

How do you provide students opportunities to provide you feedback on how things are going, both in terms of course content/delivery and in terms of feeling connected/engaged?

- More formal -- Weekly reflection assignment or reflective post in discussion forum
- More informal -- Using Slack to post prompts about how things are going (e.g. create a hashtag that summarizes your week, the most rewarding or challenging aspect of class this week, etc.)

#### Things to keep in mind during course design:

- Make use of the assignment checklists and other material provided by ACM colleagues during the week 1-4 seminars to help craft your course
- Structure your course by modules or weeks
- Make clear what activities students need to do and in what order
- Make clear which activities will be synchronous (either F2F or with students joining class remotely) and which asynchronous
- Let students know how much time you expect each activity to take (the <u>Rice</u> <u>University CTE workload calculator</u> is helpful for figuring this out)

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday			

Formal class meeting options:

Informal connections & engagement options:

Faculty or peer

support drop-ins

Whole class

Small group

activities &

Group A in person;

Group B activities

scheduled check-in

Welcome to the

week video

Group A in person

Group B in person;

**Group A activities** 

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Daily use of asynchronous chat/messaging forums (e.g. Slack or within LMS) that includes channels for

content, channels for announcements, & channels for fostering general connection

**Friday** 

Group B in person

Connection activity

with groups A & B

Whole class

Learning assist

reflection

Beginning the process of resilient desi	gn:
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### Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Lecture

	What?	When?	How long?
Prep			Total: 3 hrs
			~2 hours for
Read	Ch. 3, Sec. 2-8	Before Mon class	understanding
Watch	Week 3, Videos 1-3	Before Mon class	3 X 10 min
	Week 3, Videos 4-6	Before Wed class	3 X 10 min
Activities			Total: 3 hr
Group A synchronous	Group A meeting to discuss		45 min (only Group
session	warm-ups and Videos 1-3	Mon 3A	A)
	Groups meet to debrief Group		
Problem solving (PS)	A discussion and work on	Self-scheduled meeting	
group check-in	think-pair-share activities	before Tues, 5 pm	45 min
group check-in	Group B meeting to discuss	before rues, 5 pm	43 111111
Group B synchronous	think-pair-share and Videos 4-		45 min (only Group
session	6	Wed 3A	B)
36331011	Groups meet to debrief Group	Wed 5/1	
Problem solving (PS)	B discussion and work on	Self-scheduled meeting	
group check-in	group questions	before Thurs, 5 pm	45 min
Browle errors m	Debrief problem set due on		
Whole class meeting	Thursday at 5 pm	Fri 3A. Online.	45 min
Assignments	, ,		Total: 3 hrs
Warm-up questions	Check your understanding of		
(individual)	readings. On Moodle.	Due Sun, 5 pm	30 min
			30 min beyond the
Think-pair-share	Check your understanding of		Mon/Tues PS group
(partners)	videos. On Moodle.	Due Tues, 5 pm	check-in
Problem set (individual	Apply concepts to new		
questions)	situations. On Moodle.	Due Thurs, 5 pm	1 hour 30 min
			30 min beyond the
Problem set (group	Collaborate to apply concepts		Wed/Thurs PS group
questions)	to new situations. On Moodle.	Due Thurs, 5 pm	check-in

3 additional hours to spend in area of student choice

### Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Lecture

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Formal class meetings	s/activities:			
Group A in person (45 min, class time)		Group B online (45 min, class time)		Whole class online (45 min, class time)
Monday or Tuesday: Small groups of 4 (45 minutes, self-scheduled)		Wed or Thursday: Small groups of 4 (45 minutes, self-scheduled)		
Informal connections	& engagement option	s:		
Peer support drop-in	Faculty drop-in	Peer support drop-in	Faculty drop-in	
Welcome to the week video				Reflection

Daily use of asynchronous chat (Slack) that includes channels for content, channels for announcements,

channels for fostering general connection, and channels for the small groups

### Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Discussion

#### First-year seminar from Fall 2016

Week 4							
M	Oct 3	The Power of the Word  READ: Thomas, pp. 29-63  DUE: First Paper, revised					
T	Oct 4	Film: "Twelve Years A Slave" (this is a very good but very violent and difficult film – be mentally and emotionally prepared) <b>DUE</b> : Site narratives (by site excavators)					
W	Oct 5	Anthropological Antagonism <b>READ</b> : Thomas, pp. 64-120					
F	Oct 7	Archaeology and the History of the Americas <b>READ</b> : Thomas, pp. 123-174; Miller, The Ranking Game (Moodle)					

### Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Discussion

Week 4: Oct 5 to Oct 11

### To Fall 2020

Week 4: Oct 5 to Oct 1	.1		<del></del>
	What?	When?	How long?
Prep			
Read	Thomas, 64-174		For understanding; 4 hrs 30 min
Watch	In Light of Reverence	(optional in-person screening on Oct 6 at 1pm)	73 min
Activities			
Paper conference	Review first version of Paper #1	TBD; use Prof Fatkin's calendar to schedule a meeting – no later than Oct 9 at 5pm	30 min
Revise Paper #1	Following your paper conference, begin revising your paper		2 hours
Reading Buddies	Review Thomas reading with your reading buddy and prepare discussion prompt	Oct 8, 11:59pm	30 min
Class meeting	Film discussion	Oct 7, 9am	70 min
Class meeting	Reading discussion	Oct 9, 9am	70 min
Assignments due			
Response paper, In Light of Reverence	Follow the prompt, write 300-400 words	Oct 6, 11:59pm	45 min
Discussion questions, film	Post discussion question (individual)	Oct 6, 11:59pm	15 min
Response paper, Thomas reading	Following the paper prompt, write a 600-800 word response to this week's reading	Oct 8, 11:59pm	90 min
Discussion questions, reading	Post discussion question w/ reading buddy	Oct 8, 11:59pm	·

### Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Discussion

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Formal class meeting	Formal class meeting options:						
No class meeting		Class discussion (in person; via Zoom; also recorded)		Class discussion (in person; via Zoom; also recorded)			
Informal connections	Informal connections & engagement options:						
Ongoing over week: paper conferences	Watch documentary (optional in person)		Reading buddy think-pair-share activity prepare discussion questions				
Welcome to the week video				[End of week reflection]			
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Use of asynchronous chat/messaging forums (e.g. Slack or within LMS) that includes channels for content, channels for announcements, & channels for fostering general connection. In-person discussions can be continued online. Most weeks would include a short reflection paper to help cement learning -- superseded by longer writing assignment this week; still required for students who only participated asynchronously.

## Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Production (Arts, Performance)

Intro to Painting from Fall 2019 (with thanks to Andrea Ferrigno, Dept of Art, Knox College)

**Sept 17/19:** Space and Form(al) relationships.

Present, share and discuss Artist's books, and discuss ideas about painting. Artist presentation: A topical overview of broad history of painting, followed by a closer look at artists: Charles White, Morandi, Lois Dodd, and Jean Arp. Topics: Figure/Ground Relationships, Volume, clarity, and Spatial Ambiguity

To do in class: Mix 8 step black and white palette. Begin painting in class, using your studies and observation to create ten paintings, each addressing the space from a new angle.

- -Distill forms to basic shapes, light and color to tonal information.
- -Do not mix paint on the painting, keep each value pure.
- -In two studies, invert light and dark information form a previous study

**Due Sept 24**: 8 Grisaille (black and white and interval tones) paintings and one larger 16" x 20" work completed from these studies

Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Production (Arts, Performance)

Intro to Painting for Fall 2020

Week 2: Sept 21-27	× :	S), X	8
	What?	When?	How long?
Prep	Particular description		**************************************
Watch intro video	"Intro to Week 2 video"	By Sept 21 at 9am	10 mins
Watch video 1	"Figure / Ground Relationships"	By Sept 21 at 9am	5 mins
Watch video 2	"Volume"	By Sept 21 at 9am	5 mins
Watch video 3	"Clarity"	By Sept 21 at 9am	5 mins.
Watch video 4	"Spatial Ambiguity"	By Sept 21 at 9am	5 mins
Watch video 5	"History of Painting"	By Sept 21 at 9am	10 mins
Watch video 6	"Artist Close-up: Charles White"	By Sept 21 at 9am	10 mins
Watch video 7	"Artist Close-up: Jean Arp	By Sept 21 at 9am	10 mins
Activities			
Class meeting	Your small-group studio time; mix 8 step black and white palette – start work on 10 paintings	Your assigned group time	70 mins
Studio hours	10 paintings that address space from different angles (further instructions in Moodle)	Open Studio hours	8 brs
Assignments due			
Artist discussion	Present works by one artist you like and one you don't like; submit Flipgrid video to Moodle	23 Sept at 5pm	Research – 1 br Create video – 1 br
Discussion response	Respond to at least two of your classmates artist videos (200-300 words in comments or video response)	25 Sept at 5pm	30 mins (15 mins each)
Weekly response	Review of week's concepts – see prompt in Moodle	25 Sept at 5pm	45 mins
8 Grisaille paintings	8 Grisaille (black and white and interval tones) paintings and one larger 16" x 20" work completed from these studies	28 Sept at 9am	

### Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- production class (arts. performance)

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Formal class meeting	options:			
Group A for ½ of		Group C for ½ of		
class time;		class time;		
Group B for ½ of		Group D for ½ of		
class time		class time		

### Informal connections & engagement options:

week video

demonstrating

techniques, history

Assigned student artist reports due (discussions moved

online)

content, channels for announcements, & channels for fostering general connection

Student reflections on weekly material;

class responses to artist reports Daily use of asynchronous chat/messaging forums (e.g. Slack or within LMS) that includes channels for

Throughout week, use of studio space during non-class time

Faculty or peer Faculty or peer support drop-ins support drop-ins Welcome to the

Tuesday Wednesday

	Face-to-face engagement					
	Research Seminar  Mini Lecture Announcements Student presentations	Student Q&A	Library research training; Special Collections visits	Whole group discussion  Guided work time (library research; analysis of Special Collections materials)	Small group discussion  Workshopping student work in class	
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	Synchronous (Time zone, Tech limitations)	Student Q&A via video conference	Guest expert via videoconference	Instructor-led discussion; guided work time	Small group discussion or peer review via breakout rooms	
	Video by instructor or students	Asynchronous Q&A using LMS and/or Slack	Instructional video created by guest expert Slides, Image	Asynchronous discussion boards: small group or full class	Workshopping student writing with online collaboration tools	
	Notes, slides, announcements via text or video in LMS		annotations via LMS	Collaborative online annotation	Google Docs or online annotation to share ideas, notes	
			Asynchronous	chat channel		
	Online engagement					

Content delivery

# Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Research Seminar (typical week)

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Formal class meeting	ngs/activities:			
Video lectures; small group meetings with shared notetaking; Instructor feedback on work		Whole Group Discussion via Zoom w/ shared document for remote student participation		Video lectures and prompts for research training activities; small group work sessions
Informal connectio	ns & engagement opt	tions:		
Faculty drop-in	Faculty drop-in		Scheduled appointments as needed	Faculty/Librarian drop-in
Welcome to the week video				Reflection
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## Intentionally designing for communication & connection -- Research Seminar (Week 4)

channels for fostering general connection, and channels for the small groups

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Formal class meetings/activities:					
Monday or Tuesday Small group meetings (45 minutes self-scheduled)		F2F Special Collections visit in 3 groups (with video/slide alternate for remote students)		Whole Class Zoom library instruction session (with slide share and exercises for time zone issues)	
Informal connections & engagement options:					
Faculty drop-in	Faculty drop-in		Faculty drop-in	Faculty/Librarian drop-in	
Welcome to the week video				Reflection	
Daily use of asynchronous chat (Slack) that includes channels for content, channels for announcements,					

Prep			Ca. 5 hours
Read	Primary Source	By Sunday 5pm	3 hours
Read	Secondary Article	Before Group Work 1	1.5 hours
Watch	Week 4 Videos 1-4	By Sunday 5pm	10 min. X 4
Group Activities			Ca. 2 hours
Group Work 1	Discuss readings; note taking	Self- scheduled M or Tu Due Tu 5pm	1 hour
Group Work 2	Review notes and annotations. Discuss themes and research	Self-scheduled F or Sat Due Sat. 5pm	Ca. 1 hour
Individual Work			Ca. 1.5 hours
Warm Up	Terminology check	By Sunday 5pm	20 min.
Slide Annotation	Highlight connections with week's themes	By Wednesday 5pm	1 hour

#### Resilient course design

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#### **Breakout discussions:**

Introduce yourselves.

What are things that you didn't have to plan for before that you now have to design for in your courses? For example, we used to make connections with students through informal conversation before or after formal class time. How do we replace that for remote students or if we ourselves cannot be in the classroom?

What are one or two changes you can make in order to make your course more resistant to disruption? Why?

#### Homework for Friday

What would a typical week in your course look like for a student who is on campus and healthy, on campus and in quarantine, off campus? What changes can you make to the weekly design so that the experience and engagement opportunities more equitable to all?

For the courses you are teaching this fall:

- Course activity matrix & weekly plan
- Weekly plan with workload estimate -- what, when, how much time?

Friday breakout groups for discussion of possible weekly plans with others teaching courses of similar types:

- Lecture
- Discussion
- Arts/performance
- Research seminar