

## ONLINE CLASS VS. FACE-TO-FACE CLASS: WHICH ONE IS BETTER?

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The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the trend of online learning, forcing many educational institutions to switch to remote instruction. This shift has sparked a debate about the effectiveness of online classes compared to traditional face-to-face classes. Both types of learning have their advantages and disadvantages, and the choice between the two depends on various factors.

Online classes offer flexibility and convenience, allowing students to attend lectures and complete assignments at their own pace and on their own schedule. They also eliminate the need for commuting and offer access to a wider range of courses and instructors. However, online classes may lack the social interaction and hands-on experience that traditional classes offer. They also require students to have a reliable internet connection and access to a computer or mobile device.

On the other hand, face-to-face classes provide an immersive learning experience that allows students to interact with their peers and instructors in real-time. This type of learning can promote engagement, motivation, and collaboration, as well as provide opportunities for networking and mentorship. But traditional classes can be inflexible and require students to adhere to a rigid schedule. They also limit access to courses and instructors to those within a student's geographic area.

Both online and face-to-face classes have their advantages and disadvantages. The choice between the two ultimately depends on individual preferences and learning styles. Some students prefer the flexibility and convenience of online classes, while others may thrive

in the social environment of face-to-face classes. Understanding one's learning style and preferences can help in making an informed decision between the two options. Different students have different learning styles. Individual students have different learning styles, with some being visual learners, others being auditory learners, and some being kinesthetic learners. Online classes may be better suited for visual learners who can benefit from the use of multimedia, while face-to-face classes may be more beneficial for kinesthetic learners who learn better through hands-on activities.

Regardless of which type of class a student chooses, it is important to stay engaged and focused to get the most out of the learning experience.

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