

# Adopting A Blended Learning Approach Challenges

The Academic Teaching Librarian's Handbook is a comprehensive resource for academic library professionals and LIS students looking to pursue a teaching role in their work and to develop this aspect of their professional lives in a holistic way throughout their careers. The book is built around the core ideas of reflective self-development and informed awareness of one's personal professional landscape. Through engaging with a series of exercises and reflective pauses in each chapter, readers are encouraged to reflect on their professional identity, self-image, self-efficacy and progress as they consider each of the different aspects of the teaching role. This handbook will: - provide a comprehensive resource on teaching, professional development and reflective practice for academic teaching librarians at all stages of their careers - explore the current landscape of teaching librarianship in higher education, and highlight the important developments, issues and trends that are shaping current and future practice - examine the roles and responsibilities of the academic teaching librarian in the digital era - introduce the essential areas of development, skill and knowledge that will empower current and future professionals in the role - inspire prospective and current academic teaching librarians to adopt a broad conception of the role that goes beyond the basic idea of classroom-based teaching, and provide practical tools to engage in personal development and career planning in this area. The Academic Teaching Librarian's Handbook is an indispensable reference, suitable for early career professionals at the start of their teaching journey, as well as mid- or late-career librarians who may have moved into leadership and managerial roles and who wish to advance their teaching role to the next level.

Technology is currently playing a vital role in revolutionizing education systems and progressing academia into the digital age. Technological methods including data mining and machine learning are assisting with the discovery of new techniques for improving learning environments in regions across the world. As the educational landscape continues to rapidly transform, researchers and administrators need to stay up to date on the latest advancements in order to elevate the quality of teaching in their specific institutions. Machine Learning Approaches for Improvising Modern Learning Systems provides emerging research exploring the theoretical and practical aspects of technological enhancements in educational environments and the popularization of contemporary learning methods in developing countries. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as game-based learning, intelligent tutoring systems, and course modelling, this book is ideally designed for researchers, scholars, administrators, policymakers, students, practitioners, and educators seeking current research on the digital transformation of educational institutions.

Volume two of Leading Issues in e-Learning Research brings together a collection of the latest ideas in the area of e-Learning research. e-Learning is undergoing a revolution. The expectations of X and Y generation learners are changing the way we teach. They want more interactive, social and mobile course presentation formats which are resulting in novel teaching methods like flipped classrooms, new tools for learning, apps, social learning and augmented reality. Also, the rise of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) can offer free education for learners around the world. Behind the trends is an ever more globalised, complex and interconnected world which has led to new expectations regarding training, especially in higher education settings: students need to be digitally literate and able to manage uncertainty through creative thinking. This is a profound change which draws its inspiration from the world of business, fostering pedagogical innovation to create new e-Learning initiatives. Melanie Ciussi has put together an excellent collection of leading research papers on the pedagogical innovations that are part of this digital revolution. The general reader as well as researchers, teachers and students will find this book very rewarding."

2017 saw the 25th conference for the European Association of Computer-Assisted Language

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Learning (EUROCALL). Every year, EUROCALL serves as a rich venue to share research, practice, new ideas, and to make new international friends – and this year was no different. It is an innovative and inspiring conference in which researchers and practitioners share their novel and insightful work on the use of technology in language learning and teaching. This volume of short papers captures the pioneering spirit of the conference and you will find here both inspiration and ideas for theory and practice.

A guide to both theory and practice of blended learning offering rigorous research, case studies, and methods for the assessment of educational effectiveness. Blended learning combines traditional in-person learning with technology-enabled education. Its pedagogical aim is to merge the scale, asynchrony, and flexibility of online learning with the benefits of the traditional classroom—content-rich instruction and the development of learning relationships. This book offers a guide to both theory and practice of blended learning, offering rigorous research, case studies, and methods for the assessment of educational effectiveness. The contributors to this volume adopt a range of approaches to blended learning and different models of implementation and offer guidelines for both researchers and instructors, considering such issues as research design and data collection. In these courses, instructors addressed problems they had noted in traditional classrooms, attempting to enhance student engagement, include more active learning strategies, approximate real-world problem solving, and reach non-majors. The volume offers a cross-section of approaches from one institution, Georgia Tech, to provide both depth and breadth. It examines the methodologies of implementation in a variety of courses, ranging from a first-year composition class that incorporated the video game *Assassin's Creed II* to a research methods class for psychology and computer science students. Blended Learning will be an essential resource for educators, researchers, administrators, and policy makers. Contributors Joe Bankoff, Paula Braun, Mark Braunstein, Marion L. Brittain, Timothy G. Buchman, Rebecca E. Burnett, Aldo A. Ferri, Bonnie Ferri, Andy Frazee, Mohammed M. Ghassemi, Ashok K. Goel, Alyson B. Goodman, Joyelle Harris, Cheryl Hiddleston, David Joyner, Robert S. Kadel, Kenneth J. Knoespel, Joe Le Doux, Amanda G. Madden, Lauren Margulieux, Olga Menagarishvili, Shamim Nemati, Vjollca Sadiraj, Donald Webster

Unequal distribution of wealth, poverty, pollution, and gender inequality are just a few of the problems we face and struggle to eliminate. Sustainable development offers a long-term holistic solution to these problems through meeting the needs of the current generation without endangering the capability of future generations in meeting their own needs. Sustainable education or education for sustainability is a transformative learning paradigm that prepares learners and provides them with knowledge, ethical awareness, skills, values, and attitudes to achieve sustainable goals. *Global Approaches to Sustainability Through Learning and Education* is a comprehensive academic publication that facilitates a greater understanding of sustainable development and fosters a culture of sustainability through learning and education. Highlighting a range of topics such as ethics, game-based learning, and knowledge management, this book is ideal for teachers, environmentalists, higher education faculty, activists, curriculum developers, academicians, researchers, professionals, administrators, and policymakers.

The main aim of this book is to gain a deeper understanding of the attitudes of undergraduate university students to group work and group based technology and how this adds to the concept of blended learning. To advance this aim organisational culture and group work, group based technology in the work place, students and group work and blended learning were all considered important issues for this research.

*Essentials for Blended Learning: A Standards-Based Guide* provides a practical, streamlined approach for creating effective learning experiences by blending online activities and the best of face-to-face teaching. This guide is: Easy to use: Clear, jargon-free writing; illustrations; and

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references to online resources help readers understand concepts. Streamlined: A simple but effective design process focuses on creating manageable activities for the right environment. Practical: Real-world examples from different subject areas help teachers understand principles in context. Contemporary: The variety of modern, connected technologies covered in the guide addresses a range of teaching challenges. Forward-Looking: The approach bridges the gap between formal classroom learning and informal lifelong learning. Standards-based: Guidelines and standards are based on current research in the field, relevant learning theories, and practitioner experiences. Effective blended learning requires significant rethinking of teaching practices and a fundamental redesign of course structure. Essentials for Blended Learning: A Standards-Based Guide simplifies these difficult challenges without neglecting important opportunities to transform teaching. This guide is suitable for teachers in any content area. Please visit [www.essentialforblended.com](http://www.essentialforblended.com) for additional resources.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed proceedings of the 5th International Conference on e-Infrastructure and e-Services for Developing Countries, AFRICOMM 2013, held in Blantyre, Malawi, in November 2013. The 32 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 94 submissions. The papers discuss issues and trends, present research, innovation advances and on-the-field experiences related to e-governance, e-infrastructure, and e-business with a focus on developing countries.

Offers comprehensive coverage of the issues, concepts, trends, and technologies of distance learning.

Effective Blended Learning Practices: Evidence-Based Perspectives in ICT-Facilitated Education Evidence-Based Perspectives in ICT-Facilitated Education IGI Global

Learning environments continue to change considerably and is no longer confined to the face-to-face classroom setting. As learning options have evolved, educators must adopt a variety of pedagogical strategies and innovative technologies to enable learning. Practical Applications and Experiences in K-20 Blended Learning Environments compiles pedagogical strategies and technologies and their outcomes that have been successfully applied in blended instruction. Highlighting best practices as elementary, secondary, and tertiary educational levels; this book is a vital tool for educators who teach or plan to teach in blended learning environments and for researchers interested in the area of blended education knowledge.

Active blended learning (ABL) is a pedagogical approach that combines sensemaking activities with focused interactions in appropriate learning settings. ABL has become a great learning tool as it is easily accessible online, with digitally rich environments, close peer and tutor interactions, and accommodations per individual learner needs. It encompasses a variety of concepts, methods, and techniques, such as collaborative learning, experiential learning, problem-based learning, team-based learning, and flipped classrooms. ABL is a tool used by educators to develop learner autonomy, engaging students in knowledge construction, reflection, and critique. In the current educational climate, there is a strong case for the implementation of ABL. Cases on Active Blended Learning in Higher Education explores strategies and methods to implement ABL in higher education. It will provide insights into teaching practice by describing the experiences and reflections of academics from around the world. The chapters analyze enablers, barriers to engagement, outcomes, implications, and recommendations to benefit from ABL in different contexts, as well as associated concepts and models. While highlighting topics such as personalized university courses, remote service learning, team-based learning, and universal design, this book is ideal for in-service and preservice teachers, administrators, instructional designers, teacher educators, practitioners, researchers, academicians, and students interested in pedagogical approaches aligned to ABL and how this works in higher education institutions.

Challenges in the educational arena are not new phenomena. However, with the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, researchers and educators have been made even more

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aware of the need for a paradigm shift in education. Blended learning, as opposed to fully online learning or traditional face-to-face teaching, has been well-researched and has been found to have the potential to provide better educational solutions in challenging contexts. These contexts range from pandemic situations where social distancing is the order of the day to financial and time constraints regarding full-time study, as well as limited physical capacity at institutions. Blended learning solutions are often designed for resourceful institutions and cannot be easily implemented in developing countries and in communities where resources are limited. Typical issues like connectivity, accessibility, lack of suitable devices, and affordability need to be taken into consideration and in cognizance of blended learning interventions. These challenges are often neglected in blended learning research but are critical discussions to be had. *Re-Envisioning and Restructuring Blended Learning for Underprivileged Communities* shares how institutions in the developing world and less privileged communities have re-imagined and restructured blended education to enhance teaching and learning for underprivileged communities. This book aims to address blended learning solutions across institutional, program, course, and activity levels. The chapters will cover a variety of learning environments, from rural settings to less developed countries and more, and explore the programs and courses designed to improve student success and accessibility in diverse student populations. This book is ideally intended for teachers, administrators, teacher educators, practitioners, stakeholders, researchers, academicians, and students who are interested in blended learning opportunities in less-privileged settings and to underserved and marginalized populations.

First Published in 2008. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company. Provides insight into the practice of blended learning in higher education.

As schools continue to explore the transition from traditional education to teaching and learning online, new instructional design frameworks are needed that can support with the development of e-learning content. The e-learning frameworks examined within this book have eight dimensions: (1) institutional, (2) pedagogical, (3) technological, (4) interface design, (5) evaluation, (6) management, (7) resource support, and (8) ethical. Each of these dimensions contains a group of concerns or issues that need to be examined to assess and develop an institutions e-capability in order to introduce the best e-learning practices. *Challenges and Opportunities for the Global Implementation of E-Learning Frameworks* presents global perspectives on the latest best practices and success stories of institutions that were able to effectively implement e-learning frameworks. An e-learning framework is used as a guide to examine e-learning practices in countries around the globe to reflect on opportunities and challenges for implementing quality learning. In this book, therefore, tips for success factors and issues relevant to failures will be presented along with an analysis of similarities and differences between several countries and educational lessons. While highlighting topics such as course design and development, ICT use in the classroom, and e-learning for different subjects, this book is ideal for university leaders, practitioners in e-learning, continuing education institutions, government agencies, course developers, in-service and preservice teachers, administrators, practitioners, stakeholders, researchers, academicians, and students seeking knowledge on how e-learning frameworks are being implemented across the globe.

*Professional Practice in Learning and Development* guides learning and development practitioners and students in designing and delivering effective people development in the modern organization. It is a core text for those studying for learning and development qualifications such as the Chartered Institute of Personnel and

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Development Intermediate level, and a useful handbook for those in learning and development roles looking to develop their understanding of the latest developments facing the profession. With a particular focus on digital, blended and social learning it will help you deliver more for less. Starting with an introduction to learning and development, it shows how to make the business case for activities, use metrics to demonstrate the value add, and engage the right stakeholders. Drawing on the latest research, *Professional Practice in Learning and Development* highlights the new opportunities made available to the learning and development practitioner by technology, new media and the networked world in which we live. It looks at approaches to helping people learn and how to develop tailored solutions. Case studies and reflective questions develop skills in facilitating collaborative learning, working in teams, and communicating effectively with all stakeholders. This book also equips you to measure and communicate the value of the programmes and, drawing on insights from neuroscience, demonstrates some practical new tools for engaging learners to improve the effectiveness of their work.

Online and blended courses are becoming increasingly prevalent in higher education settings, and the pressures to incorporate these environments highlights the increased demand to serve a generation that prefers learning through experience or through interacting with learning tools. Challenges arise in assisting instructors in facilitating and designing blended learning environments that will provide effective learning for all students. *The Handbook of Research on Blended Learning Pedagogies and Professional Development in Higher Education* is a critical research publication that delves into the importance of effective professional development for educators planning and teaching online or blended courses. It also establishes the benefits of technology-mediated learning environments over traditional learning methods. Highlighting a wide array of topics such as online learning environments, active learning model, and educational development, this publication explores technology-based teaching methods in higher education. This book is targeted toward educators, educational administrators, academicians, researchers, and professionals within the realm of higher education. This book is to explore a variety of facets of online learning environments to understand how learning occurs and succeeds in digital contexts and what teaching strategies and technologies are most suited to this format. Business, health, government and education are some of the core sectors of society which have been experiencing deep transformations due to a generalized digitalization. While these changes are not novel, the swift progress of technology and the rising complexity of digital environments place a focus on the need for further research and novel strategies. In the context of education, the promise of increased flexibility and broader access to educational resources is impelling much of higher education's course offerings to online environments. The 21st century learner requires an education that can be pursued anytime and anywhere and that is more aligned with the demands of a digital society. Online education not only assists students to success-fully integrate a workforce that is increasingly digital, but it helps them to become more comfortable with the use of technology in general and, hence, more prepared to be prolific digital citizens. The variety of settings portrayed in this volume attest to the unlimited opportunities afforded by online learning and serve as valuable evidence of its benefit for students' educational experience. Moreover, these research efforts assist a more

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comprehensive reflection about the delivery of higher education in the context of online settings.

"This book demonstrates the view that Information and Communication Technologies should not be considered as a neutral teaching medium, but instead be implemented under pedagogical conditions; aiming at the development of critical thinking through their creative integration into the social and cultural context"--

Master's Thesis from the year 2015 in the subject Pedagogy - Adult Education, grade: A, University of Huddersfield, course: MA Education, language: English, comment: Dissertation Paper attainment mark 75 MA Ed overall attainment mark, Distinction. PGCE/DLLS attained teacher learner of the year award, abstract: The action research study focuses on transforming learning within an FE College in the form of blended learning through a modified flipped classroom model of teaching and learning. The rationale was to provide future teachers with a strategy for initiating and developing a new effective approach to enhance teaching and learning through the much acclaimed flipped classroom model. Most research studies have informed us of the benefits and very few issues which have been overcome although research has never previewed the preliminary stages of real life transformation and what that entails for both teachers and students within the context of an FE college; incorporating teachers' and students' affordances. The aims have been scrutinized through the available literature and the outcomes were strategically focusing on the realities of how teachers and two groups of students could adopt and integrate this form of blended learning in the context of an FE college. Through qualitative triangulation analysis of data, the key thematic findings from both groups of students were negative attitudes towards the adoption practices of the flipped classroom. However, through further analysis and interpretation, the emergent results were linked to the lack of a positive classroom culture, which upholds the significance in the value of adopting and integrating a new approach to learning from the start of a school year, thus becoming more meaningful. The key findings that transpired from teachers' perspectives were varied towards their adoption practices although through interpreting the findings the final emergent result was also linked to the lack of a positive and supportive

Blended learning, which combines the strength of face-to-face and technology-enhanced learning, is increasingly being seen as one of the most important vehicles for education reform today. Blended learning allows both teacher and learner access to radically increased possibilities for understanding how we transmit and receive information, how we interact with others in educational settings, how we build knowledge, and how we assess what we have taught or learned. Blended Learning: Research Perspectives, Volume 2 provides readers with the most current, in-depth collection of research perspectives on this vital subject, addressing institutional issues, design and adoption issues, and learning issues, as well as an informed meditation on future trends and research in the field. As governments, foundations, schools, and colleges move forward with plans and investments for vast increases in blended learning environments, a new examination of the existing research on the topic is essential reading for all those involved in this educational transformation.

Use technology to focus on your students! In this step-by-step guide, teacher and education blogger Catlin Tucker outlines the process for integrating online discussion with face-to-face instruction in a way that empowers teachers to focus their energies

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where they're most needed. With concrete strategies, ready-to-use resources, and sample rubrics grounded in the Common Core State Standards, this book shows teachers how to: Increase engagement and drive higher-order thinking Prepare students for high-stakes exams without sacrificing class time Assess online work Personalize learning and differentiate lessons Move toward flipped instruction to create a student-centered classroom

These proceedings represent the work of researchers participating in the 10th International Conference on e-Learning (ICEL 2015) which is being hosted this year by the College of the Bahamas, Nassau on the 25-26 June 2015. ICEL is a recognised event on the International research conferences calendar and provides a valuable platform for individuals to present their research findings, display their work in progress and discuss conceptual advances in the area of e-Learning. It provides an important opportunity for researchers and managers to come together with peers to share their experiences of using the varied and expanding range of e-Learning available to them. With an initial submission of 91 abstracts, after the double blind, peer review process there are 41 academic Research papers and 2 PhD papers Research papers published in these Conference Proceedings. These papers come from some many different countries including: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Portugal, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, UK and the USA. A selection of the best papers – those agreed by a panel of reviewers and the editor will be published in a conference edition of EJEL (the Electronic Journal of e-Learning [www.ejel.com](http://www.ejel.com)). These will be chosen for their quality of writing and relevance to the Journal's objective of publishing papers that offer new insights or practical help into the application e-Learning.

Abstracts of I International Scientific and Practical Conference

Building Sustainable Futures for Adult Learners is an edited and refereed collection of papers published in conjunction with the joint Adult Higher Educational Alliance (AHEA) and American Association of Adult and Continuing Education Conferences (AAACE). This book is the third in a series of scholarly publications associated with the annual AHEA conference. The book is arranged thematically according to the topics of submissions. Building Sustainable Futures is important because it fills a unique niche in the field of adult education, extends the scope of AHEA to a larger audience, and offers a current volume for scholars and practitioners based on both research and practice-based research.

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Purpose--This dissertation in practice is an evaluation study conducted at Iowa State University, entitled, Learning Ecosystem Assessment Review of Needs (LEARN). The evaluation posed these questions: (a) What educational technologies are currently used and what technologies will be needed in the future? (b) What are the attitudes and practices of faculty and students toward online and blended learning? (c) What academic technology support services are

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used? What are the perceptions of the support provided for the application of academic technologies? Methodology/design--The study was a mixed-methods design employing interviews with deans and focus groups and surveys of faculty and students. Findings--Iowa State University faculty and students use a wide array of academic technologies both in physical and virtual classrooms. The prevailing sentiment regarding the need for future academic technologies is not for new offerings and new features but for easier to use, more reliable technologies, and more timely support. Although Iowa State University has formally adopted online learning by offering numerous programs and courses, the university is in the early stages of adopting blended learning. Implications--The results and implications of the study inform the university on next steps to ready the institution for leveraging technology and preparing for the transformation toward strategic adoption of online and blended learning. The author outlines an organizational learning approach to manage change and promote adoption of blended learning.

Blended Learning: Research Perspectives, Volume 3 offers new insights into the state of blended learning, an instructional modality which combines face-to-face and digitally mediated experiences. Education has recently seen remarkable advances in instructional technologies such as adaptive and personalized instruction, virtual learning environments, gaming, analytics, and big data software. This book examines how these and other evolving tools are fueling advances in our schools, colleges, and universities. Original scholarship from education's top thinkers will prepare researchers and learning designers to tackle major issues relating to learning effectiveness, diversity, economies of scale, and beyond.

This volume explores the challenges of educating professionals to succeed in a complex, uncertain and global business world. The book contains intellectual concepts and practical advice from leaders in innovative education around the globe. It will help educators and the educational enterprise become more innovative, efficient, and effective in addressing the teaching/learning challenges associated with helping students prepare to face their own challenges.

This book demonstrates how blended learning improves access to and enhances the quality of higher education teaching and learning in Asian universities. It first discusses how leading universities in the region drive and support blended learning at the institutional level to enhance student learning engagement and outcomes. It then examines 10 effective implementations and lessons learned of blended learning practices across different disciplinary courses and programmes (humanities and language, science and engineering, social science and education, and others) in the region. The chapters in this book provide an overview of the opportunities and challenges of blended learning for improved access and enhanced quality of higher education, and offer insights into the promising blended learning policies and practices in Asian universities.

The rapid growth in online and virtual learning opportunities has created culturally

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diverse classes and corporate training sessions. Instruction for these learning opportunities must adjust to meet participant needs. *Online Course Management: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications* is a comprehensive reference source for the latest scholarly material on the trends, techniques, and management of online and distance-learning environments and examines the benefits and challenges of these developments. Highlighting a range of pertinent topics, such as blended learning, social presence, and educational online games, this multi-volume book is ideally designed for administrators, developers, instructors, staff, technical support, and students actively involved in teaching in online learning environments.

Continuous improvements in business operations have allowed companies more opportunities to grow and expand. This not only leads to higher success in increasing day-to-day profits, but it enhances overall organizational productivity. *Evolution of the Post-Bureaucratic Organization* is a pivotal source of research containing integrated and consistent theoretical frameworks on post-bureaucratic organizations, multidisciplinary perspectives, and provides case studies related to the critical aspects of the emergence of post-bureaucratic organizations.

Featuring extensive coverage across a range of relevant perspectives and topics, such as business ethics, organizational communication, and cultural perspectives, this book is ideally designed for scholars, PhD and post-graduate university students, managers, and practitioners.

*Teaching in Blended Learning Environments* provides a coherent framework in which to explore the transformative concept of blended learning. Blended learning can be defined as the organic integration of thoughtfully selected and complementary face-to-face and online approaches and technologies. A direct result of the transformative innovation of virtual communication and online learning communities, blended learning environments have created new ways for teachers and students to engage, interact, and collaborate. The authors argue that this new learning environment necessitates significant role adjustments for instructors and generates a need to understand the aspects of teaching presence required of deep and meaningful learning outcomes. Built upon the theoretical framework of the Community of Inquiry – the premise that higher education is both a collaborative and individually constructivist learning experience – the authors present seven principles that provide a valuable set of tools for harnessing the opportunities for teaching and learning available through technology. Focusing on teaching practices related to the design, facilitation, direction and assessment of blended learning experiences, *Teaching in Blended Learning Environments* addresses the growing demand for improved teaching in higher education.

This comprehensive resource highlights the most recent practices and trends in blended learning from a global perspective and provides targeted information for specific blended learning situations. You'll find examples of learning options that combine face-to-face instruction with online learning in the workplace, more

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formal academic settings, and the military. Across these environments, the book focuses on real-world practices and includes contributors from a broad range of fields including trainers, consultants, professors, university presidents, distance-learning center directors, learning strategists and evangelists, general managers of learning, CEOs, chancellors, deans, and directors of global talent and organizational development. This diversity and breadth will help you understand the wide range of possibilities available when designing blended learning environments. Order your copy today!

Language learning is a complex and challenging endeavor. For students to achieve the desired proficiency in English as a Foreign Language (EFL) their institutions need to invest time, effort and huge resources in order to cater for different learning styles. To be cost effective, many language-teaching institutions strive to provide intensive foreign language (FL) instruction to reduce the time period needed to learn the target language. This explains the current interest in combining differe...

This is a practical introduction to blended learning, presenting examples of implementation across a broad spectrum of disciplines. For faculty unfamiliar with this mode of teaching, it illustrates how to address the core challenge of blended learning—to link the activities in each medium so that they reinforce each other to create a single, unified, course—and offers models they can adapt. Francine Glazer and the contributors to this book describe how they integrate a wide range of pedagogical approaches in their blended courses, use groups to build learning communities, and make the online environment attractive to students. They illustrate under what circumstances particular tasks and activities work best online or face-to-face, and when to incorporate synchronous and asynchronous interactions. They introduce the concept of layering the content of courses to appropriately sequence material for beginning and experienced learners, and to ensure that students see both the online and the face-to-face components as being equal in value and devote equal effort to both modalities. The underlying theme of this book is encouraging students to develop the skills to continue learning throughout their lives. By allowing students to take more time and reflect on the course content, blended learning can promote more student engagement and, consequently, deeper learning. It appeals to today's digital natives who are accustomed to using technology to find and share information, communicate, and collaborate, and also enables non-traditional students to juggle their commitments more efficiently and successfully.

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