Perspectives in Online Instruction and Learning



Online Instruction and learning from...

... an INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER perspective

Design of the instruction

- · align instructional goals, learning outcomes, assessments/tests
- organize instructions, activities, resources (flow, navigation, logic)
- purposeful integration of instructional/communication strategies, message/visual/ motivational features, interaction and assessment, and appropriate technologies / resources to enhance content presentation and interactions

Types of resources

- engage learners with the content, in viewing content in multiple ways, in reflecting about their learning and application of content, at the appropriate level for expected learning outcomes
- provide clear instruction on what to do with given resources and/or how to find required resources
- allow learners multiple ways to demonstrate their learning, share understanding, and extend their knowledge within and outside the course

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Online Instruction and learning from...

... an online INSTRUCTOR perspective

Planning for online instructing and learning

- select optimal digital tools and online strategies to support instruction, learning, and assessment
- select online resources that exemplify key content points, examples, stories, data, etc.
- organize learning environment to ensure online tools, strategies, and resources are well integrated and easily / consistently used by learners
- confirm readiness of learning environment, online tools and resources

Facilitating online learning

- engage (facilitate, demo, motivate, question, debrief) learners in content using multiple strategies (individual, collaborative, social, field work, etc.), resources, and tools
- use a variety of online tools to monitor group dynamics and learning, adapt the online environment, resources, and activities as appropriate
- employ a variety of online technologies and strategies to engage learners applying new knowledge and skills within and beyond the instructional context

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Online Instruction and learning from...

... an online LEARNER perspective

The online *learning environment* supports my needs to ...

- develop realistic expectation for working and learning online
- maintain determination to achieve learning goals (commit myself)
- manage challenges of online learning (organize, adhere to instructions, adjusts to or resolve problems)
- manage my time (to meet my and course expectations)
- be compliant with academic, ethical, legal standards (course requirements/ deadlines, intellectual property, confidentiality, respect)
- use technology proficiently (use tools effectively, explore online capabilities, manage digital data, seek tech problem solutions)

The online instruction prompts me to...

- be active, resourceful, reflective, self-monitoring learners who apply their learning
- · engaged in online communication, interactions, and collaborative work

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When resources prompt...

Generative Learning

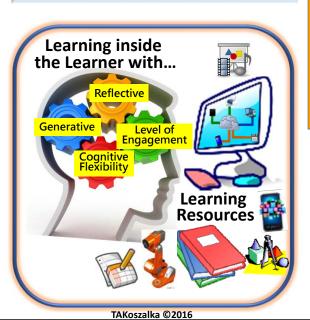
- Organize and integrate new information
- Hand-on Minds-on
- Physical and cognitive manipulation of new content

When resources support...

Cognitive Flexibility

- Engaging in multiple perspectives of content
- Taking on multiple roles in viewing content
- Thinking in different and flexible ways about content

Using Learning Resources (digital and non-digital) to support Online learning



When resources prompt...

Reflection

- Exploring and monitoring self-knowledge of content
- Applying new knowledge to realistic settings
- Exploring application of knowledge to other contexts

When resource is based in...

Level of Engagement

- Cognitive, Affective, Psychomotor domains
- Multiple levels of learning in each domain
- Engaging at levels based on expected outcomes

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Designing and Enhancing online instruction from multiple perspectives: Thinking like... instructional designer, online instructor, and online learner

			NOT
Instructional Designer	YES	N0	SURE
For each unit			
do instructional goals, learning objectives, pedagogical strategies, technology tools, and assessments align with each other?	0	0	0
do instructions/guidelines clearly describe assignments (e.g., introduce, explain goals of activities, describe how to complete the assignment, provide learning outcomes, describe how learning will be assessed)?	0	0	0
do assignments have a summary/debrief to help learners reflect on new content?	0	0	0
is there integration of communications among instructor, peers, and/or others?	0	0	0
are there grading guidelines or rubrics to support each assignment?	0	0	0
do resources (e.g., readings, graphics, presentations) support expected learning?	0	0	0
is it organized in a logical order that supports learner navigation through the content presentation, assignments, activities, and assessments?	0	0	0
are graphics, motivational features, interactive events, and resources purposefully integrated?	0	0	0
For resources			
do they engage the learner with the content/subject matter to be learned?	0	0	0
do they prompt the learner to think or act in a variety of different ways with the content?	0	0	0
do they prompt the learner to reflect on knowledge and application of content?	0	0	0
do they prompt the learner at an appropriate level of expected learning outcome (e.g., recall, comprehension, problem solving)?	0	0	0
have clear instructions on how they should be used?	0	0	0
provide learner with multiple ways to demonstrate content learning, share understanding, and extend content learning within and beyond the unit?	0	0	0
Instructor			
Planning			
optimal digital tools and online strategies are selected to support <i>instructional</i> activity?	0	0	0
optimal digital tools and online strategies are selected to support <i>learning</i> activities?	0	0	0
optimal digital tools and online strategies are selected to support <i>assessments</i> ?	0	0	0
online resources are selected (or developed) that exemplify key content, examples, illustrative stories, necessary data, etc.?	0	0	0
learning environment is organized to ensure learners can find, access, and use resources?	0	0	0
learning environment effectively integrates online tools, strategies and resources?	0	0	0
While facilitating online learning you are	•		
engaging (e.g., facilitate, demonstrate, motivate, question, summarize, debrief) learners in content?	0	0	0
engaging learners with multiple pedagogical strategies (e.g., individual, collaborative, social, field work) as they align with expected learning outcomes?	0	0	0
engaging learners with multiple types of tools and resources, aligned with pedagogy?	0	0	0
using a variety of online tools to monitor group dynamics and learning?	0	0	0
adapting the online environment, resources, and activities as necessary?	0	0	0
employing a variety of appropriate online tools and online/offline strategies to engage learners in applying new knowledge and skills?	0	0	0

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	T		NOT		
Online Learner	YES	N0	SURE		
Online environment supports learners' needs to					
develop realistic expectation for working and learning online	0	0	0		
maintain determination of achieving learning goals (commit to one's self)	0	0	0		
manage challenges of online learning (organize, adhere to instructions, meet deadlines, adjusts to or resolve problems)	0	0	0		
manage time to meet own expectations and course expectations	0	0	0		
be compliant with academic, ethical, legal standards (course requirements/deadlines, intellectual property, confidentiality, respect)	0	0	0		
use technology proficiently (use tools effectively, explore online capabilities, manage digital data, seek tech problem solutions)	0	0	0		
Online instruction prompts students to					
be active	0	0	0		
be resourceful	0	0	0		
be reflective	0	0	0		
be self-monitoring	0	0	0		
apply and extend learning	0	0	0		
Engage in online communication, interactions, and collaborative work	0	0	0		

NOTES:

These questions are designed to help you think about how your online instructions meets minimal design and technology principles, instructor planning and facilitation activities, and online learner support mechanisms. It is not intended as a full list of all aspects for designing online instruction, as instruction should be purposeful, consider technological pedagogical content knowledge principles, and follow accessibility guidelines. All of this should be considered as you understand the online environment, features, and tools that is available.