

What does "face-to-face" mean in higher education and what do we need it for?

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The opposite of online or distance education is...



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face-to-face
in-person
classroom-based
on-site
on-campus
in-class
physical
traditional
normal?



not a matter of yes or no, but
rather **it depends on what for**





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOxwPChs0Zs>

network

support

There is clearly a type of learning that takes place in the lounges, cafes and bars in and around campus that simply can't be found on a Facebook page. The designers of distance learning programs have developed what they term a "hybrid" model that combines live with distance learning to deal with this issue. There is a type of communication that requires that we sit in the same room and interact with each other... That is why we find ourselves flying thousands of miles to break bread with a treasured colleague or driving all night to close a deal with a valued partner or customer. **That is why distance learning will not replace live and in person communication and learning. It will augment live education, but will not eliminate it. Educators should not worry that robots will replace them.**



Lord grant me the serenity to
accept the things I cannot
change, the courage to
change the things I can, and
the wisdom to know the
difference





there is no going back

rethinking what a "student" is (not only full-time attendance to class) and how that has an **impact on study programs** (more flexible forms of **QA accreditation & microcredentials** to unbundle degrees)

investing in distance teaching (teacher training, student support & assessment systems)



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