

Common Remote and Online Teaching Glossary of Terms

Instructor Social Presence

Techniques used in online courses that create an awareness among students that the instructor is actively engaged in the teaching and learning process.

Student-to-Student Interactivity

Instructional strategies that promote a community of learners in an online course. Examples of strategies that promote student interactivity in online courses are small group assignments, discussion forums, team projects, peer review of papers.

Synchronous

A form of communications in which the instructor and students meet together at the same time and interact in “real-time”.

Asynchronous

Instructors prepare course materials in advance of the students’ access. Students may access the course materials at a time of their choosing and will interact with each other over a longer period of time. (Reference: Teaching Effectively During Times of Disruption for SIS and PWR, Sanford University, March 2020)

Remote Learning Course

Faculty use videoconferencing tools such as Zoom, Blackboard Collaborate, Microsoft Teams, etc. to deliver instruction

Hybrid Course

At least one-half of the class sessions within a week are delivered face-to-face and some course work/activities are delivered asynchronously.

Blackboard Production Environment

The Blackboard site at SC State where students access their courses in Blackboard for instruction.

Blackboard Test Environment

The Blackboard site at SC State where faculty build new online courses and participate in most online faculty training classes. The Blackboard test environment is not available to students.

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