



Changing Spaces

Using technology to enhance learning partnerships through effective pre-lecture engagement (EPLE)

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ADELAIDE Changing spaces: our need for change



- Long contact hours
- Traditional face to face lecture format – teacher driven
- Student diversity of learning needs
- Time poor students and teachers
 - Minimal opportunity for active learning pre and during f2f
 - Select and use appropriate tools to achieve our goals
 - Improve student engagement in first year human biology



What EPLE requires....

- Careful design (blueprinting and storyboard)
- Collaboration with colleagues
- Ongoing teacher evaluation
- Student induction
- Tangible online teacher presence

With EPLE

'...new concepts become more comprehensible and deeper understanding is easier to achieve when students master relevant prior knowledge.'

Kolari and Savander-Ranne (2007)







Interactive Learning Modules



knowledgebank.globalteacher.org.au



Developing & implementing the ILMS



- Existing PPT lectures adapted to Articulate Learning software.
- Narrative recorded using an investigative questioning style to help clarify new concepts
- Key learning issues emphasised to highlight 'threshold concepts'
- Student access via LMS Blackboard's MyUni

http://ajax.acue.adelaide.edu.au/~allan/embrology/player.html



Using ILMS for Feedback

- Interactive assessment checkpoints undertaken at regular intervals (ie approx every 5 slides)
- Students receive immediate feedback
- "At risk" students or global learning issues identified





"Quick Bytes"

 Provide students with a video 'online crash course' introducing new concepts

Embedded in ILM.



This video is unlisted. Only those with the link can see it. Learn more

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2TvfgiNHCs

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Impact of the ILMs





Evidence of effectiveness





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Average completion rate: 95% 2008-2011

(No formal assessment linked to ILMs)

Human Biology SELTS:

'I receive adequate feedback' 2011: 100% BA 2010: 100% BA 2009: 100% BA





What our students think about ILMs

Student Evaluation of Learning and Teaching (SELT) 2007-2010 surveys and student emails elicited qualitative data:

- "I felt I had access to the tutors in my own home"
- "I was able to pause the ILM to reflect on fantastic analogies I will never forget"
- "ILMs are a convenient and valuable learning resource.. they help me to understand the topic better before the lecture"
- Having visual and auditory resources helps reinforce the message more effectively"





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Feedback from focus groups:

- Immediate feedback on performance
- Make sense of their learning through both independent reflection and collaborative activities
- ...a more effective learning
 environment students felt that they
 learnt better through ILMs than
 traditional approach
- Improved students' engagement to the point where they were discussing content outside of class
- The dialogue of two lecturers was lively and entertaining, underpinned by their ability to provide effective explanatory images and metaphors.





Benchmarking the ILMs

Salmon's 5	5 stage	online	learning	model	
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1	Access and Motivation	•
2	Online Socialisation (culture building)	~
3	Information Exchange (co-operation)	~
4	Knowledge Construction (collaboration)	~
5	Knowledge Development (development)	•



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What's next?

- Grant application to foster colleague development
- Survey Monkey now 'hosts' the checkpoints and has improved the data collection and analysis of student participation and learning
- Continuous improvement through evaluation and peer collaboration

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