The Spark of Online Learning

How Technology and Emotion Science Invigorate Every Class

Meet Flower Darby









What one word describes how

you feel

about online teaching?

Other people help us be successful

Connect

with the people in our classes







Help students

connect more deeply with class materials

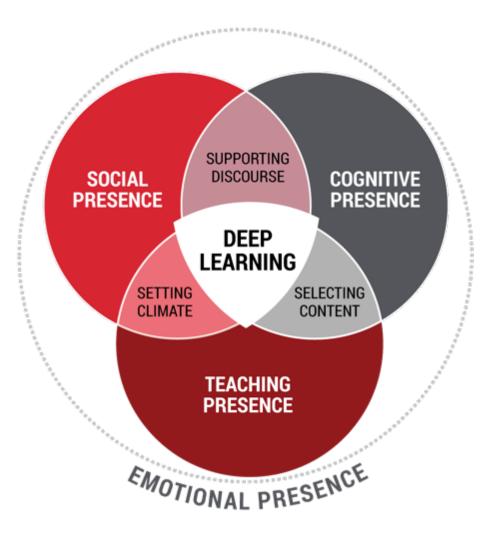






Understandably anxious





Modified Community of Inquiry Framework







Emotion and Cognition

Attention

Motivation

Memory

Emotions to

Connect

Engage

Motivate

Practical Strategies

Synchronous and Asynchronous

Harness the Science of Emotion

Attention

Motivation

Memory

Sarah Rose Cavanagh Assumption University



The Spark of Learning: Energizing the College Classroom with the Science of Emotion (2016)



emotion and cognition are supported by interdependent neural processes

> Mary Helen Immordino-Yang University of Southern California

Emotions, Learning, and the Brain (2016)

Emotion and Cognition



Emotions grab our attention

Emotions motivate us

Emotions maximize

working memory

Emotions maximize

long-term memory



steer our decisions



it is literally neurobiologically impossible to think about things you don't care about

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https://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/05/04/to-help-students-learn-engage-the-emotions/?smid=fb-nytimes&smtyp=cur

Emotion and Academic Achievement



Positive emotions predict academic achievement

Positive emotions facilitate self-regulated learning

Negative emotions impede cognitive engagement



What can we do to maximize positive and minimize negative learning experiences?



What has been most interesting so far?

Practical strategies

Synchronous and Asynchronous



Sustain a **welcoming** tone

Be **vibrantly** yourself

Bring your passion to energize the atmosphere

Design for emotion

Engage curiosity and interest



x% agree with increased access



79% agree with increased access



What % think online classes don't work?



Almost half think online classes don't work



x% prefer to teach online



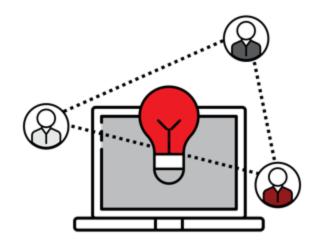
9% prefer to teach online

Ask interesting questions ...

Create interesting scenarios

Design for **choice**

Universal Design for Learning Framework



UDL +1 thinking

Thomas Tobin

University of Wisconsin Madison



Reach Everyone, Teach Everyone: Universal Design for Learning in Higher Education (2018)

Design for

fun

A Game a Day: Fun and Dynamic Synchronous Online Learning, Lisa Forbes

Fostering Fun: Engaging Students With Asynchronous Online Learning, Lisa Forbes



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Questions and Discussion

Recommended Resources

The Spark of Learning: Energizing the College Classroom with the Science of Emotion by Sarah Rose Cavanagh (2016)

Small Teaching Online: Applying Learning Science in Online Classes by Flower Darby and James M. Lang (2019)

Emotions, Learning, and the Brain: Exploring the Educational Implications of Affective Neuroscience by Mary Helen Immordino-Yang (2016)

Minds Online: Teaching Effectively With Technology by Michelle Miller (2014)

Reach Everyone, Teach Everyone: Universal Design for Learning in Higher Education by Thomas J. Tobin and Kirsten T. Behling (2018)