Teaching Innovation Using Online Strategies

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Online Learning Strategy

- Flexible learning to accommodate student choice
- Active learning online to engage students
- Focus on introductory and gateway courses

Pilots & Grants

- OUCI
- MTCU
- Gates

Tools & Resources

- Portal Tools
- Webinars
- Video Content

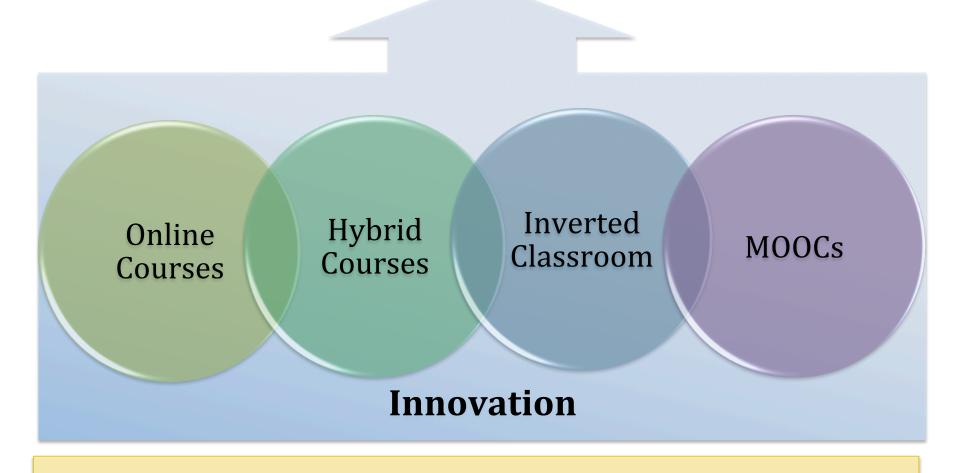
Faculty Development

- Course Design
- Online Pedagogy

Instructor Community

- Community of Practice
- Researchers

Flexible Learning



Research

Introduction to Computer Programming

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MOOCs CSC108 CSC108 Inverted Online



Fall 2012, Winter 2013 Winter 2013 (ongoing) Coming in Fall 2014!

Reinventing the way we teach

INVERTED

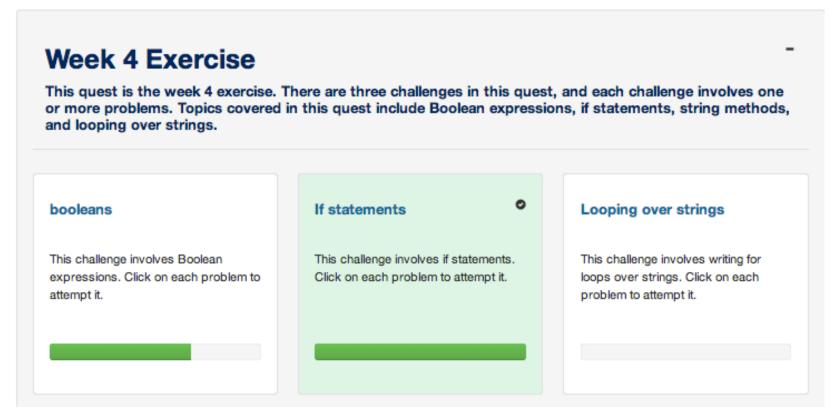
- Students prepare before attending lecture
 - watching videos, completing exercises
- Students work on exercises during lecture
 - TAs are present during lecture
- Weekly online exercises instead of weekly closed labs
 - The TA resources are used in lecture instead

ONLINE

Next challenge: moving lecture exercises and support online

Development of a new tool

 PCRS: Programming Course Resource System



Outcomes: pass/fail/drop, learning

- Compared to students in a traditional offering of CSC108, students in inverted CSC108 found course to be:
 - more difficult,
 - about the same workload
 - as enjoyable
- Pass, drop, and fail rates were not significantly different.
- Final exam scores rose 8%
 - Exams of comparable difficulty as independently rated by two senior lecturers not teaching course

Environment 100 and Restoration Ecology

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Along the continuum



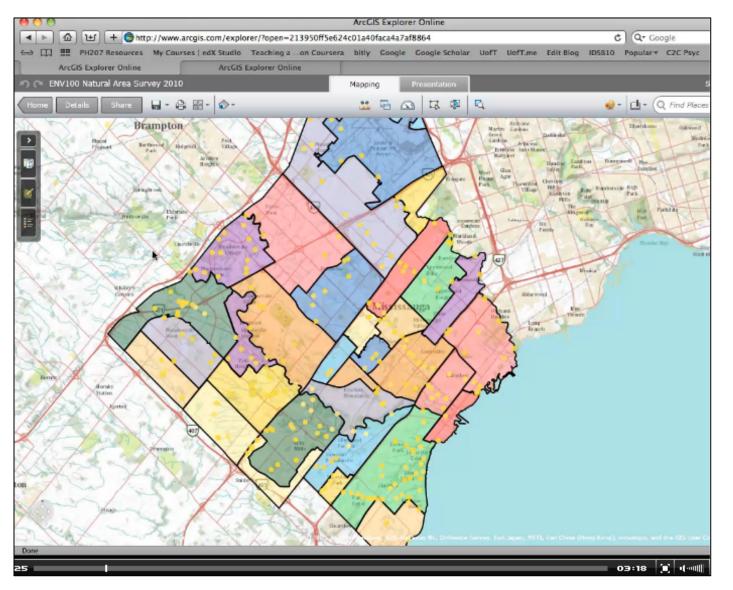
Presentation Info

Friday September 20

Prof. Havelka 9/20/2013 1326 views

- inverted classroom (ENV495)
- in-class and online model (ENV100)
- fully on-line (summer ENV100)

Open Data and GIS Assignment



- Relevant
- Authentic
- Engaging

Online chats create community

[Drew Danyluk joined the session] Jan 30, 2014 7:26:13 PM EST

Monika Havelka: There is convergence where the two Hadley cells meet; where the Hadley and Ferrel cells meet there is divergence... what happens where the Ferrel and

polar cells meet? Jan 30, 2014 7:26:54 PM EST

Monika Havelka: anyone? Jan 30, 2014 7:27:22 PM EST

Muhammad Qureshi: convergence? Jan 30, 2014 7:27:23 PM EST

Monika Havelka: yes!! Jan 30, 2014 7:27:27 PM EST

Monika Havelka: exactly! Jan 30, 2014 7:27:31 PM EST Muhammad Qureshi: oh Jan 30, 2014 7:27:32 PM EST

Vanessa Marchese: together they create precipitation right? Jan 30, 2014 7:27:57 PM EST Monika Havelka: So, there is a LOW where the Hadley cells meet; a HIGH where the

Hadley meets the Ferrel, and a LOW where the Ferrel meets the polar cells. Make

sense? Jan 30, 2014 7:28:16 PM EST

Monika Havelka: Yes, Vanessa -- although that will be a much great effect at the

equator -- why? Jan 30, 2014 7:28:43 PM EST

Vanessa Marchese: because the air is warmer at the equator?? Jan 30, 2014 7:29:08 PM EST

Monika Havelka: Perfect -- you got it!! Jan 30, 2014 7:29:16 PM EST

Monika Havelka: :D Jan 30, 2014 7:29:19 PM EST

Vanessa Marchese: awesome Jan 30, 2014 7:29:22 PM EST

Monika Havelka: Muhammad -- does that make sense? Jan 30, 2014 7:29:39 PM EST

Muhammad Qureshi: yes thank you Jan 30, 2014 7:30:00 PM EST

Monika Havelka: great :) Jan 30, 2014 7:30:08 PM EST

Students Report:

ENV495: "I love the webcasts, I wish every course were taught that way."

- 92% favourable impression of course
- 76% felt their problem-solving skills had improved
- 68% felt their critical-thinking skills had improved
- 64% felt thaeir teamwork skills had improved

Students Report:

ENV100: survey of 239 students (summer 2013) – 232 responses:

- Online: convenience AND learning style
- Mature students, full-time employment, outside of Canada...
- 46% specifically cited online format as a motivation to take the course

Introduction to Psychology I & II

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	Circa 1998	Circa 2003	Circa 2011	Circa 2014
	MC Mid (45%) MC Final (55%)	MC Mid (38%) MC Final (40%) peerScholar (12%) webOption	MC Mid (35%) MC Final (40% peerScholar (12%) Wikipedia (3%) webOption	mTuner1 (4%) mTuner2 (6%) mTuner3 (8%) mTuner4 (10%) peerScholar (12%) Digital Labcoat (7%) Experimental Participation (3%) Cumulative Final (50%) webOption
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WEBOPTION LECTURECASTING

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Lecture 08



702 314 hits on individual lecturecasts since September 10, 2012

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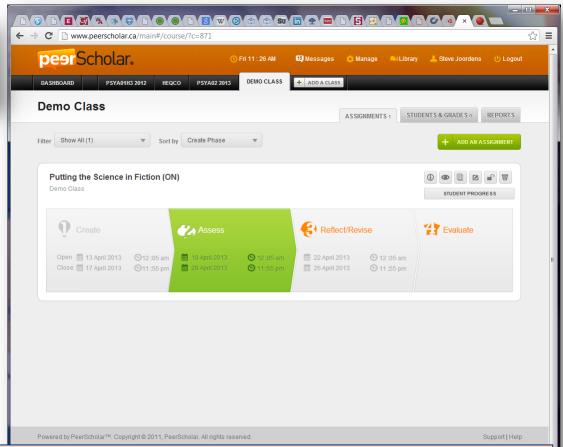






Learning Outcomes:

Critical and Creative
Thought, Expressive and
Receptive Communication,
Collaboration, Meta
Cognition



Students first create a written argument

Then assess the work of 6 peers

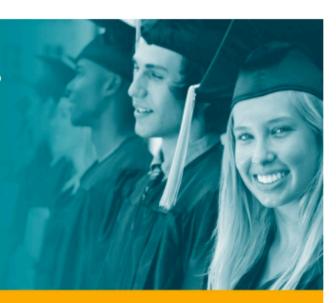
Then see and assess the comments on their work and revise it accordingly

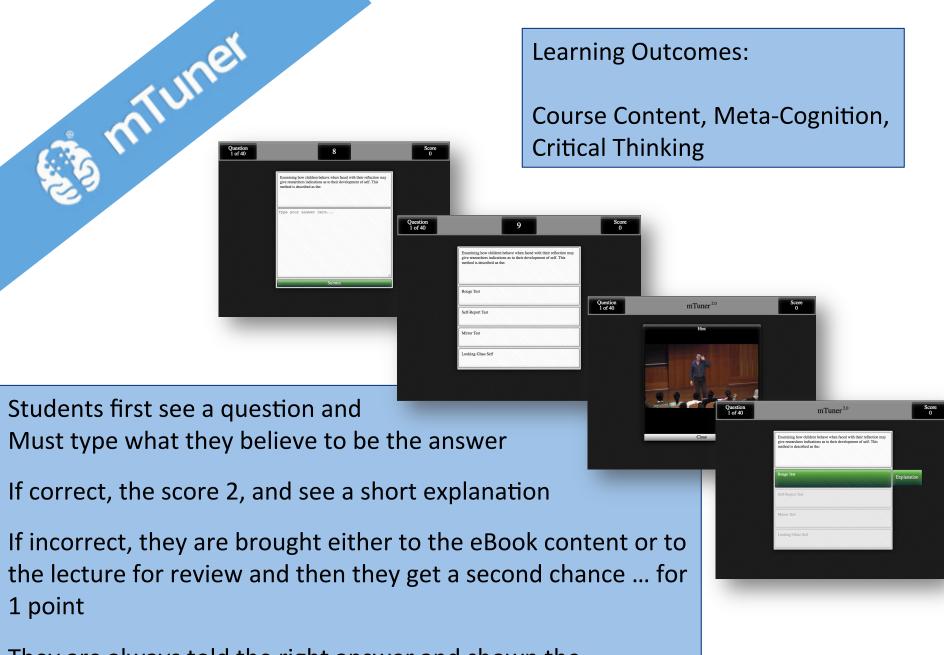
Finally they reflect on the process



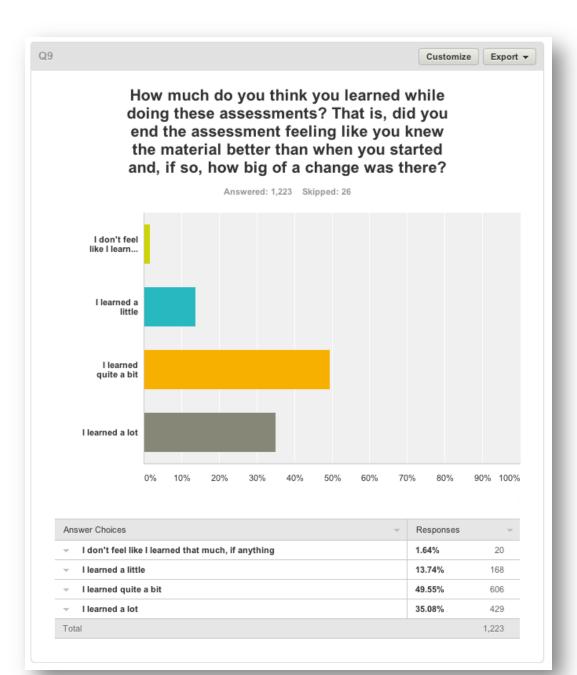
Taking Learning Outcomes to the Gym: An Assignment-Based Approach to Developing and Assessing Learning Outcomes

Steve Joordens, Dwayne Paré and Lisa-Marie Collimore Advanced Learning Technologies Lab University of Toronto Scarborough





They are always told the right answer and shown the explanation before moving on





Students first mine their own data in search of an interesting finding ... which they then "market"

Students then attempt to "replicate" other interesting effects

They then provide or vote for theoretical interpretations of the most interesting and replicable findings

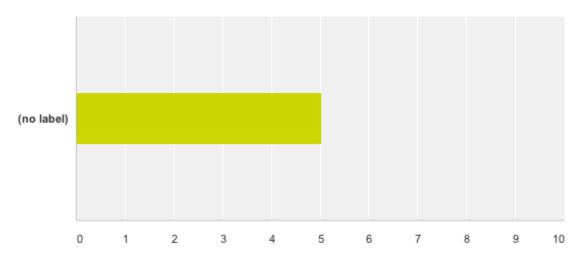
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Customize

Export -

I gained a much better sense of the scientific process. Concepts like sampling, replication, hypotheses and third variables made a lot more sense than they did after just reading the text

Answered: 1,207 Skipped: 42



~	Strongly Disagree	(no label)	(no label)	Neutral -	(no label)	(no label)	Strongly Agree	Total 🔻	Average Rating
(no label)	2.15% 26	3.07% 37	7.04% 85	20.30% 245	28.00% 338	23.28% 281	16.16% 195	1,207	5.03

Questions and Discussion

