



Blended learning

What is blended learning?



Blended learning: enriched learning experiences, facilitated by a harmonious integration of different activating strategies and combining F2F interaction with IT. It is therefore an activity of the student.

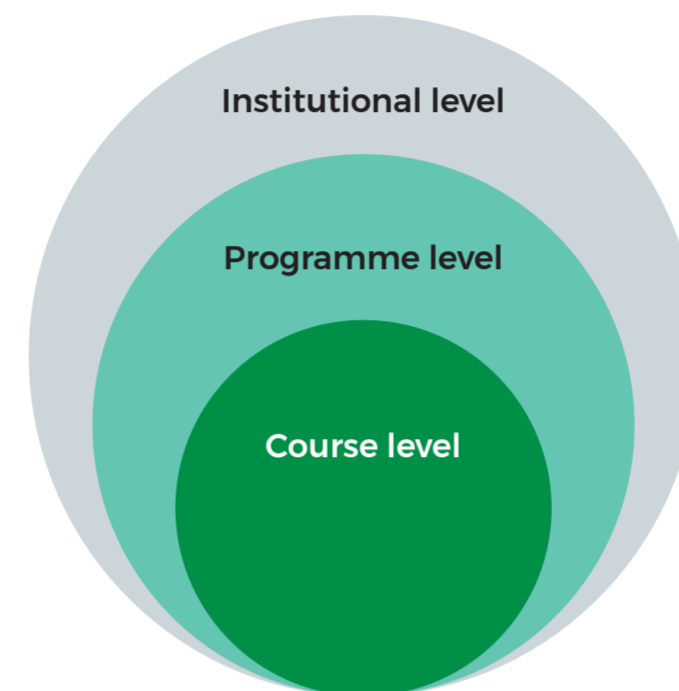


Blended teaching: designing and facilitating the blended learning experiences. This is an activity of the lecturer.



Blended education: the formal context of blended learning, defined by policy and framework conditions on the organisation and support of blended learning and blended teaching. This is therefore the responsibility of the institution.

Levels of blended learning



Institutional level: Blended learning at institution level is about the implementation aspect, or the formal context within which blended learning takes place.

Programme level: Blended learning at programme or curriculum level refers to the cohesion between courses and learning paths within a complete study programme.

Course level: Blended learning at course level refers to the implementation and coherence of student's learning activities within a course or module.

Blended learning can involve synchronous and asynchronous learning. What does this mean exactly? And what does that look like in practice?

Synchronous learning:

The participants of the learning activity are present at the same time, either on location or online.

Asynchronous learning:

The participants of the learning activity are not present at the same time, so the interaction is independent of time, place and pace.

Synchronous or asynchronous?



Synchronous learning	Asynchronous learning
In a group	Autonomously
Focus on interaction	Focus on in-depth learning
Dependent of time and place	Independent of time and place
Interaction between learners	Participants learn in their own time and pace
Instant feedback from lecturer & peers	Interactive online feedback
According to a fixed schedule	Flexible

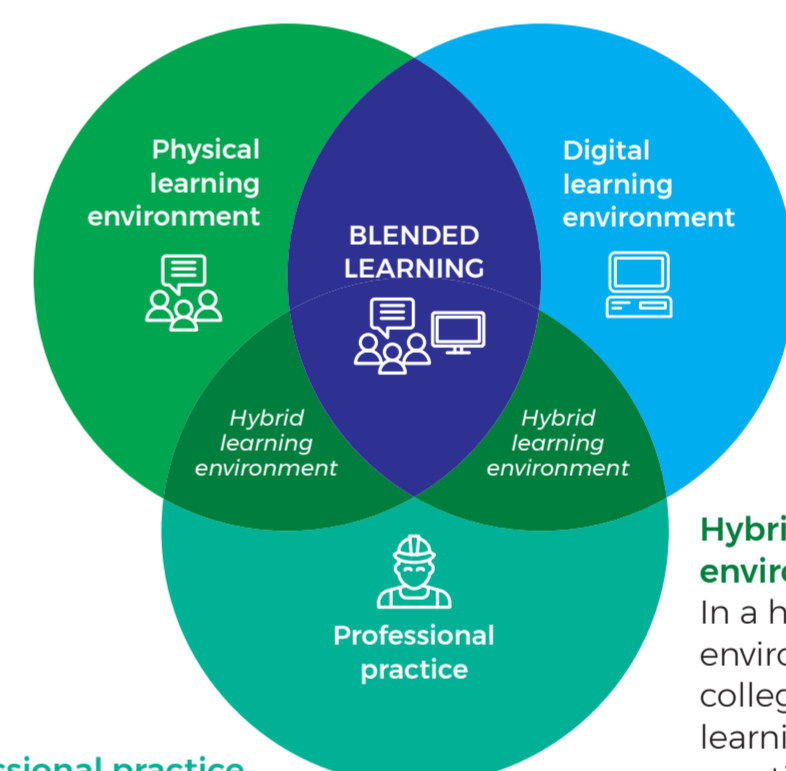
The blended learning environment

F2F learning environment

The face-to-face (F2F) learning environment is a space, such as a classroom or study landscape, that incentivises and encourages users to learn and supports them in undertaking learning and other activities.

Digital learning environment

The digital learning environment is the ensemble of systems or applications that support teaching and learning.



Hybrid learning environment

In a hybrid learning environment, learning in college is combined with learning in professional practice.

Professional practice

Professional practice as a learning environment refers to the location where workplace learning takes place, such as internships, trainee and part-time programmes, work visits and job shadowing days.

Why blended learning?



Activation – getting students to actively engage with the material so that they do not passively consume the material but actively process it.



Intensification of learning time on campus with immersion, reflection and peer feedback by organising knowledge transfer and generic education online.



Adapting education to students' knowledge, attitudes and behaviour by making it more **flexible, differentiated** or **personalised**.



Authenticating the curriculum by using authentic learning situations (link with professional practice), including the use of case studies and VR.

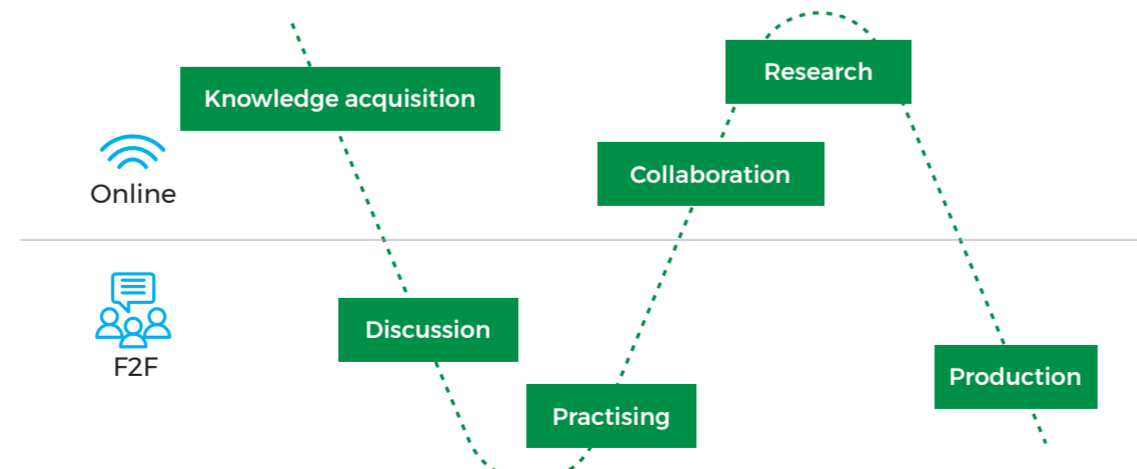


Continuity of education by making it independent of location so that it can also be continued successfully in the event of contingencies (e.g. COVID).



The student-centred learning journey

When designing blended learning, you go through the different learning activities in a wave motion, as it were, to link them together and thereby create coherence and connection, and in doing so you combine the strengths of online and physical learning.



Any questions?

Head over to the 'Blend your education' toolkit developed by the Acceleration Plan. You will find useful products in the toolkit to make your teaching more blended.

Examples include:

- An overview of design methods.
- Socialisation tools.
- Developing activating forms of work.
- Find the tool best suited to your purpose.

And much more...

