



FLIPPING DISCUSSIONS: Using Flipgrid Discussion in Online Learning

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WHY FLIPGRID VIDEO DISCUSSIONS?

- A sense of community is crucial for learning for college students in both face-to-face or online classrooms (Eyler, 2018; Holbeck & Hartman, 2018).

- In online courses, discussion boards are often utilized to stimulate higher-order thinking but lack personal connection for students (Green & Green, 2018).

- A deficiency of connection may lead to the isolation from peers and instructors online students report feeling (Bartlett, 2018).

FUTURE PLANS

The instructor will continue to use Flipgrid in the online agricultural safety course with expansion to additional online courses within the department.

HOW FLIPGRID WORKS

- Flipgrid is an online video recording platform.
- Instructors sign up for a free account to create grids and view student responses.
- Create and organize discussion topics into "grids" that resemble a message board.
- Students record their responses to discussion prompts and respond to classmates' contributions.
- Instructors provide video or written feedback to students.
- Integrated with a learning management system (LMS) to for easy student access.

RESULTS TO DATE

At the end of the term, nine students with no previous experience with Flipgrid anonymously provided feedback.

"I think it was a wonderful choice, especially for this term [of remote learning], and I wish more of my classes had implemented the Flipgrid discussions over regular written posts."

"Using Flipgrid was a wonderful move because discussions felt more alive and easier to engage in because we were speaking our thoughts rather than writing them."

"I really liked it. Canvas [written] discussions start feeling redundant pretty quickly."

"I think that using Flipgrid allows for more of a classroom community to be built. Another positive associated with Flipgrid is that you can see and use emotions in your discussions."

COSTS & RESOURCES

- Flipgrid is free for both instructors and students!
- A computer or mobile device with audio and video recording capabilities and internet access is a must.
- Takes a similar amount of time to manage as a traditional written discussion board.

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