



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

APPROACHING ONLINE LEARNING

The Landscape Architecture Program for the 2020/2021 semester will see online teaching and learning will be the primary mode of education. This mode of teaching is not new, it has been around for decades and there is as long list of approaches and methods to make sure online teaching can be as effective as face-to-face learning, and in some cases, moreso. Evidence generally shows there are no significant differences in students' academic outcomes between online and face-to-face education.

We must be prepared and ready to accept this mode of teaching and learning. Here are some qualities of what a good on-line course in the LA Program for 2020 will look like:

- A good online course crafts a learning experience.

Courses are designed to be engaging and encourage student's interaction. Courses are based on clear and two-way communication in an online environment.

- A good online course is interactive.

Courses are much more than placeholders for students to access information. A good online course provides information such as readings or lecture videos, but also involves interactions between professor and students and between students and students. Engage

- A good online course is flexible

Course content is delivered through various digital technologies, students can watch or listen at their own pace and on their own time.

- A good online course is supportive.

Courses, the LA Program, the Department and Dalhousie University will continue to provide access and support to students and their concerns.