FOSTERING COMMUNICATION IN ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING

Senior Online Learning Advisor

As a Senior Online Learning Advisor (OLAs), I receive the web being compiled by my team of fantastic OLA’s and add structure to the OLAs’ websites by selecting multiple machine learning and planning sections. I also assist the organization of our weekly newsletter and add OLAs with requests on a case-by-case basis. In the coming weeks, I’ll be scheduling optional sessions with OLAs to discuss their ongoing projects, provide feedback, and review evaluation goals. I am happy that all OLA’s have completed a section of content over working remotely—Missi Olsen (SOLA)

ENGL 193 - Communication in the Sciences

As the OLAs for ENGL 193, it’s our aim to improve students’ user experiences on LEARN for Fall 2020. So far, we have reviewed 3,000 sections of ENGL 193 and identified design strengths and areas for improvement. Additionally, we’ve been collaborating with incorporating the Student Alert Validated spring (ENGL 193) sections. Our current projects include making a class plan in Canvas, adding links to Canvas Discussions, and creating a survey to get student feedback on using LEARN and other software in remote learning—Meenaz Rajaguru and Rency Luan

Effective Virtual Office Hours

Virtual one-on-one communication between students and instructors is not possible in the face-to-face future. Individual expert and guidance must be crucial for positive student experiences. However, providing support can quickly become difficult and the communication. Find more information about supporting students effectively and efficiently on Professor Skidmore’s website. We’ve also shared tips on how to create a virtual office with an OLA’s blog and on your LEARN pages. This forum is currently under construction as we plan to deliver information on remote one-on-one support.

Effective LEARN Announcements

Announcements are a great way to communicate essential information with students. When writing an announcement, having a clear, concise, and straightforward message is important. The announcement should be clear and concise, and the messaging should be straightforward and concise. The announcement should be easy to read and make sense. The announcement is not meant to be lengthy. For more information on this importance of announcements, click here. Additionally, take advantage of LEARN’s easy-to-edit rich text and schedule announcements in advance. Find more information on how to create and schedule announcements on LEARN by clicking here.

General Communication with Students, OLAs/SOLAS

Using the method of communication between instructors and students is the most effective way to receive feedback, collect information, and communicate. Services such as Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom provide ample functionalities to ensure effective communication. Find more information about communication software by clicking here. Additionally, I’m still trying to learn that all email devices are proper access to the communication software. In some cases, email alternatives regarding the use of certain web services and apps—such as Outlook, Exchange, and Google—might be more suitable. Additional information about software is available to students in China by clicking here.

OLA TIDBIT

OLA Tidbit: Efficiency is Key!

Working as an OLAs, I’ve learned the value of time for management. While transitioning to online learning, it’s important to know when to prioritize tasks and use time efficiently. As a result, I’ve learned the importance of setting priorities and completing tasks at a specific time. It’s important to avoid multitasking and focus on one task at a time. This approach has helped me in the efficient management of work and time. When applying with efficiency, without efficiency, time management would not be possible—Maya Pershan