Online, alone in a group: experiences of collaboration, co-construction and independent study in the online space

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Context

BA Education Studies programme at UCL IOE institutionally, heavily anchored in teacher education research methods module, heavily project-based and practical

Pedagogical approach

collaborative and co-constructive active, experiential and experimental learning "flipped classroom" – active group work in lectures

Practical approach to teaching

Asynchronous activities

"flipped classroom"

discussions and activities

Synchronous activities

live lectures with breakout groups

audience response systems (Slido, Mentimeter, Padlet, Socrative)

Student voice:

Amy Billing

Anxiety and mental health

Connection with others – loneliness

Angelina Tsang

Contact with lecturers

Practicalities of screensharing, convenient timings, platforms to share

Jun Chu

Information overload online

Group work still requires independent learning

So what?

Need to teach co-constructive learning

Close collaboration with student representatives

Consideration of wider issues (e.g. mental health)

Pandemic learning vs. less haphazard non-pandemic learning

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