

Online learning

Online learning also referred to as e-learning, is a learning method that involves the use of electronic media and communication technology for academic and learning resources. The information is passed through several media delivery forms, images, audio, streaming live video, video tapes, satellite TV, CD-ROM, computer and web based learning. This applies mostly to students that cannot avail themselves in the actual class due to distance or busy schedule so to mention. (Garrison, 2000)

Critical thinking

Critical thinking is the logical way of reasoning and making well informed decisions as a result. It involves good interpretations of information with appropriate evidence to make reasonable predictions from the context. Asking questions helps one learn to label, clarify, assess and make relations between ideas. (Garrison, 2000)

Critical thinking in relation to online writing

To encourage participation of students in the lessons, the lecturer applies a few approaches. They include small group activities in which students discuss topics given and come up with a common solution. This provokes the students thinking and reasoning ability. The students have to make relations between their different ideas and result to a well assessed answer.

Another approach is debated. The students are each allocated points in which they have to evaluate and give their point of view and defend it. This generates discussions among the students through live chat. As a result, it encourages students to appreciate everyone's point of view.