Higher Education

An Owner’s Guide

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International Federation of National Teaching Fellows
the view from my window
Ask not what your education can do for you; ask what you can do for your education.
what you learn

what we teach
An accidental scholar’s progress, in three episodes
episode 1: the 1980s
Episode 2: the 1990s
Episode 3: the 2000s
CONTROL AND CONSTRAINT IN E-LEARNING
Choosing When to Choose

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and so to Canada

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not like emergency online teaching
What mediaeval monks did for me (and you)
Enormous problems

1. People who don’t want to be there
2. People who are bored
3. People who are confused
4. People who have no control
5. Punishments and rewards
Learning online is neat.

You can try, and try again. You can choose the right time, the right place, the right stuff, the right people, the right pace.

The teacher cannot be in control. You must be.

There are many people out here. Learn to share. Learn to connect with them.

http://selfdeterminationtheory.org
own your education

Seek challenge and, adventure, not the easy path

Don’t seek good grades, seek good learning

Control it: choose when to choose, get what you want from it

Do things that matter to you with people you care about

competence

intrinsic motivation

autonomy

relatedness
Have fun
Thank you

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