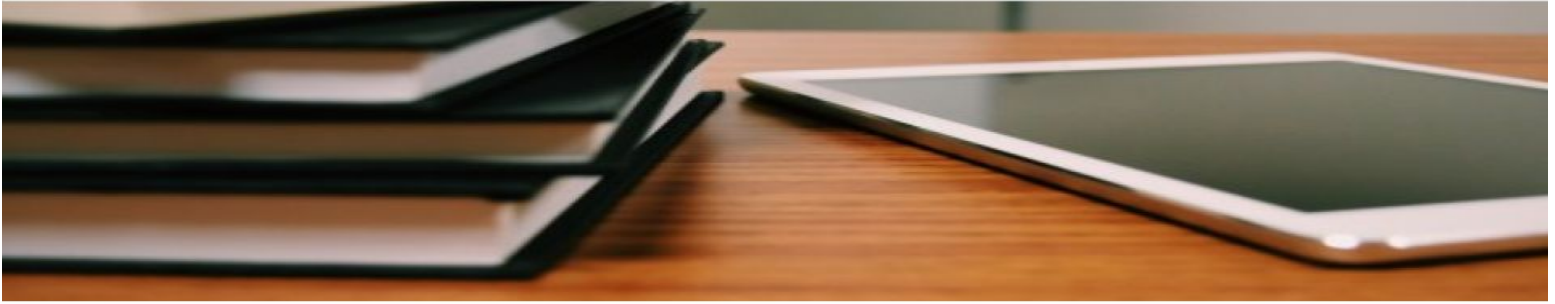# Online learning vs Classroom learning

Trying to decide between online learning vs traditional classroom learning can be extremely tricky. On the one hand, it's 2020 and most of us have the technology in our pockets to access information on-the-go, so why would we commit to a campus college experience that requires us to go to the same place every week for several years?
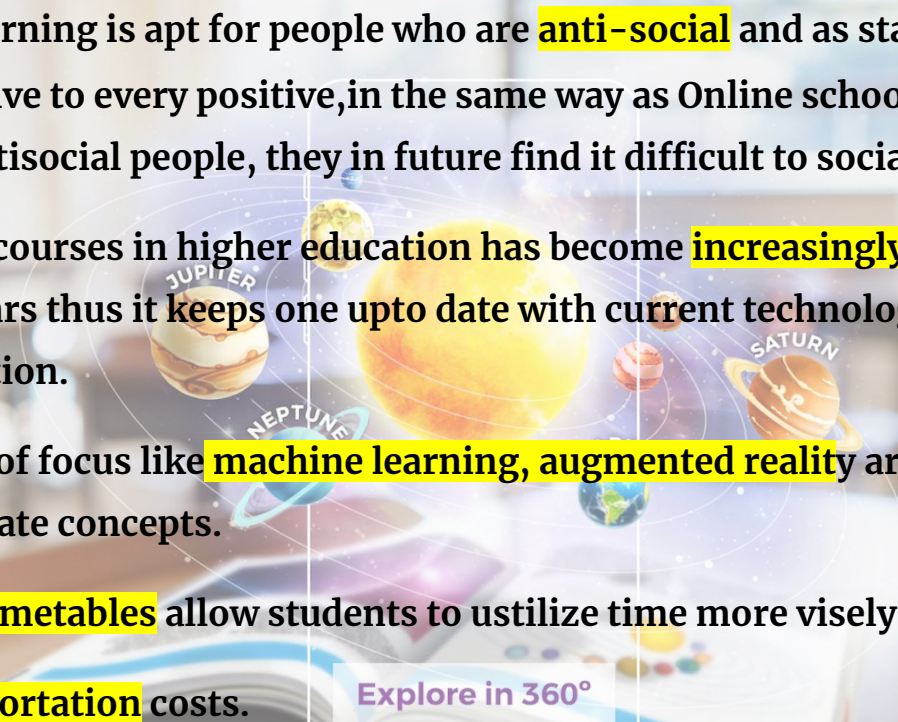
Before falling into the rivalry between the two schooling methodologies, one should be aware that the basis of this topic is would you like to see someone in person or virtually? How would you like to study? On a bench or on your couch?.Imagine waking up not to grab that school bag but a gadget instead, this is the main difference between online learning and traditional schooling.

We can say that as a coin has two sides similarly our way of learning or methods of learning can be divided into two that is as stated above: Online learning and Classroom learning!

Online Learning

Initially, let's have a look on the brighter side of online learning

★ Online learning is apt for people who are ==anti-social== and as stated above there is a negative to every positive,in the same way as Online schooling is proven to apt for antisocial people, they in future find it difficult to socialise with people

★ Use of e-courses in higher education has become ==increasingly widespread== in recent years thus it keeps one upto date with current technologies with actual consumption.

★ New area of focus like ==machine learning, augmented reality== are used to demonstrate concepts.

★ ==Flexible timetables== allow students to ustilize time more visely

★ No ==transportation== costs.

Now let's analyse the other side, consequences/shortcomings of online learning

★ cannot offer human interaction. Learners have to depend on electronic media to interact with the courses in eLearning which is not possible all the time

★ online courses cannot cope with thousands of students that try to join discussions, thus causes commotion in class.

★ Requires stable internet connection, which is an important still ignored aspect.

Classroom Learning

Traditional schooling or classroom learning on the other side provides room for **discussion**,that's probably one of the reasons it's more preferable . Classroom learning also encourages to be **vocal**, either asking doubts or answering questions which in turn enhances critical thinking skills.On the contrary to online learning it **maximises social interaction** thus helping build up **social skills and ethics**.Another advantageous factor is that physical presence of a teacher keeps students stimulated through the **interactive and interesting activities**. This enables students to retain more from what they have learned during a session.The cons are to be counted too;for example no time for hobbies and even travel considerations have to be kept in mind as traditional schooling has a predefined schedule.Coming to the cost benefits, various research reports show eLearning as more cost effective than to classroom training,unlike classroom training eLearning can be developed once and used multiple times for the training requirements.Also in this type of learning the teacher has to keep in mind that everyone is 'getting it' but looking at the brighter side the teaching style can be modified according to the student's issues.

Summing up, in my opinion taking classes in the traditional way allows the students a better improvement on their studies and provides them with more feedback from the teacher and allows better communication with peers and your teacher. With the integration of Blackboard, it allows the students to better schedule their days and plan ahead.E-learning can always be an alternative to classroom learning like in case of pandemics!