

Do students get the same quality of education in an online environment?

UW-Madison students say....

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I am a biology major with a Global House Certificate and a Gender in Woman Study Certificate and I am pre-med. I am hoping with my busy schedule that I will get to take another online class, because it does help develop a lot of the independent learning skills that you need and communication skills that I will need in the future and, definitely use in the future as a medical student.

Kendra Hogan, graduate student, School of Medicine and Public Health

One of the things that I also liked about the class, and this is true of many public health classes, is Professor Ridley brought in a variety of professionals from the community who recorded lectures and uploaded them along with their slides. That's not something necessarily inherent to an online class, but I was very glad to see that included there, as well.

Another very helpful thing was for all of the lectures, some of them were in the form of interviews and formal presentations, there was always a transcript. Then I could refer to that, especially because so many of our assignments drew directly off of the lectures.

I almost always, in addition to watching the lecture itself, read the transcript, and was able to pull great points out of that for my assignments, and for my own benefit. I definitely would encourage that, if possible.

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I had to work my butt off. The course was not at all easy, material-wise. All the other people that I've talked to that have taken Stats 371 have said that I maybe had a harder material load just because a lot of it was at first self-teaching when you don't have that direct professor contact. I don't think at all that I have different level, of course, material than anyone else that would take Stats 371 with a lecture, because all of the material, like I said, it felt like it was lecture material and the textbook put together. I feel like I got the same exact material.