

Live Seminar: Maximizing the student experience

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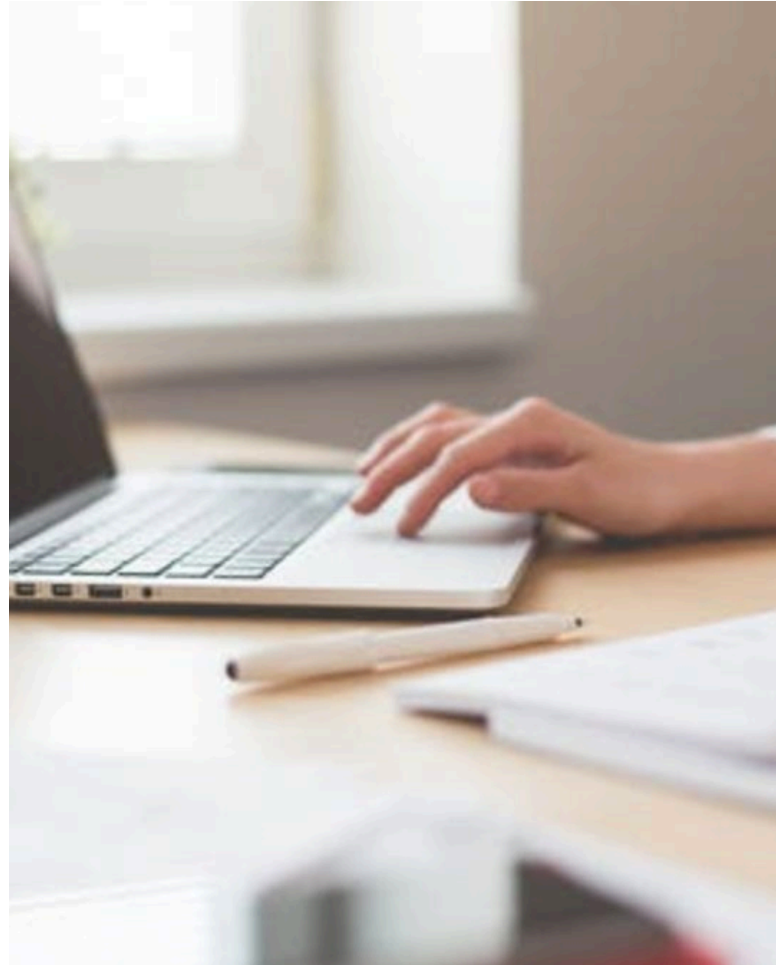
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Overview

- Benefits of Seminar
- Available Tools
- Strategies
 - Virtual Field Trips
 - Screen Sharing
 - Breakout Rooms
- How might you apply these ideas?
- What other ideas do you use in your seminars?

Benefits of Seminar

- Synchronous discussion
- Clarification of course concepts
- Time for questions
- Personal connection
- Leveraging live seminar resources with skillfully planned lessons can strengthen the student experience (Richardson, York, and Lowenthal, 2014) .



Seminar Technology



- Determining how to best use technology to meet instructional goals can be challenging (Brill and Galloway, 2007).

Available Tools

- Original platform
- Instructor Audio
- Instructor Camera
- Screen sharing with options



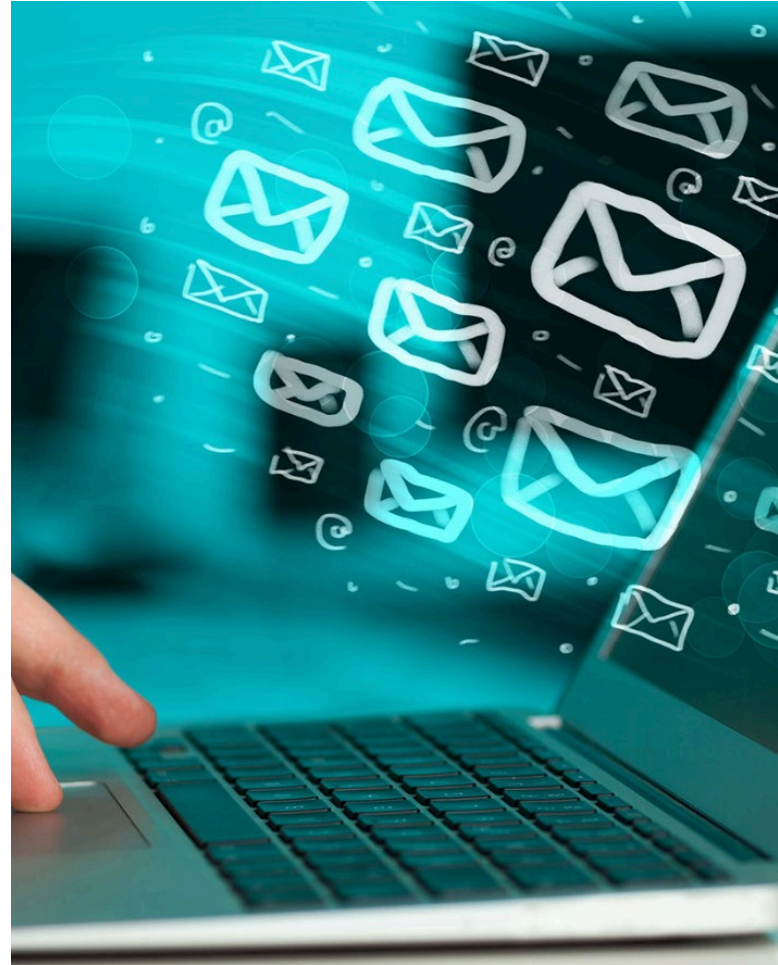
Available Student Tools

- Audio
- Camera
- Benefits
 - Personal connection
 - Speaking faster than typing



Points to Consider

- Managing conversation
- Possible distractions
- Student comfort level
- Transcript information
- Adjusting tool settings



SEMINAR STRATEGIES

Virtual Field Trips

- Individual experience
- Guided by instructor
- Explore sites
- Gather information to share
- Analyze information



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Activity 1: VISIT A BLOG

What is a BLOG?

Visit this site and just review what ONE blogger does to share knowledge with others in her field:

<http://www.teachthought.com/teaching/why-good-teachers-quit/>

After reading the blog, share your reactions and thoughts. Points to consider include:

- Tone
- Language choice
- How are ideas supported?
- Organization of ideas
- Level of formality



Field Trip Points to Consider

- Include a report back task
- Differing reading speeds
- Balance silence and talking

Screen Sharing


- Live time sharing
- Ability to share desktop or individual tabs
- Step by step instructions
- How to




Screen Sharing Example

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Field Trip Points to Consider

- Inability to view typing
- Avoid extended time period
- Be aware of what is visible

Breakout Rooms

- Small group activities
- Timed
- Mic and camera access
- Workshop approach



Breakout Room Example

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Breakout Activity: Topic Check In

YOU THE WRITER:

Share your ideas for your Unit 4 assignment.

1. What is the topic you are writing ? How does it connect to your field?
2. What is your personal experience?
3. Who is your audience?
4. How can they use the information?

YOU AS A Reviewer

1. Offer suggestions for strengthening this main point.
2. Tell your classmate what YOU would need to be shown/given in a Blog post about this topic, if you were the audience this classmate.
3. What details, information, and/or examples would be necessary for this writer to succeed in accomplishing his or her purpose?

Breakout Rooms Points to Consider

- Cell and tablet access
- Time management
- Instructor access
- Grading
- Specific instructions

How might you use these strategies in your courses?



WHAT OTHER SEMINAR STRATEGIES
CAN WE USE TO ENGAGE STUDENTS?

THANK YOU!

Questions?

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