

ALES "Creating an active learning environment"

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What is active learning?

Active learning methods ask students to engage in their learning by thinking, discussing, investigating, and creating.

In class, students practice skills, solve problems, struggle with complex questions, make decisions, propose solutions, and explain ideas in their own words through writing and discussion.

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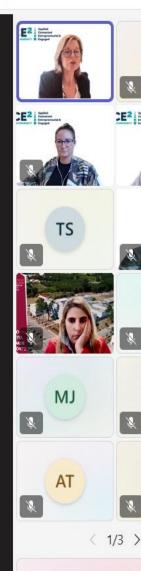


















An Active Learning Environment?

Professor Meier has just finished his first semester Master class with a new group. The experience was not guite what he expected. Many students were on their phones during class or sat behind their laptop screens. Students rarely made eye contact. Students asked very few questions. Some students were consistently late for class; others left early. Not a single deadline was met by everyone in the class, and it was rare for everyone to be present for an exam.

Adapted from Meyers et al. (2019)











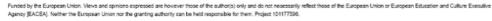












What's going on?

What do you SEE? What do you FEEL? What do you THINK?

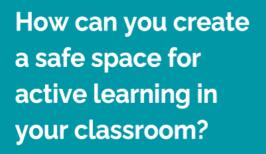
What are your classroom expectations?

Please introduce yourself. Your NAME. Your Teaching Context.







































The role of culture in the classroom

Culture is the coordination of action and meaning.

Culture is complex.

Culture is learnt.

Culture is dynamic.

Culture affects our attitudes towards:

- Self and other (Group Vs. Self-Orientation)
- Power roles, status and hierarchy
- Time and work preferences
- Uncertainty and rules
- The environment





















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CHALLENGES of Creating an

INTERNATIONAL

Active Learning Environment

Cultural Differences

Different communication styles, interpretation of authority, classroom norms, and social expectations.

Language Barriers

Differences in English proficiency, difficulty in understanding lectures, reluctance to participate.

Student Engagement

Varying levels of participation, maintaining attention for longer periods, and reluctance to collaborate.

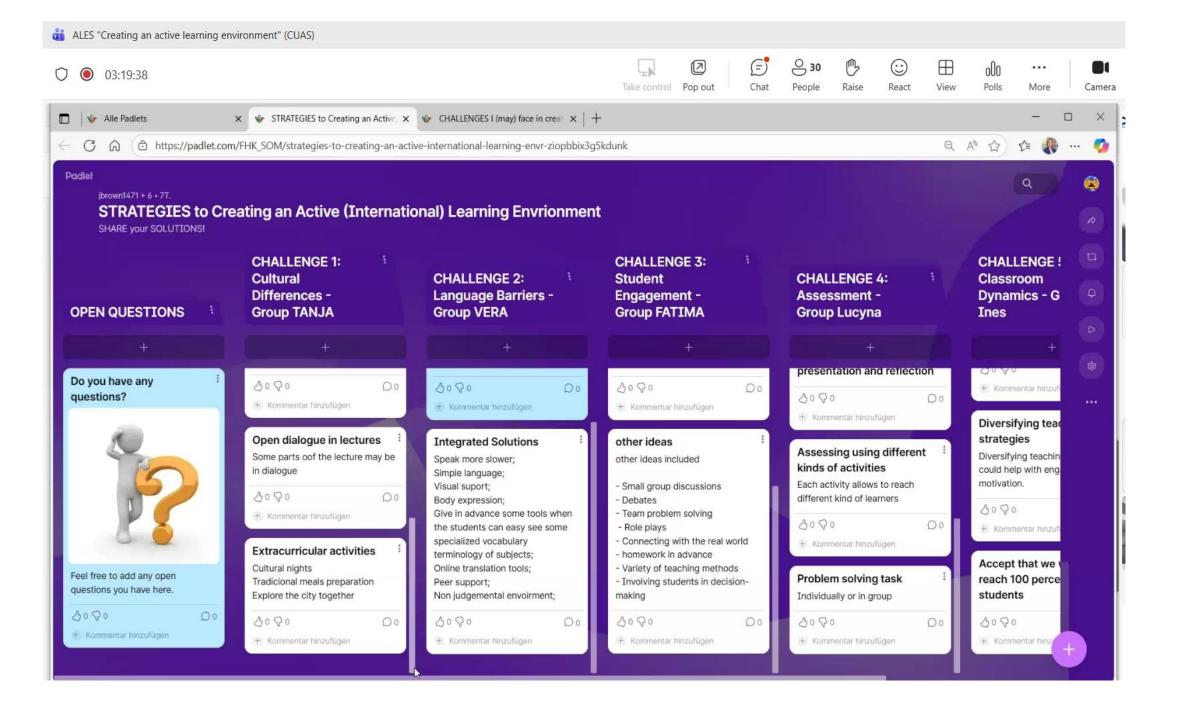
Assessment & Evaluation

Different prior knowledge and study skills, requiring adapted assessment methods.

Classroom Dynamics

Differences in age, motivation, and digital competence creating gaps in learning and interaction.









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