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Online Education Constructions

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Immediate constructions (in bold-type) are word combinations with the dependent units on the left and on the right.

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1. Speaking / writing about online education in general

online education – constructions

Online education disrupting traditional academic models.

At the same time, despite the stigmas attached, more **online-only educational** facilities are springing up.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-11735404>

online learning - constructions

The online **learning** platform, which offers courses from more than 50 universities, was set up in 2013 by the Open University, as a UK provider for so-called Moocs (massive, open, online courses).

Neil Morris, director of **digital learning** at the University of Leeds, said this was a step towards a more "pick and mix" style of higher education, in which students could have a much more customised approach to learning.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-36378572>

All too often, he says, governments invest in prestige campus university projects, when **online universities**, or **courses part-taught online**, would provide much better value.

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credits/degree – constructions

A Futurelearn online course will provide **credits** towards a University of Leeds undergraduate degree.

It will allow students to take a University of Leeds **online course** in Environmental Challenges and, if they pass an exam, to gain **credits** towards a geography **degree** at Leeds.

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Australian universities are joining the global trend to offer **credit** towards a **degree** to students who complete free online courses.

Veterans can take exams or submit a portfolio to **earn credits** towards their **degree**.

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2014/05/20/3-ways-to-get-academic-credit-for-military-training>

An online university is offering 500 refugees from Syria's civil war free places on its degree courses

The university offers fully accredited four-year **degrees**, completely taught online, with students scattered across 180 countries

They have tens of millions of students, but they usually offer only **short units** rather than **full degrees**.

It's about providing **qualifications** to improve employability for students who are in difficult circumstances.

As such, the university has focused on a small range of **subject areas**, such as computing, health and business

The courses are built on 40 separate units, with each usually costing \$100 (£77) to take an invigilated exam - making a **full degree** \$4,000 (£3,100)

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2. Speaking / writing about the means of online learning

digital platform\content\library\model\book – constructions

"**A digital platform** is the purest form of an ideas marketplace.

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"With better search tools and an increase in the availability of **digital content**, finding information has become easier," says Krisellen Maloney, dean of libraries at UTSA.

Students at UTSA have embraced their **all-digital library**, and even created a YouTube video about the experience.

But academic publishers have been slow to embrace **digital models** of publishing, and for good reason.

Digital books can also be shared and copied.

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electronic – constructions

In 2000, Kansas State University opened an **electronic** library, but kept some reference books.

"Some publishers have been slow to make all of their information available in **electronic** format."

The sleek glass library seats 80 people and holds 425,000 **e-books** and 18,000 **e-journal** subscriptions.

And the library plans to offer pre-loaded collections of texts on iPads and **e-readers** for students to check out and take home.

3. Speaking / writing about financial issues in education

tuition fee – constructions

The problem for the academic publishers is, of course, that they cannot charge the same **tuition fees** for e-books as for physical books.

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Online degree units to cut **tuition fees**.

It will mean reducing the time and cost of **tuition fees** for a full degree.

Students wanting to take an exam and gain credits this way will have to pay £545, but it will lead to a discount of £750 on **tuition fees** for a full degree.

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In Western countries, student numbers continue to climb, but there are thorny political questions about the rising cost of **fees** and inequalities of access.

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philanthropy in education-constructions

Students are taught for 20 hours per week in online classes of about 20 to 30 students, with the instruction and support and homework assignments provided by a small army of **volunteer academics and retired university staff**, who receive only a token payment

The aim is to make the university self-sustaining, but it's supported by some big **donors**, including the Gates Foundation, Hewlett Packard and Google.

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4. Speaking / writing about traditional and blended learning

residential/in-person – constructions

Prof Morris said that it could lead to students putting together their own degree courses, studying different units from different universities and mixing online learning with **residential courses**.

The traditional three-year, **residential** university **system** would not disappear, he said, but for many people that remained "too conventional, too inflexible, too locked down".

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"Research has shown that environments that combine digital and **in-person** are the most effective in terms of student learning," she adds.

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5. Speaking / writing about problems in education

debating education-constructions

But Mr Reshef says such online innovations raise **wider questions about the future shape of higher education** as it continues its upward curve of expansion

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Mr Reshef says the emergence of online universities will **raise some hard-headed business questions** about what a degree should cost.

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