Teaching Languages and Cultures Online

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RSVP for a meal with Sarah Shortt at sshortt@emory.edu by noon on January 23, 2017

Teaching a language and culture online has its set of challenges, but it also has unexpected rewards, delights, and a closeness with students one couldn't have predicted. This workshop will begin by describing the general structure of three language and culture courses online. It will then go into course development, including how to set up a class online, the general structure of the course, and achieving a balance of synchronous and asynchronous activities for students to accomplish during the course. The workshop will then address the topic of class implementation and management, including time management, achieving learning goals, and assessment, through an interactive online experience involving language teaching itself. The workshop will move into how to utilize an online format to teach culture as it further defines synchronous and asynchronous activities, the flipped classroom online, as well as tips on how to foster and navigate community with students who are situated all over the world. The session will close with workshop participant questions. Please join us for a first-hand look at online teaching, a medium that is part of our profession's future because, for better or for worse, technology is a language that our students interface with, understand, and feel comfortable using. This workshop will dive right in to online classroom teaching in our global world, the benefits, the struggles, the overwhelming reason why we should try it, too.