



# Implementing Blended Learning in the NDA of Georgia

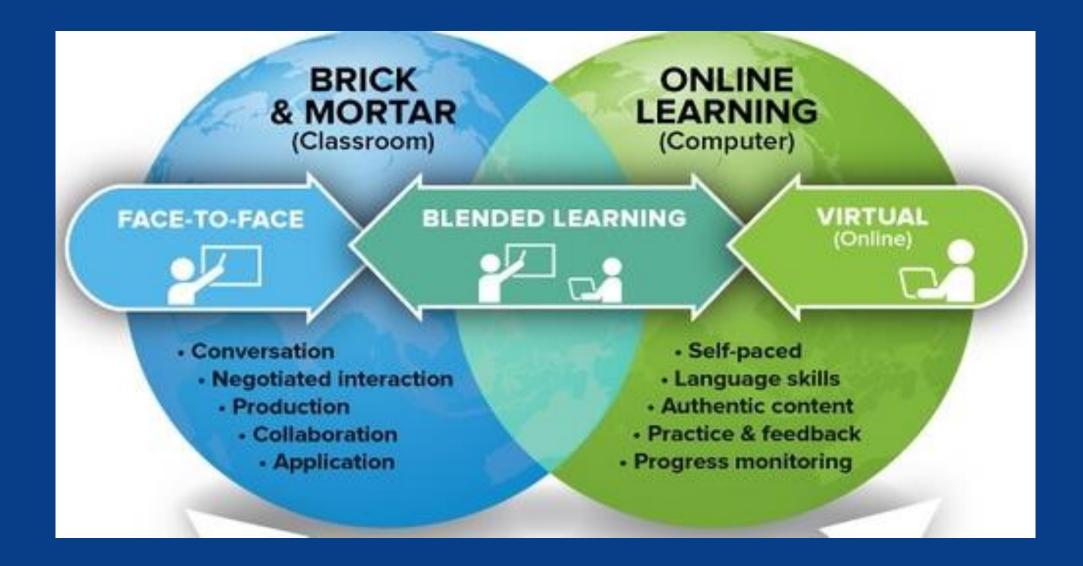
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## What is Blended Learning?



## History of Blended Learning

- ► 1840's: First Distance Course.
- ▶1960's & 1970's: Mainframe Computer-Based Training.
- ▶1970's to 1980's: TV-Based Technology to Support Live Training.
- ▶1980's & 1990's: CD-ROM Training and Rise of LMS.
- ▶1998: First Generation of Web-Based Instruction.
- ▶2000 until today: Blended Learning Integration.

## Blended Learning = Technology Integration?

Blended learning=teacher +technology working together

Technology integration=teacher + technologically equipped classroom





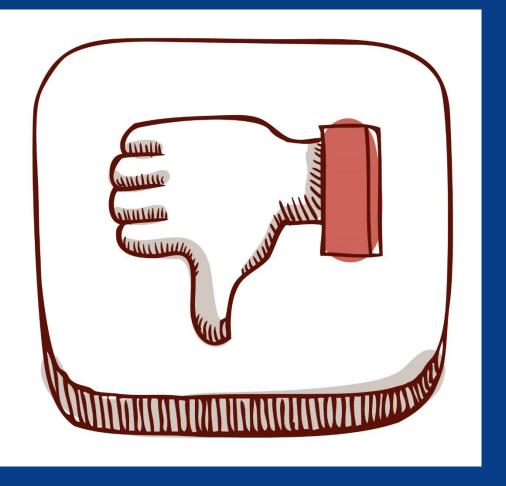
## Goal and Aim

• Goal-to provide the most efficient and effective instruction experience by combining delivery modalities

 Aim – to join the best classroom teaching and learning with the best of online teaching and learning

# Benefits and Drawbacks of Blended Learning





#### Benefits

- > Student centered learning
- > Learning anywhere and anytime
- > Improves student's analytical skills
- > Increases motivation to learn
- ➤ Allows a student to demonstrate their learning in on alternative form
- ➤ Quick and unlimited access of recourses
- Easy storing, editing and achieving of study materials
- ➤ Absent students stay up to speed with the class work, lectures, discussions
- ➤ Personalized feedback
- ➤ Online assessment
- Cost saving



#### **Drawbacks**

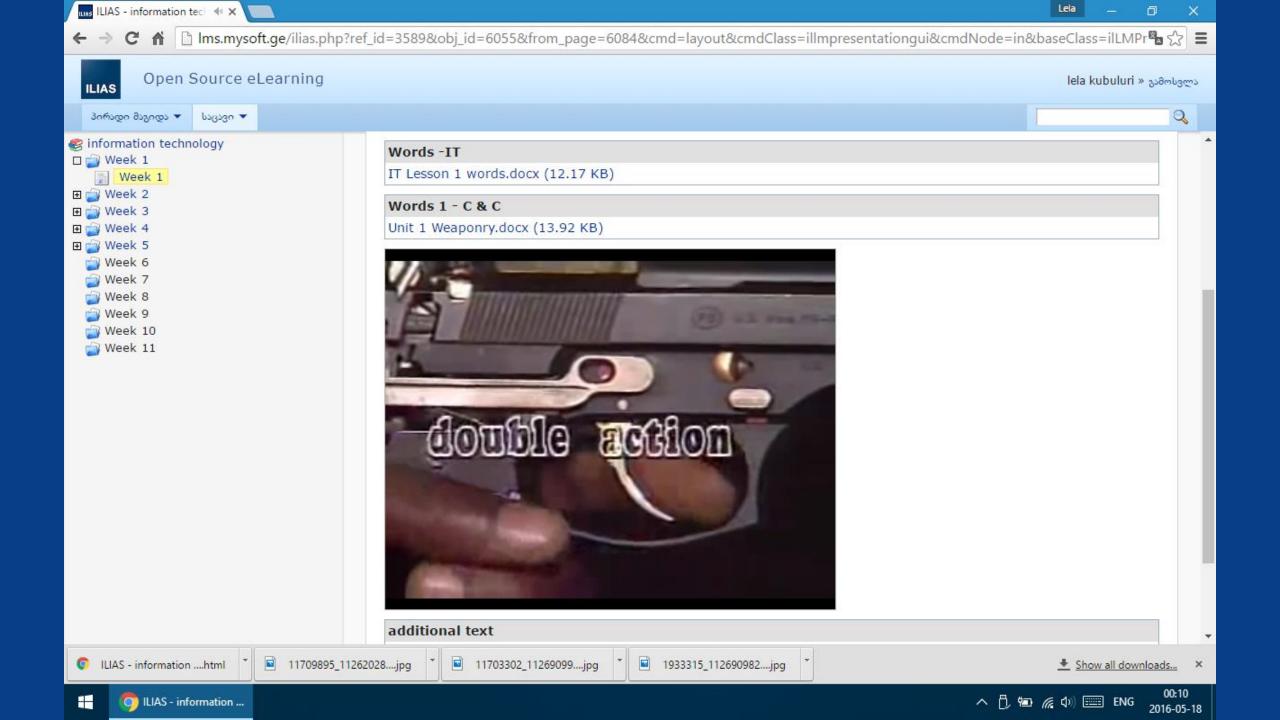
- Strong dependence on the technical tools
- High Technology set up and Internet connection costs
- Insufficient competences of using various ICT tools
- ▶ lack of student ⇔ teacher interaction
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- Less control (cheating)
- More time consuming



## Bologna Process –Enhancer of Blended Learning

#### Bologna Process - Goals and Objectives

- Fostering transparency in Higher Education
- >Developing lifelong learning skills
- Strengthening of European Education Space (EES) through mobility and similar criteria of assessment
- >Students centered learning
- ► Quality control in teaching
- Need for certification of skills
- ► Organizational and pedagogical changes
- >Implementing changes in teaching methods



✓ Reducing contact hours/increasing students' workload

✓ Blended learning balances reduced face-to-face classroom activities with individual or collaborative online engagements.

✓ Implementing online learning platforms: Moodle, ILIAS, aTutor etc. facilitate students' needs to expand their knowledge and competences via interactive online applications

### Blended Learning in NDA of Georgia

- ➤ NDA in Bologna Process
- ► ILIAS- transitional from traditional to blended learning
- First Steps of implementing ILIAS
  - Training the academic staff
  - Training the Junkers
  - "Pilot testing" of Bachelor academic programs in ILIAS





#### Benefits and Drawbacks

- Single sign-on (automatically synchronizesat login time)
- One Junker can be assigned to several courses
- ➤ Teachers can add extra content, online assignments, exercises, tests, set up consulting hours
- > Tests are automatically scored



- Collects students' data, measures academic progress
- F Junkers logins, work times are monitored easily.

#### Though,

- Time consuming (at the beginning required to pay a lot of time to design process and methods of blearning)
- Adapting non-digital natives to ICT tools



