

Appendix A

Reasons to attend classes quoted by students at the University of Ottawa:

Medical students quoted:

- I do not think getting rid of lectures and making everything online is a good option, there are many different types of learners and not everyone responds well to online learning or in class learning. Having a variety would be more efficient.
- Lectures can be a convenient way of disseminating a lot of information to many people in a short period.
- I think that lectures are important. However, I feel that it would be more effective if we had less guest lecturers to allow for more continuity in teaching.
- Lecture attendance makes me remember things better if I see it live. It is a discipline and a schedule.
- Keeps me from staying home and procrastinating.
- Mostly because I feel that if I miss lectures, I will fall behind.
- Recordings are unreliable.
- I learn best when obtaining information in multiple media (lecture + reading + videos + group discussion).
- Out of respect for professors
- To understand difficult concepts

While nursing students quoted:

- I attend all lectures.
- Traditional lectures are very important.
- It is not the content that is taught that makes me not want to come. It is the professor and how they present the content.
- Lectures are easier to understand when the prof provides clear and effective notes.
- Lectures are more effective when games, fun videos or competitions are involved because it gets the students motivated to discover the answer.
- I find that a good mix of in class and online learning very effective because in class we get an introduction of the content.
- Students who regularly attend lectures are the ones who want to learn and prepare themselves for the future and want to do well.