

What does the communication with your students look like in the digital classroom? What are similarities or differences to face-to-face communication?

Cons

- Writing can lead to **misunderstandings** and thus take more time. Generally face-to-face communication is more efficient in problem solving
- **Missing body language** leads to difficulties in evaluating if and how students are following along
- **Difficulty to develop a coherent line of argument** or thought due to things happening simultaneously
- **Additional anonymity** in the digital setting may build up a barrier for some
- The digital setting can be **obstructive if for example exhibits are to be shown**
- Obtaining **feedback and engaging students** is more difficult
- **Actual attendance** is hard to assess if the cameras are turned off

Pro

- Possibility of **simultaneous student participation** in discussions
- **Group interaction** e.g. using polls, breakout rooms and digital whiteboards
- Communication can **happen whenever suitable or necessary**
- Digital classrooms provide **more possibilities** in teaching e.g. 3D models
- Perceived **lower barrier** empowers more introverted students to also discuss, especially in a foreign language.