

Creating a dynamic online learning experience

University of Waterloo builds on remote-learning best practices, enriching in-person courses with video content and finding success with flexible learning opportunities.

When the COVID pandemic swept across Canada, the University of Waterloo leveraged its D2L and Bongo solutions to help maintain high-quality teaching despite regional lockdowns. As pandemic restrictions eased and students returned to the campus, the organization decided to build on the success of remote learning by supporting a variety of blended learning approaches.



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Client: University of Waterloo

Learners: 42,000

Industry: Higher Education

Website: www.uwaterloo.ca

Platform/Features:

- Brightspace Core
- Bongo Video Assignments

Interviewees:

- Dr. Chris Vigna, Lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences, and Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies
- Dr. Noorin Manji, Instructor for Arts First, Stratford School of Interaction Design and Business, and Sessional Instructor for Sociology and Legal Studies

Highlights:

- Enables students to access all course materials, quizzes, videos, and assessments in one place
- Allows instructors to deliver lectures as video recordings, saving time for one-on-one contact
- Allows students to participate in experiential learning that is more meaningful with more personalized feedback from instructors

"Now, we have the flexibility to bridge the divide between in-person and remote learning, and to offer the best of both worlds, especially depending on the type of course and the content it entails."

Dr. Noorin Manji
Instructor