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The effect of a flipped classroom where students work on exercises in groups during class time

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What is a flipped classroom?

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lecture



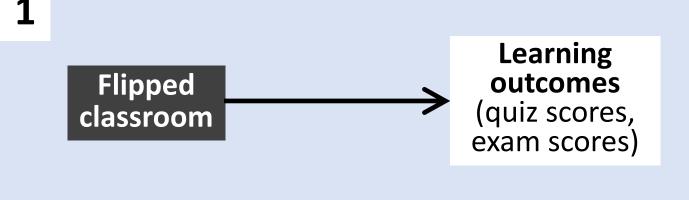


Related Studies

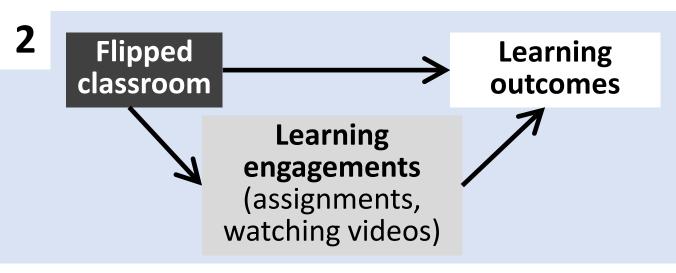
No randomized controlled study for large-sized classes

Study	Course	Treatment # of sections,	Control n = # of obs.	Learning outcomes	Class activities	RCT?	Positive effect?
Calimeris & Sauer (2015)	principles of microeconomics	1, n=31	1, n=35	midterm, final exam	experiments, discussing news articles & video clips	partially yes	mixed
Caviglia-Harris (2016)	principles of microeconomics	2, n=50 (full flip) 2, n=55 (partial flip)	2, n=58	final exam, common questions	in-class exercises & games, clicker questions	no	yes
Balaban <i>et al.</i> (2016)	principles of economics	1, n=367	1, n=362	final exam	problem solving	no	yes
Wozny <i>et al.</i> (2018)	introduction to econometrics	7 (5 lessons) n=137 in total	7 (5 lessons) n=137 in total	quizzes, midterm, final exam	independent & group work on exercises, mini lectures	partially yes	mixed
Lombardini <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> (2018)	principles of microeconomics	1, n=146 (partial flip) 1, n=117 (full flip)	1, n=157	exams, students' evaluation, likelihood of D, F, and withdraw	pair and group activities, exercises and discussions	no	mixed
Ficano (2019)	introductory microeconomics	3, n=58	3, n=72	exams	work on application questions in groups	no	no
Yamarik (2019)	international economics	2, n=63	2, n=59	midterm, final exam, student perceptions	Individual & group exercises, group experiments	no	no
Craft & Linask (2020)	principles of microeconomics	6, n=117	6, n=122	course grade, final exam, TUCE posttest	solving problems, classroom experiments, discussion	partially yes	mixed
Setren <i>et al.</i> (2021)	introduction to calculus, principles of economics	26, n=435 (math) 14, n=226 (econ)	25, n=417 (math) 15, n=250 (econ)	quizzes, final exam	problem set	yes	mixed

The objectives of our study



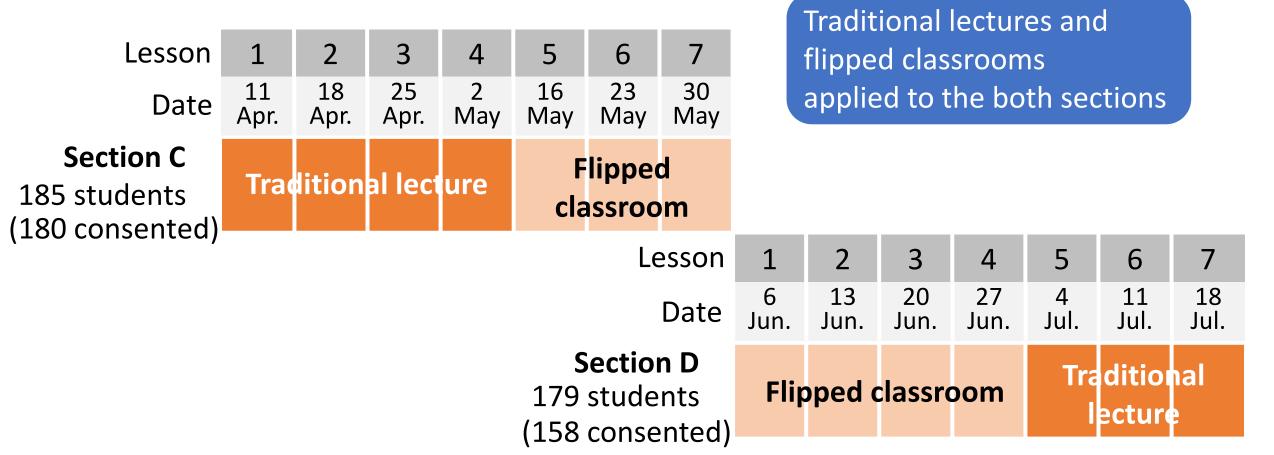
Examine the effect of flipped classrooms on student learning outcomes under a randomized controlled design in large-sized classes.



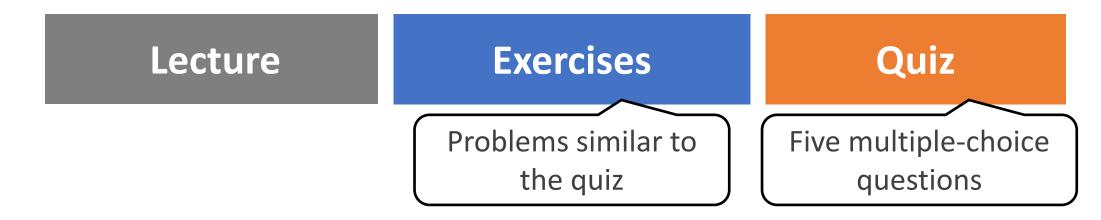
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Introduction to Economics course in spring 2022

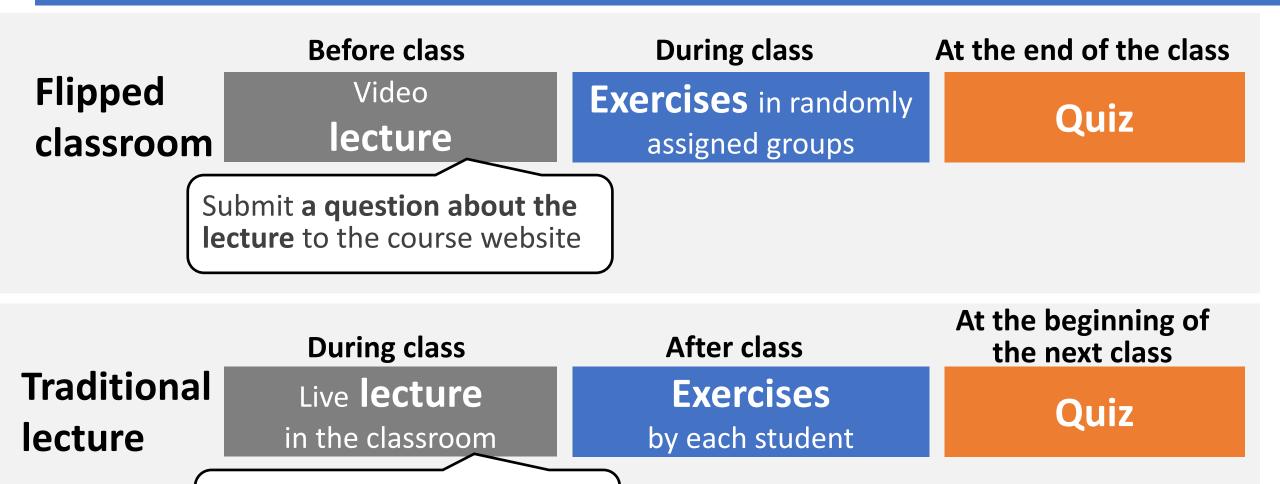
- First-year undergrad students were assigned randomly to the sections by the admin office.
- The experiment was conducted on the 7 lessons in 2 sections (C and D) of the course.
- The same instructor has taught Section C and D.



Class format



Class format and assignments



Submit a question about the lecture to the course website

Panel data of 338 students \times 7 lessons

Student learning outcomes

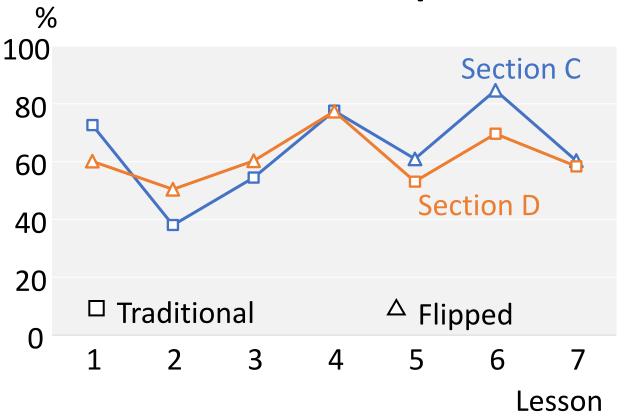
- Quiz scores (short-term learning outcomes)
- Final exam scores (longterm learning outcomes)
 - 18 questions in total, each question related to one of the seven lessons

Student learning engagements

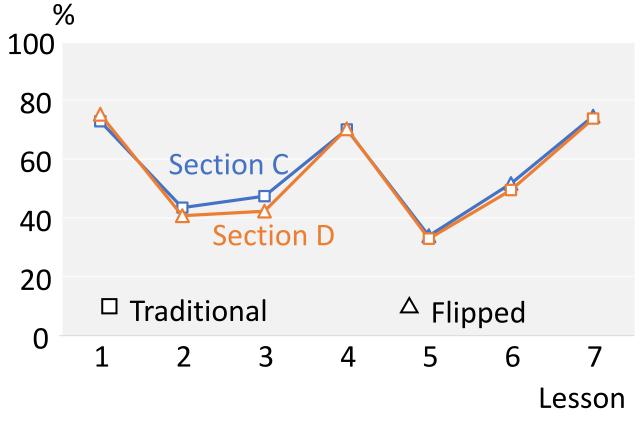
- Questions about the lecture
 - Submitted or not
 - Question length (the number of characters)
- The scores of exercise problems
- Completion rate of watching videos
- attendance

The effect of flipped classrooms on learning outcomes

The averages of % of correct answers in the quizzes



The averages of % of correct answers in the final exam



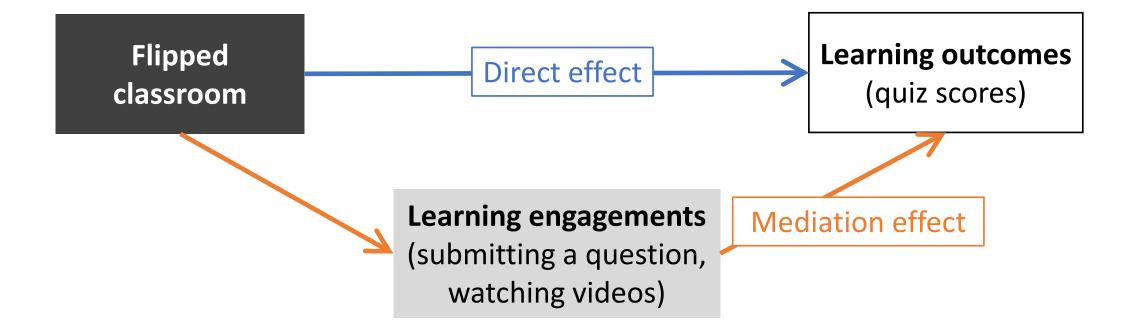
The effect of flipped classrooms on learning outcomes

	Quiz	scores (Standard	Final exam scores			
Pooled OLS	All lessons	All lessons	Except lesson1	Except lesson 1	- (Standar each le	rdized for esson)
Flipped	0.1802*** (0.0385)	-0.4214* (0.2503)	0.2862*** (0.0408)	-0.4985* (0.2786)	0.0193 (0.0342)	0.1672 (0.2125)
Standardized math placement test score	0.1182*** (0.0287)	0.1224*** (0.0286)	0.1325*** (0.0300)	0.1384*** (0.0292)	0.0840** (0.0340)	0.0949*** (0.0318)
Standardized English placement test score	0.1623*** (0.0358)	0.1589*** (0.0362)	0.1475*** (0.0394)	0.1456*** (0.0392)	0.1759*** (0.0402)	0.1760*** (0.0386)
Female	-0.0329 (0.0655)	-0.0148 (0.0665)	-0.0331 (0.0699)	-0.0116 (0.0703)	0.0325 (0.0664)	0.0469 (0.0642)
Attitude toward group learning (Likert scale)		-0.1861*** (0.0576)		-0.2289*** (0.0657)		-0.1096** (0.0464)
Attitude toward group learning * Flipped		0.1618*** (0.0684)		0.2117*** (0.0757)		-0.0387 (0.0569)
Observations	1857	1818	1584	1549	2072	2037
R ²	0.0689	0.0758	0.0771	0.0878	0.0479	0.0561

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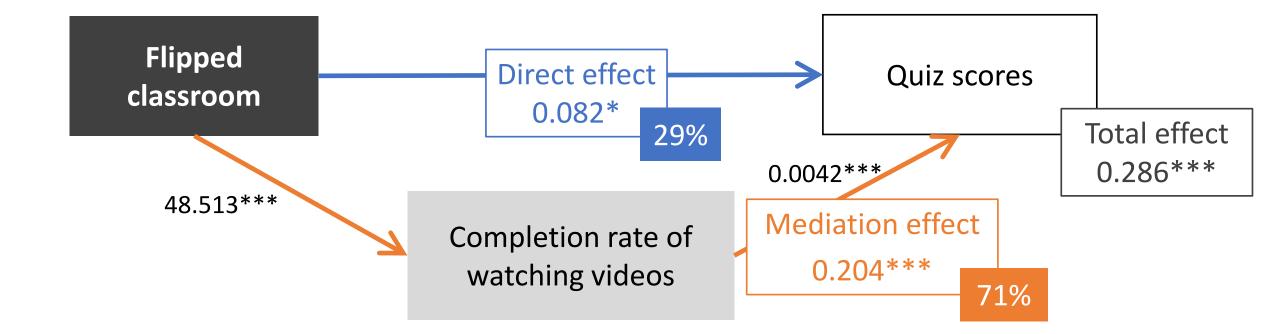
Causal mediation analysis

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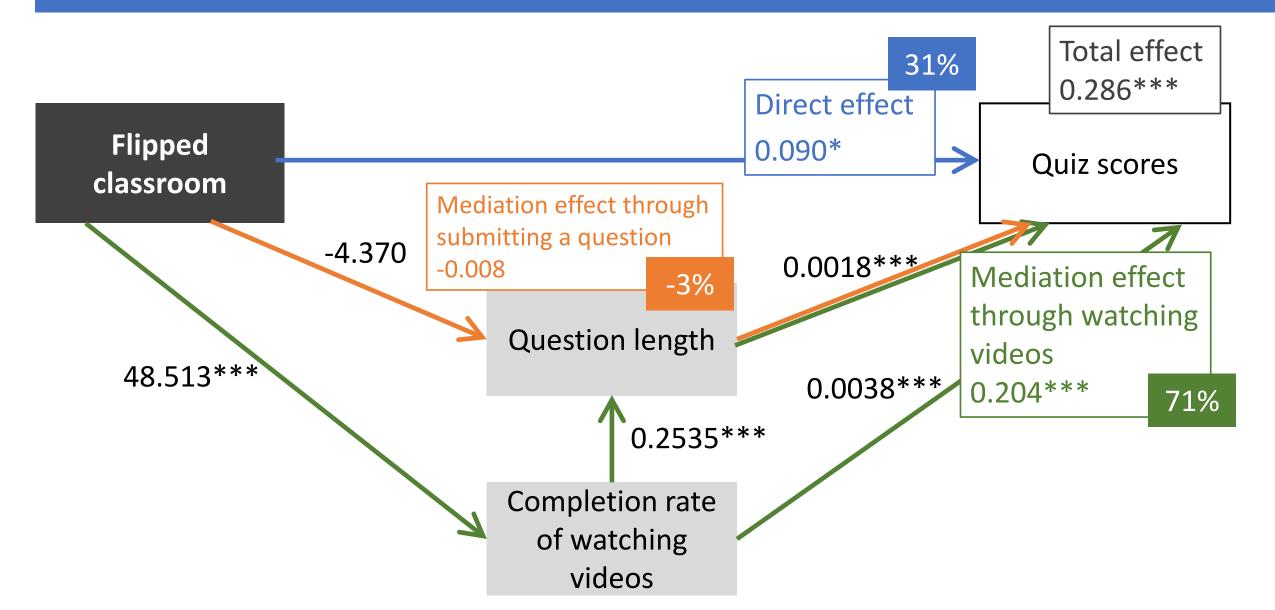


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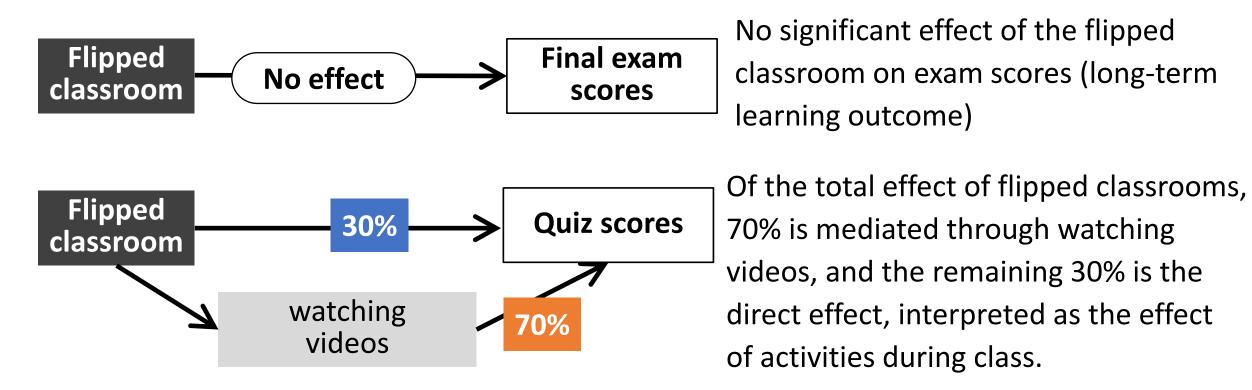
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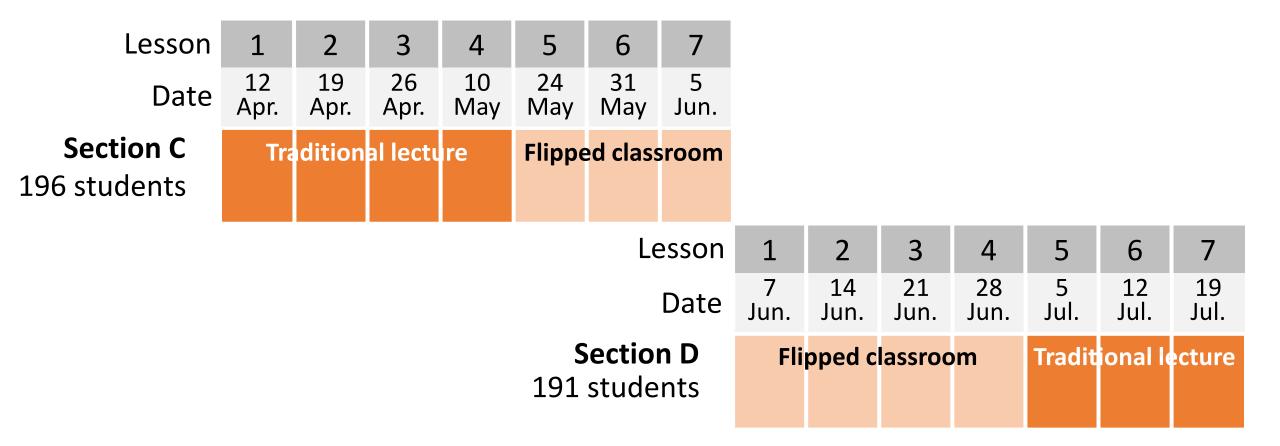
Summary of the findings



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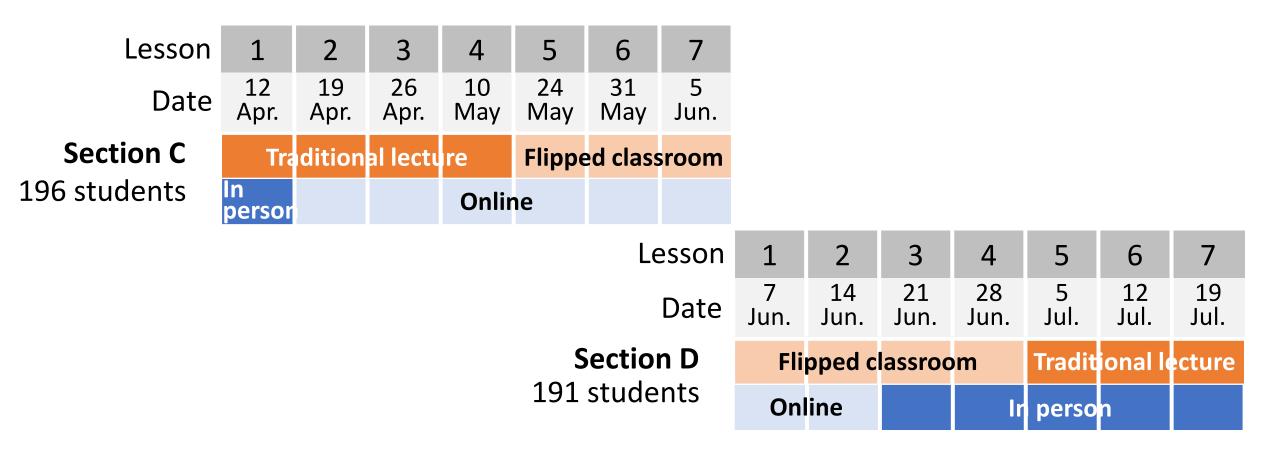


Our experiment in 2021 : original design

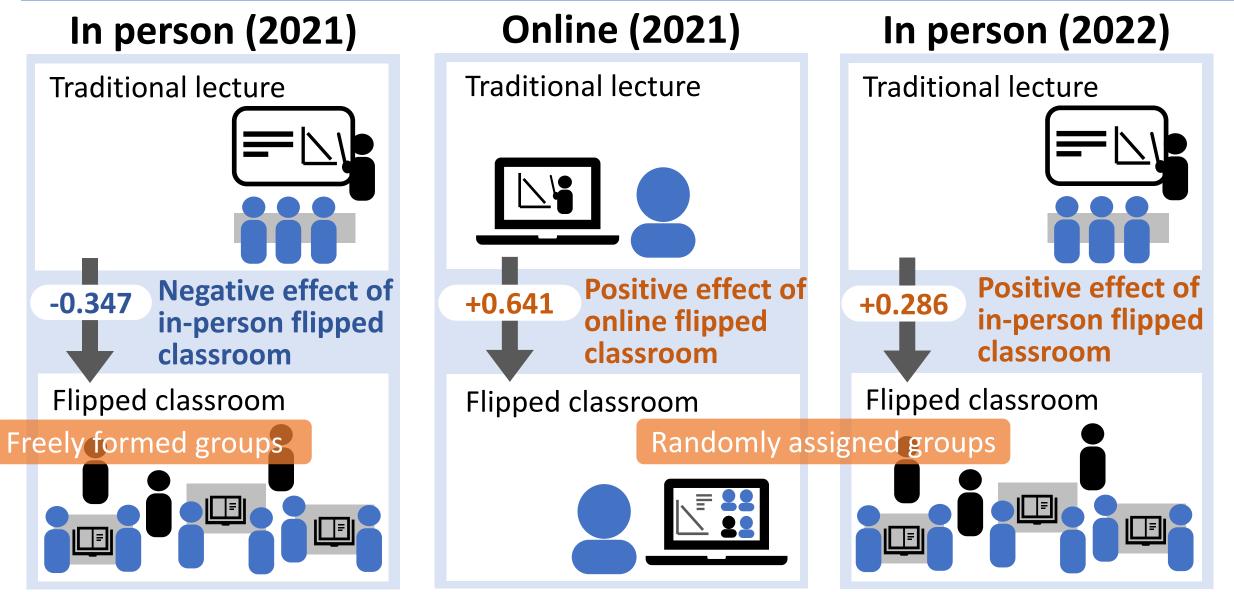


Our experiment in 2021: what was done

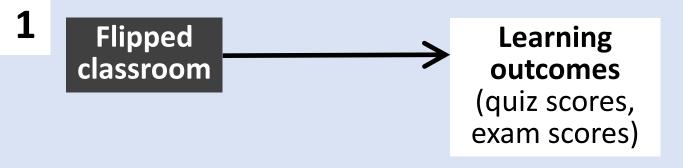
Due to the COVID-19, classes were held online from mid-April to mid-June.



The effect of in-person and online flipped classroom in 2021 and 2022



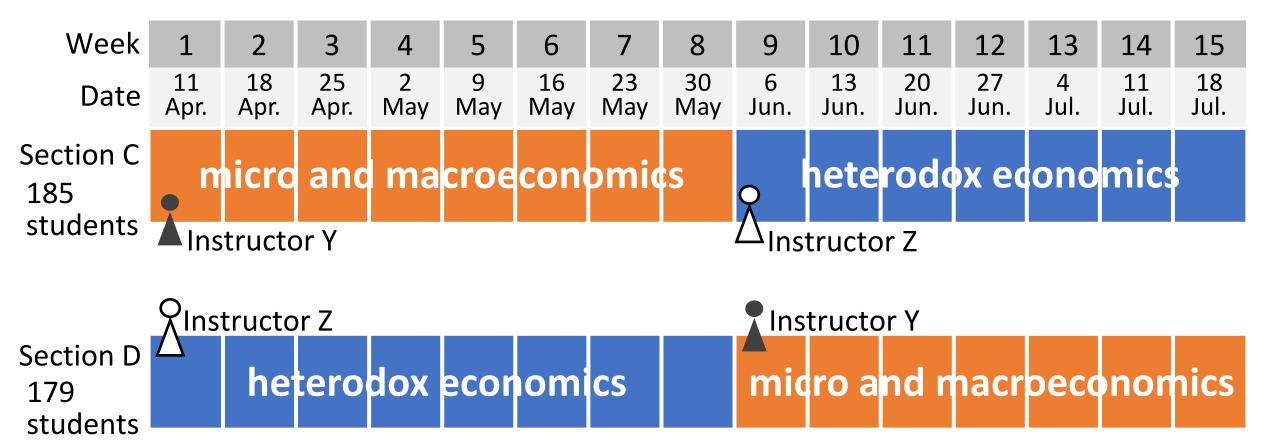
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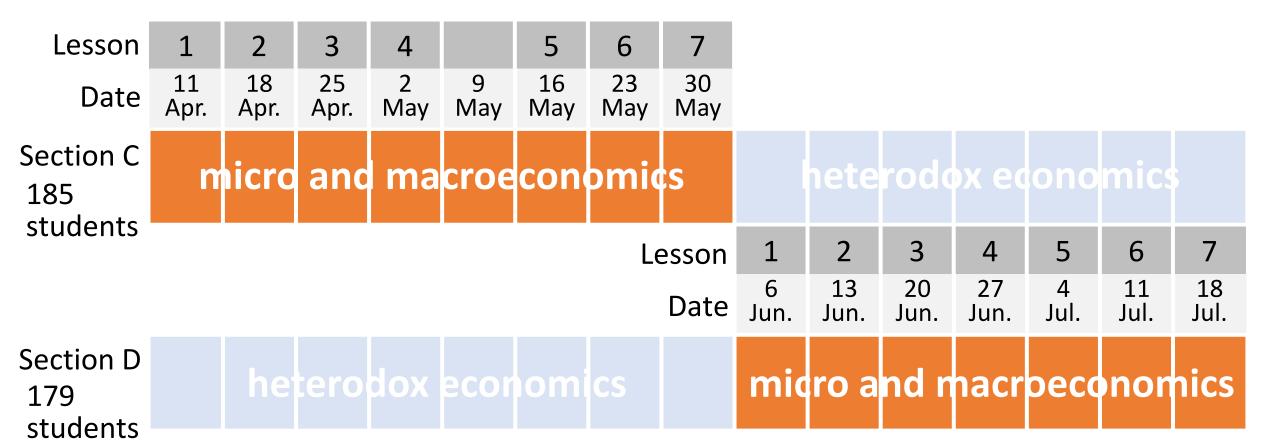
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- No significant effect of the flipped classroom on exam scores (longterm learning outcome)
- Randomly assigned groups can be a successful ingredient for flipped classrooms.

Supplementary materials

Introduction to Economics course in spring 2022

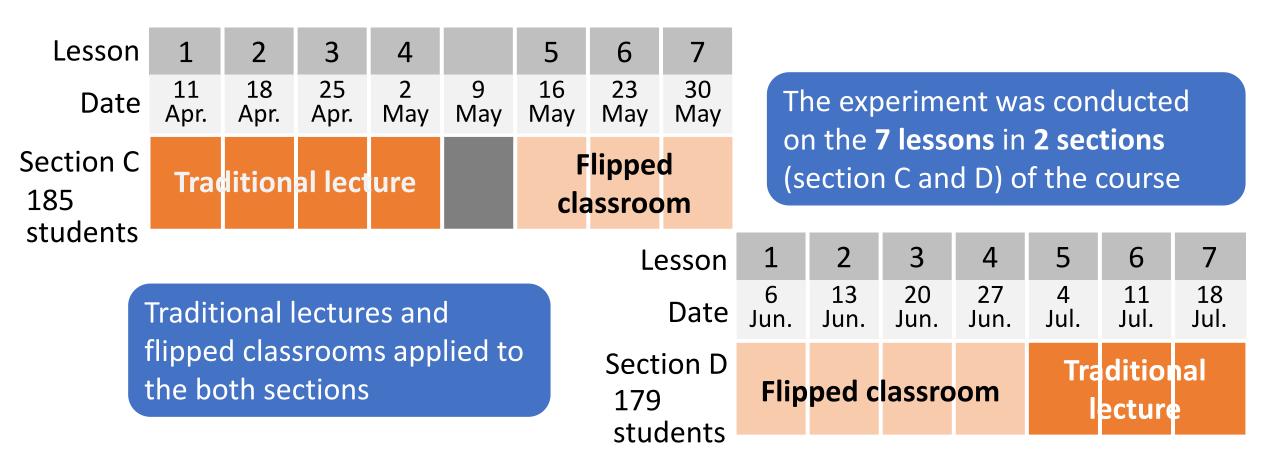


Experiment on the 7 lessons of "Introduction to Economics"



Introduction to Economics course in spring 2022

First-year undergrad students were assigned randomly to the sections by the admin office.



Contents of the course

Based on Mankiw's ten principles of economics

Lesson 1 Tradeoffs

Lesson 2 Cost, rational choice, incentives

Lesson 3 Marginal principle, profit maximization

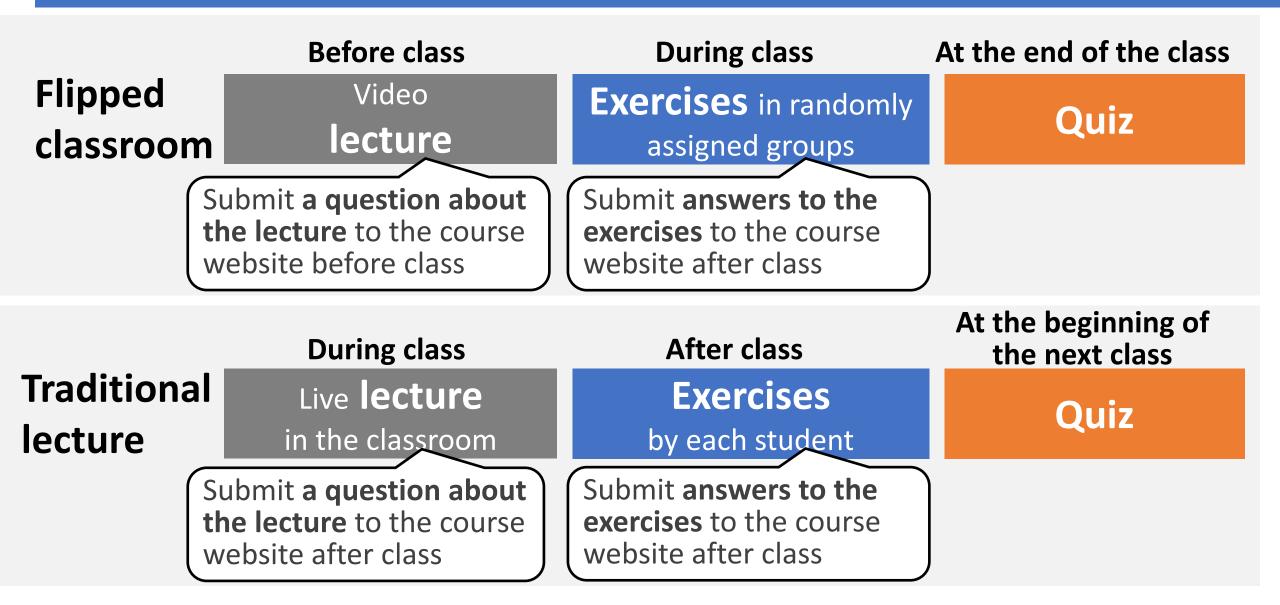
Lesson 4 Gains from trade

Lesson 5 Efficiency of a market economy, market failure

Lesson 6 GDP

Lesson 7 Price levels, inflation and unemployment

Class format and assignments

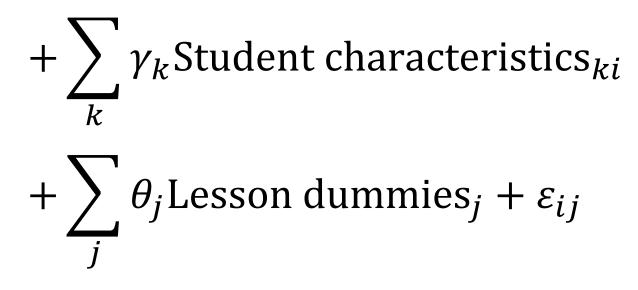


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Class for	rmat	Lecture	Exercises	Quiz
	Before class	During class	After class	Next class
Flipped classroom	 Readings Video lecture	 Work on exercises by randomly assigned groups 	 Submit the answers to exercises 	
	 Submit a question about the lecture 	 Take a quiz in the last 10 minutes 		
		—— 90 minutes ——	— A week —	
Traditional lecture	 Readings 	 Live lecture in the classroom 	 Work on exercises by each and submit the answers 	 Take a quiz in the first 10 minutes
			 Submit a question about the lecture 	
	Before class	During class	After class	Next class



Final exam	quizzes	Question about	Exer-
		the lecture	cises
30%	40%	20%	10%

Leaning outcome_{*ij*} = $\alpha + \beta$ Flipped_{*ij*}



i for students and *j* for lessons

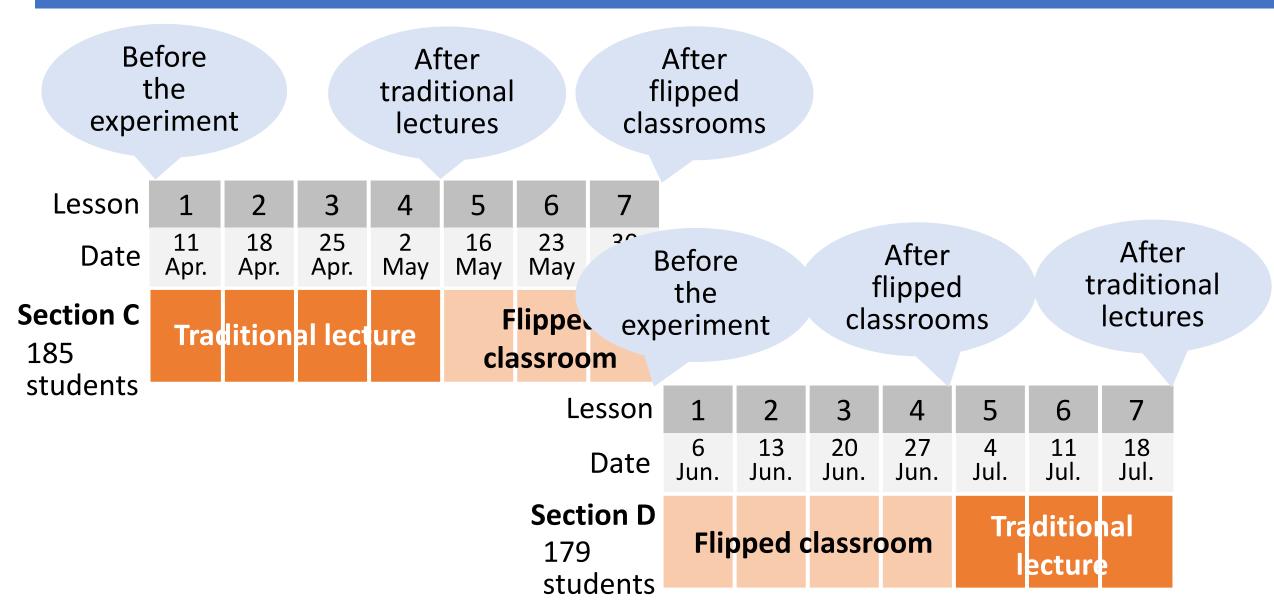
Characteristics of students

- English placement test score
- Math placement test score
- Gender

Survey about learning

- Self-regulated learning strategies
- Attitude toward group learning
- Eagerness to learn

Survey about learning



Survey about learning

Self-regulated learning strategies (24 questions)

Behavioral strategies (6 questions)

• I plan ahead.

Emotional strategies (4 questions)

 I try not to think too much about how bad things could happen.

Cognitive strategies (8 questions)

I think about what I needed to understand in class.
 ...

Motivational strategies (6 questions)

 I am motivated to take classes even if I am not interested.

Attitude toward group learning (8 questions)

- A team makes better decisions than one person.
- It's fun to work with classmates.
- Listen carefully to others.

Summary statistics : Sections and student characteristics

Section	# of students consented/# of students
С	180/185
D	158/179

	Section	mean	Std. dev	min	max	# of obs.
Gender	С	0.21	0.41	0	1	180
(male=0, female=1)	D	0.25	0.43	0	1	158
Math placement test scores	С	24.39	6.59	10	39	169
(out of 42 points)	D	23.50	6.89	5	39	150
English placement test	С	542.16	109.33	76	735	179
scores (out of 1000 points)	D	539.46	100.85	117	762	158

The effect of flipped classrooms on learning outcomes: Quiz scores

Decled OLS	Dependent variable: standardized quiz score					
Pooled OLS	(1) All lessons	(2) All lessons	(3) Except lesson 1	(4) Except lesson 1		
Flipped	.180 (.038) ***	177 (.278)	.286 (.041) ***	297 (.323)		
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Standardized English placement test score	.162 (.036) ***	.151 (.034) ***	.148 (.039) ***	.137 (.037) ***		
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Attitude toward group learning		178 (.063) ***		235 (.071) ***		
Attitude toward group learning * Flipped		.242 (.080) ***		.279 (.086) ***		
Behavioral learning strategies		057 (.054)		035 (.059)		
Behavioral learning strategies * Flipped		065 (.057)		090 (.062)		
Cognitive learning strategies		080 (.063)		078 (.071)		
Cognitive learning strategies * Flipped		.094 (.089)		.087 (.096)		
Emotional learning strategies		015 (.041)		.001 (.046)		
Emotional learning strategies * Flipped		058 (.045)		044 (.050)		
Motivational learning strategies		.124 (.053) **		.116 (.063) *		
Motivational learning strategies * Flipped		151 (.070) **		102 (.082)		
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The effect of flipped classrooms on learning outcomes: Final exam scores

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Pooled OLS	(1)	(2)			
Flipped	.019 (.034)	.201 (.257)			
Standardized math placement test score	.084 (.034) **	.092 (.032) ***			
Standardized English placement test score	.176 (.040) ***	.168 (.038) ***			
Female	.033 (.066)	.051 (.064)			
Attitude toward group learning		062 (.060)			
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Behavioral learning strategies		123 (.053) **			
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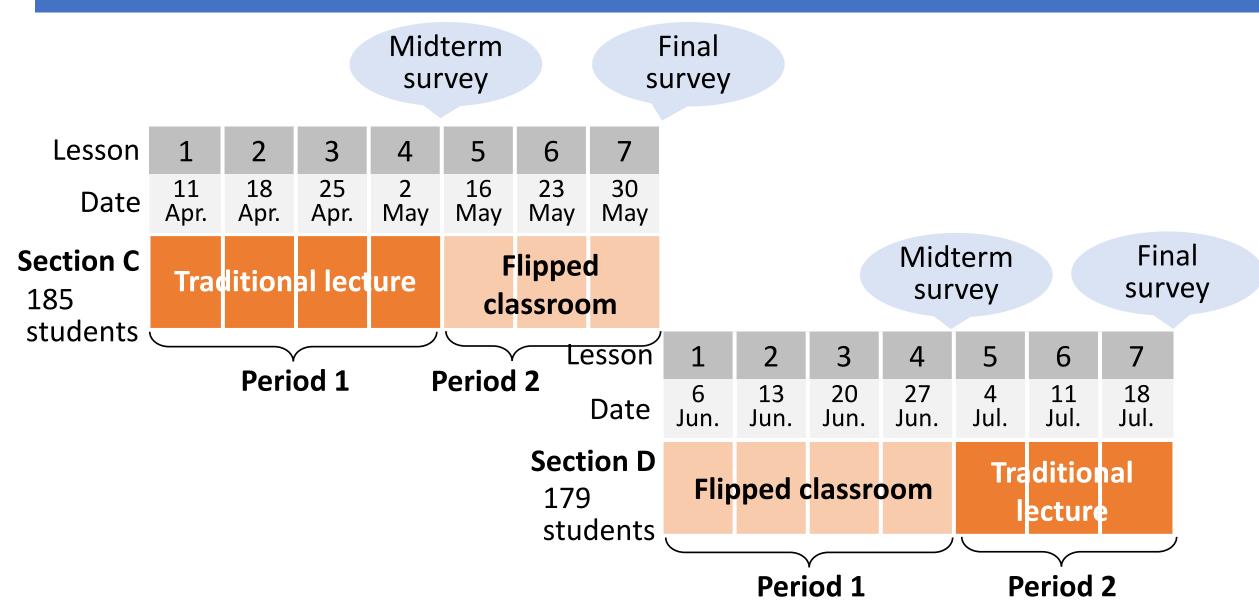
The effect of flipped classrooms on learning engagements

Positive effects on learning engagements on average.	Question submission (submitted=1)	Question length	The scores of exercise problems (0,1, or 2)	Attendance (attended=1)	Completion rate of watching videos(%)
	probit	pooled OLS	ordered probit	probit	pooled OLS
Flipped	0.0872	9.6629***	0.2878***	0.1585***	43.402***
	(0.0605)	(2.2452)	(0.0570)	(0.0543)	(1.8024)
Standardized math	0.1854***	8.3528***	0.1380***	0.0991***	0.0140
placement test score	(0.0561)	(2.4601)	(0.0560)	(0.0396)	(1.1568)
Standardized English	-0.1824***	0.4154	-0.0951*	-0.0286	2.6259*
placement test score	(0.0603)	(2.8134)	(0.0521)	(0.0448)	(1.3490)
Female	0.4382***	1.4785	0.4234***	0.3093**	8.8676***
	(0.1483)	(4.8033)	(0.1475)	(0.1218)	(3.1619)
Observations	2233	2233	2233	2233	2233
R ²	0.0502 (pseudo)	0.0747	0.0540 (pseudo)	0.0316 (pseudo)	0.2710

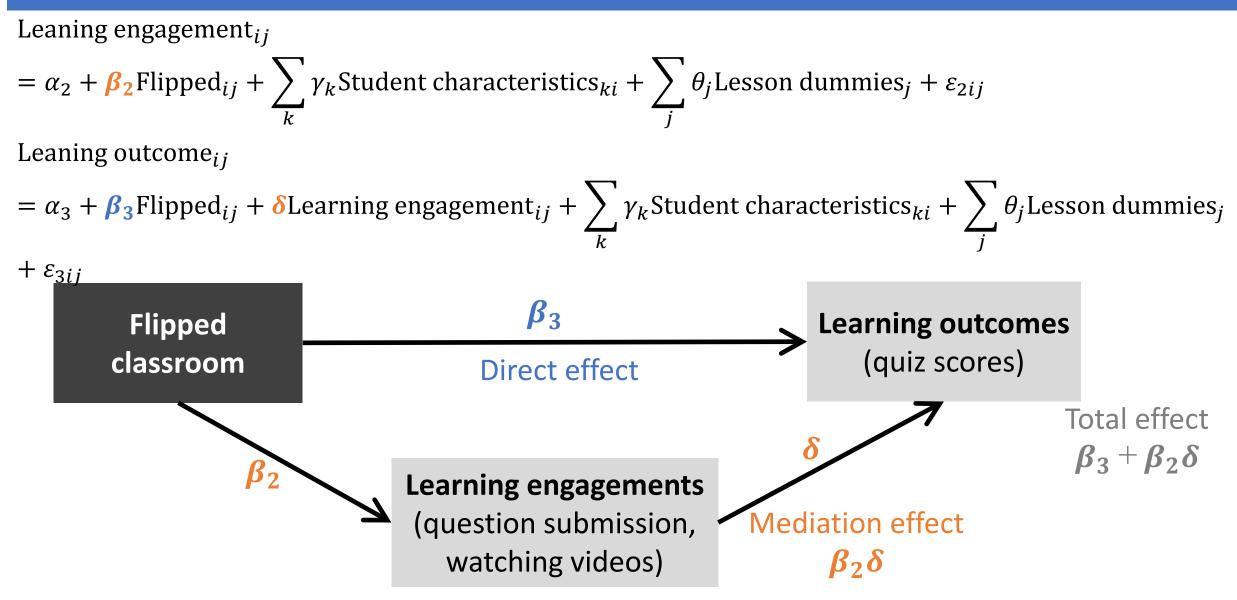
Student satisfaction

	Student satisfaction Pooled OLS		Less satisfied with the Flipped classrooms
Flipped	-0.2973***	-1.7389***	than the traditional lectures
Inpped	(0.0643)	(0.4479)	
Standardized math	0.0762	0.0476	
placement test score	(0.0458)	(0.0420)	The students with highly positive attitude
Standardized English	0.0046	0.0044	
placement test score	(0.0398)	(0.0380)	toward group learning are satisfied with
Female	0.0497	0.0081	the flipped classrooms
remale	(0.0978)	(0.0900)	but the other students are not.
Attitude toward group		0.1861**	
learning		(0.0731)	
Attitude toward group		0.3899***	
learning * Flipped		(0.1105)	
Dariad 2 dummy	-0.1280*	1469**	
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Observations	609	596	
R ²	0.0405	0.1390	

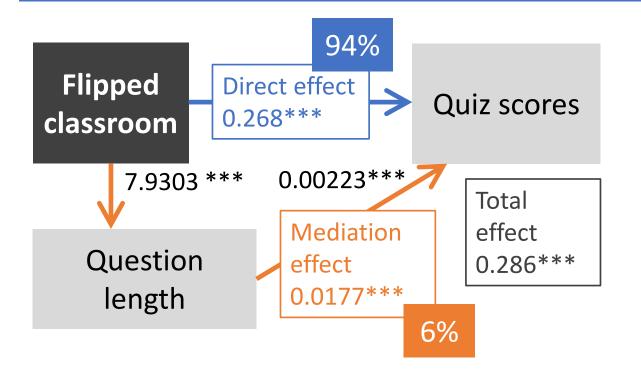
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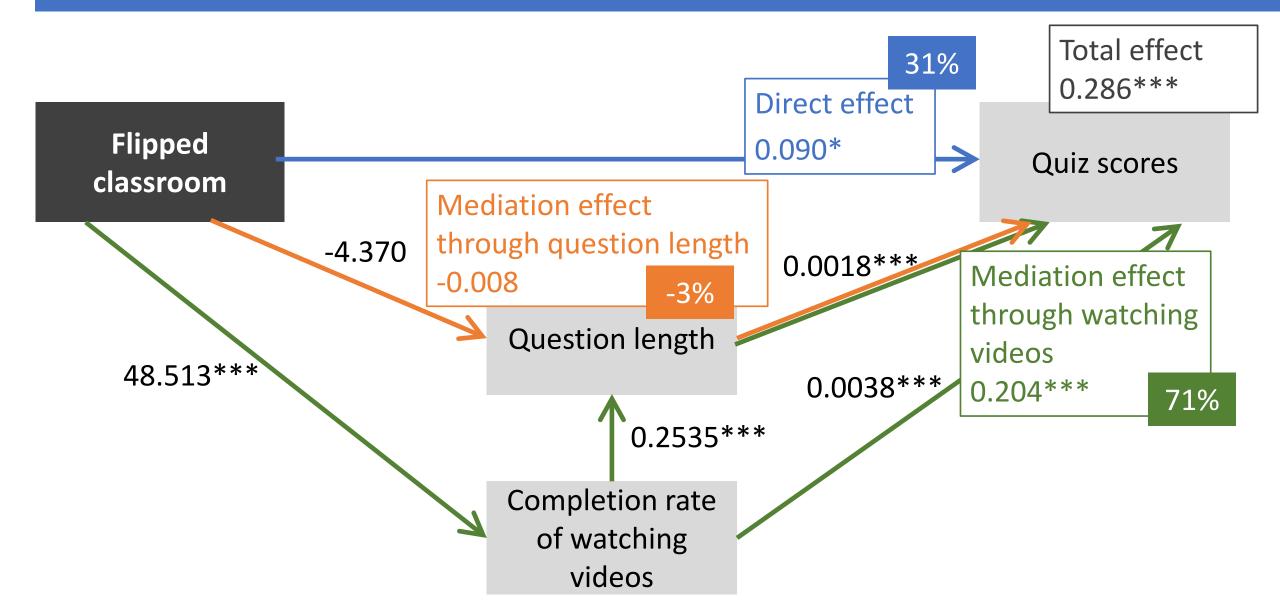
Causal mediation analysis



Causal mediation analysis: results



Two-mediator mediation analysis



Summary statistics : learning outcomes

		Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max	# of obs.
Quiz scores	Flipped	3.25	1.27	0	5	1001
	Traditional	3.04	1.39	0	5	966
Final exam scores	Flipped	1.41	0.99	0	3	1082
	Traditional	1.39	0.95	0	3	1102

Summary statistics: learning engagements

		Mear	n Std.	dev.	Min	Max	# of obs.
The scores of exercise problems	Flipped	1.7	2	0.70	0	2	1172
	Traditional	1.5	9	0.81	0	2	1194
Question submission	Flipped	0.7	8	0.42	0	1	1172
(submitted=1, not=0)	Traditional	0.7	6	0.43	0	1	1194
Question length	Flipped	61.8	4 !	58.95	0	381	1172
	Traditional	51.9	8 !	55.11	0	374	1194
Attendance	Flipped	0.8	5	0.35	0	1	1172
(Attended=1, not=0)	Traditional	0.8	1	0.39	0	1	1194
		% of students who ever			f watching vide ever watched		_
		watched videos	Mean	Std. de	e v. Min	Max	# of obs.
Watching videos	Flipped	58.45	79.12	39.	98 0.10	243.40	685
before taking quizzes	Traditional	4.77	77.45	43.	05 0.08	137.29	57

Summary statistics : Survey before the experiment

		Section	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max	# of obs.
Attitude toward group learning		С	3.77	0.64	1.88	5.00	175
		D	3.69	0.74	1.50	5.00	155
		С	3.50	0.61	1.00	4.00	170
Eagerness	to learn	D	3.60	0.56	2.00	4.00	149
Dehevievel	Behavioral	С	3.26	0.89	1.00	5.00	176
	Dellavioral	D	3.14	0.89	1.00	5.00	155
Self-	Cognitive	С	3.59	0.67	1.75	5.00	175
regulated		D	3.38	0.67	1.38	5.00	154
learning strategies	Emotional	С	3.02	0.98	1.00	5.00	176
		D	2.97	1.09	1.00	5.00	155
	Motivational	С	3.36	0.81	1.17	5.00	175
	wouvational	D	3.12	0.85	1.00	5.00	155

Summary statistics : Survey after flipped classrooms and after traditional lectures

			Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max	# of obs.
Catiofaction		Flipped	3.81	1.02	1.00	5.00	324
Salisiactio	Satisfaction Tradition		4.15	0.80	1.00	5.00	322
Attitude toward group		Flipped	3.79	0.69	1.25	5.00	321
learning		Traditional	3.80	0.70	1.00	5.00	322
Eagarpace	to loorn	Flipped	3.24	0.63	1.00	4.00	324
cagemess	Eagerness to learn		3.27	0.66	1.00	4.00	324
	Behavioral	Flipped	3.32	0.86	1.00	5.00	322
	Dellavioral	Traditional	3.39	0.92	1.00	5.00	321
Self-	Cognitivo	Flipped	3.56	0.68	1.00	5.00	323
regulated	Cognitive	Traditional	3.60	0.69	1.25	5.00	323
learning	Emotional	Flipped	3.29	1.00	1.00	5.00	321
strategies	Emotional	Traditional	3.42	0.93	1.00	5.00	323
	Motivational	Flipped	3.45	0.79	1.00	5.00	320
IVIOTIVA	wouvational	Traditional	3.67	0.76	1.67	5.00	323