



# Welcome to Human-Computer Interaction

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# Who are we?



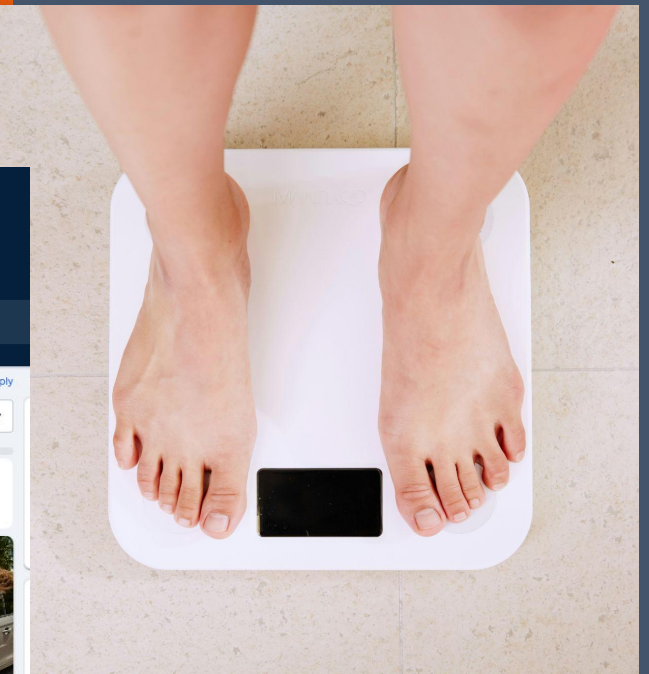
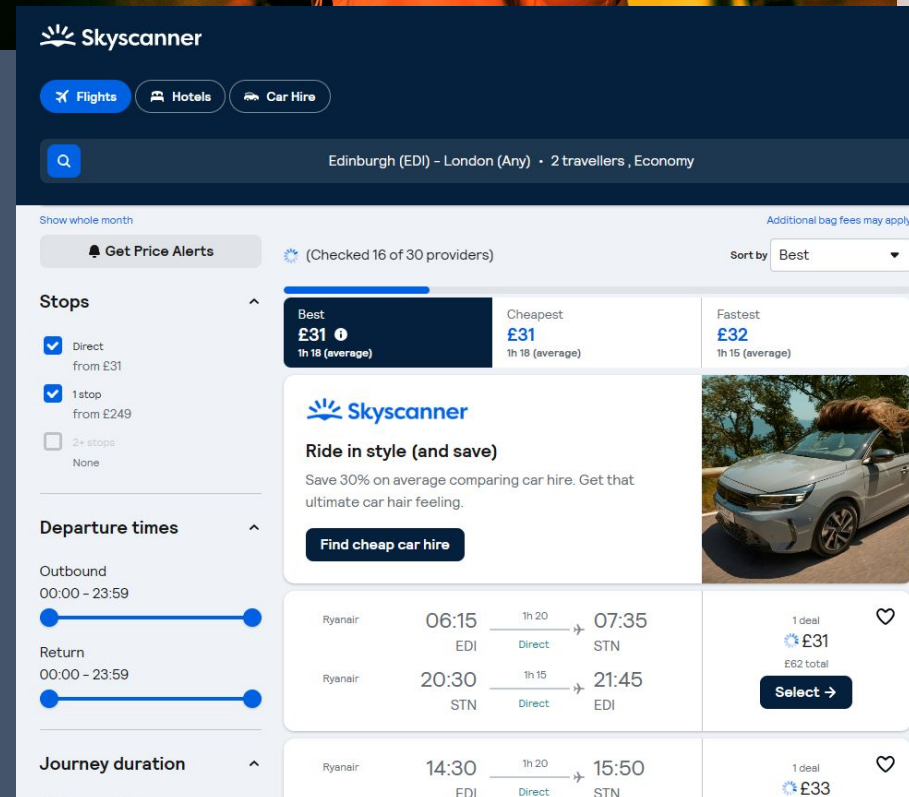
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# What is Human-Computer Interaction?

## Interaction Design Foundations:

Human-computer interaction (HCI) is a multidisciplinary field of study focusing on the design of computer technology and, in particular, **the interaction between humans (the users) and computers**. While initially concerned with computers, HCI has since expanded to cover almost all forms of information technology design.

- [Interaction Design Foundations](#)

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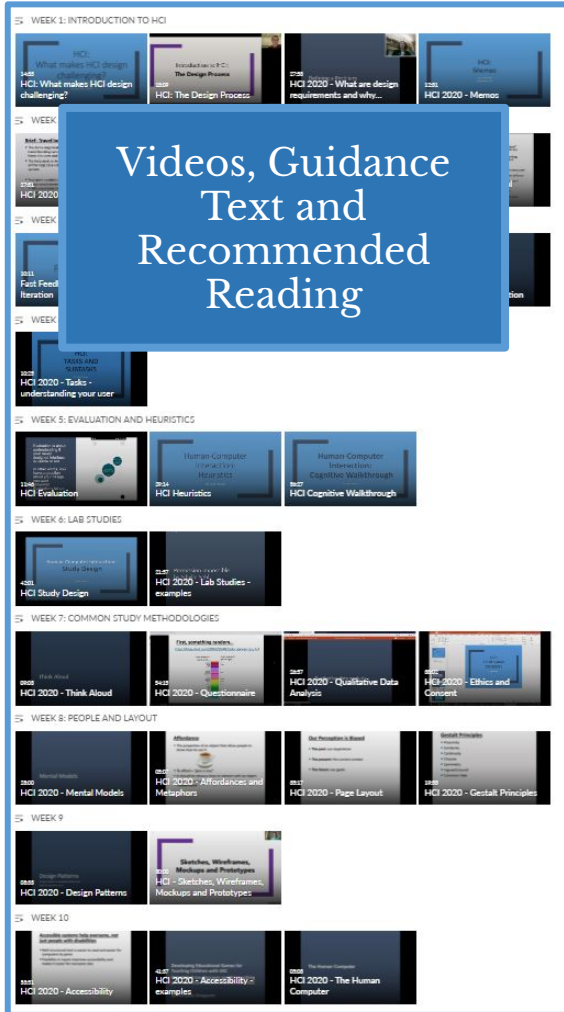
Topics we will cover in the course:

- Why HCI is important
- Accessibility
- Design Process
- HCI Research Methods
- Prototyping and Design
- Evaluation
- Ethics

# Teaching Style



# Flipped Classrooms



Screenshot of last year's HCI playlists on [media.ed.ac.uk](http://media.ed.ac.uk)



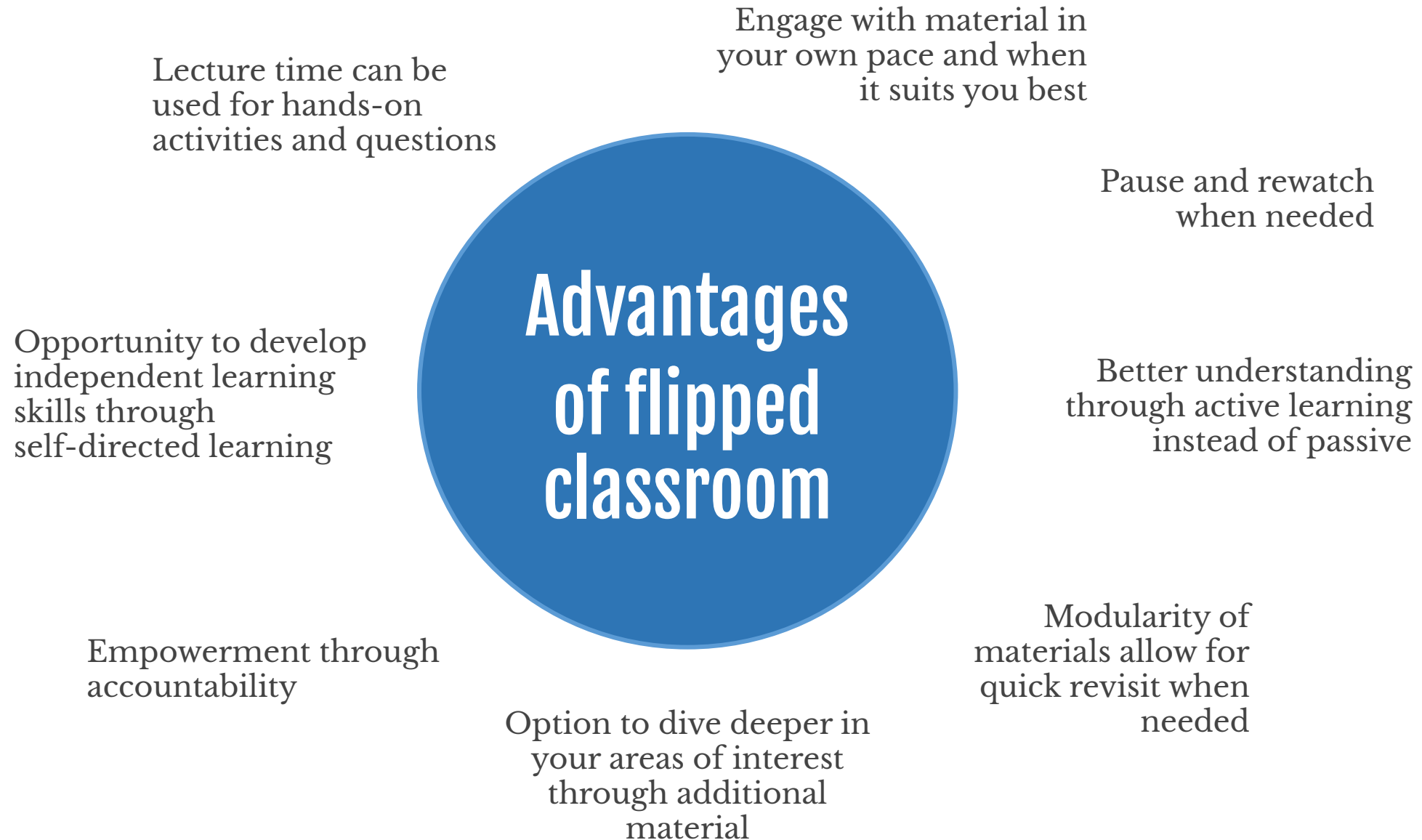
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x 10  
for 10 weeks in  
the semester

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# What can you expect of us?

1. Preparation of materials including guidance texts
2. Recap of material during live lectures
3. Q&A and discussion of student-proposed topics that come up
4. Preparation of hands-on activities and material
5. Presence on Piazza
6. In-person office hours after the lectures

# Assessment

# Assessment Details

Courseworks: Work in a design team to assess the usability of Learn Ultra and OpenCourse.

## Design

- Design Requirement Gathering
- Problem Identification
- Initial Mock Up

## Evaluate

- Design Evaluation
- Cognitive Walkthrough
- Usability Reports

## Refine

- Refine Initial Mock Up
- Design Reasoning and Justification

# Assessment Details and Timeline

End of Week 3

Design - 0%

End of Week 7

Evaluate - 35%

End of Week 11

Refine - 35%

Weekly Quizzes (5min) - 10%

Individual  
Quiz - 20%





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