

Hello everyone! I am a little bit late to the introduction but my name is Aiden, this is my fifth year living in Victoria and studying economics with an Indigenous studies minor. I am from Yellowknife, NT and I grew up in Calgary, AB. My dad and his side of the family live in Calgary, while my mom and her side is still in the Northwest Territories where I have been returning for the last few years every summer! This is my first summer in Victoria, and I am happy to call it home. I am looking forward to graduating in December so that I can finally snowboard more, but for now I have been kayaking here in Victoria to get outside. I also play softball intramurals, we lost pretty bad this evening if anyone wants to join the team. My favorite blizzard from dairy queen is mint oreo, but girl guide cookies is up there too. I look forward to meeting and learning with you all in the learning pods and other activities.

To answer the question on distributed and open learning, I would say that my understanding is limited, but they represent slightly different approaches or learning systems. To me, distributed learning means online courses and fact sheets, instructional assignments and the tools used in online learning and other remote learning environments. Open learning represents access to tools such as Google Scholar, or other resources that allow individuals to engage with peer-reviewed articles and other sources, or expand their knowledge through their own motivation. The difference for me would be in the delivery method of these styles of learning, and how that effects the progression of ones knowledge. I have plenty of experience with distributed learning over the course of the pandemic, and my experience with open learning is through writing papers, using search engines and accessing databases. Online classes are distributed learning, while sources used outside of course material feel like they are open learning.