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Returning to the first-year mainstream physics classroom at the University of the Western Cape after the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted teaching in a variety of institutions during 2020 and 2021. Online learning during those years became the core method of teaching the curriculum at universities. With COVID-19 running its course universities in 2022 had to return to a “new normal” for teaching. The Department of Physics and Astronomy decided to have face-to-face classes for all its students in the “new normal”. In this paper the results of a survey conducted surveying the first-year mainstream physics students experiences on returning to the university and the physics classroom in the “new normal” will be presented.

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