

THINGS I DIDN'T LEARN IN LIBRARY SCHOOL

An Online Experience



BACKGROUND

- Master of Music Theory
- Working a "desk job"
- Tiny bit of library experience
- No extra money or time to network

*Fairy-tale ending
for this library
student*





Adult Learner

- Need to be online
- Working a full-time job
- Cannot afford professional development
- Family situation
- Live where library jobs are scarce

Bohonos, 2014; Cincinnato, et. al., 2016;
Hegarty, 2011; Osam, Berman, & Cumberland, 2016

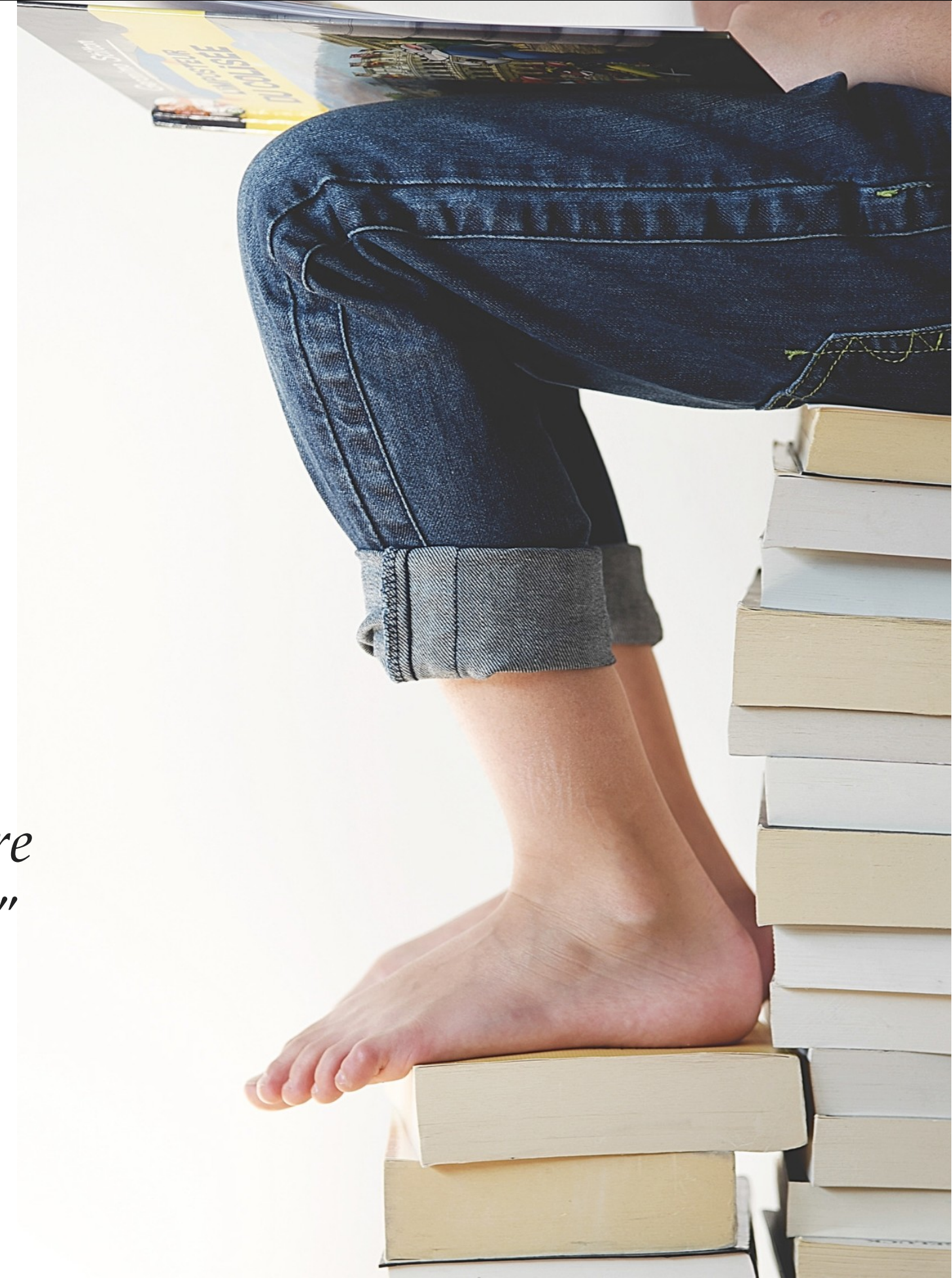
The background of the slide is a photograph of a dark wooden desk. On the desk, there is an open notebook with lined pages, a pen, and a cup of coffee. The lighting is warm and focused on the notebook.

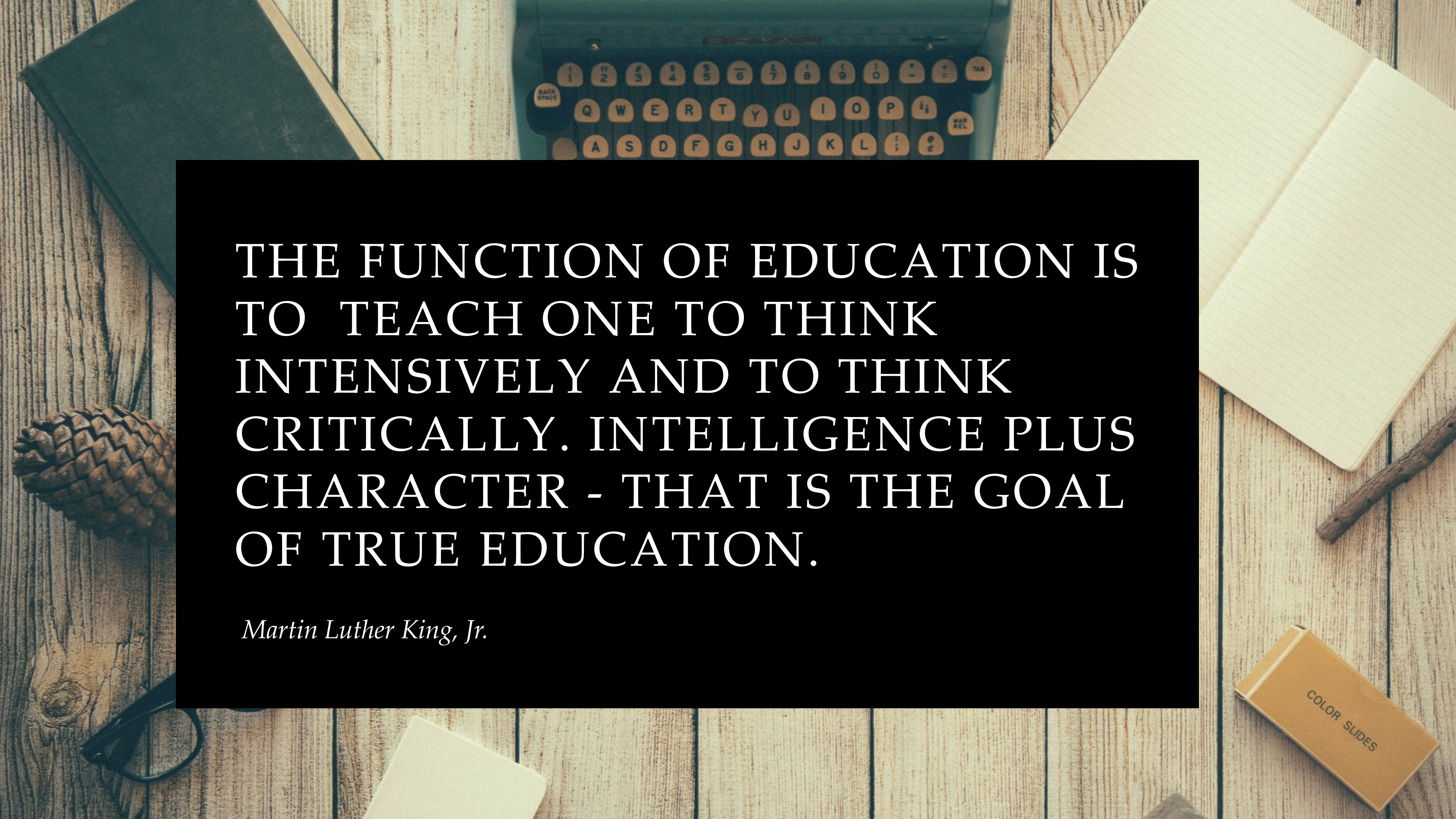
Challenges for Online Library Science Degree

- Critical Thinking
- Campus Connections
- Communication

CURRICULUM & CRITICAL THINKING COMPROMISES

- *Short decision-making time*
- *Focus on past vs preparation for the future*
- *“Piece of paper” vs “On-the-job training”*



A top-down view of a wooden desk with various objects. In the upper center is a vintage typewriter with a dark body and light-colored keys. To its left is a dark green notebook. To its right is a stack of cream-colored, lined notebooks. In the lower right is a small, light-brown box labeled 'COLOR SLIDES'. A pinecone lies on the left side of the desk, and a cinnamon stick is on the right. A pair of glasses is partially visible in the bottom left corner.

THE FUNCTION OF EDUCATION IS
TO TEACH ONE TO THINK
INTENSIVELY AND TO THINK
CRITICALLY. INTELLIGENCE PLUS
CHARACTER - THAT IS THE GOAL
OF TRUE EDUCATION.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



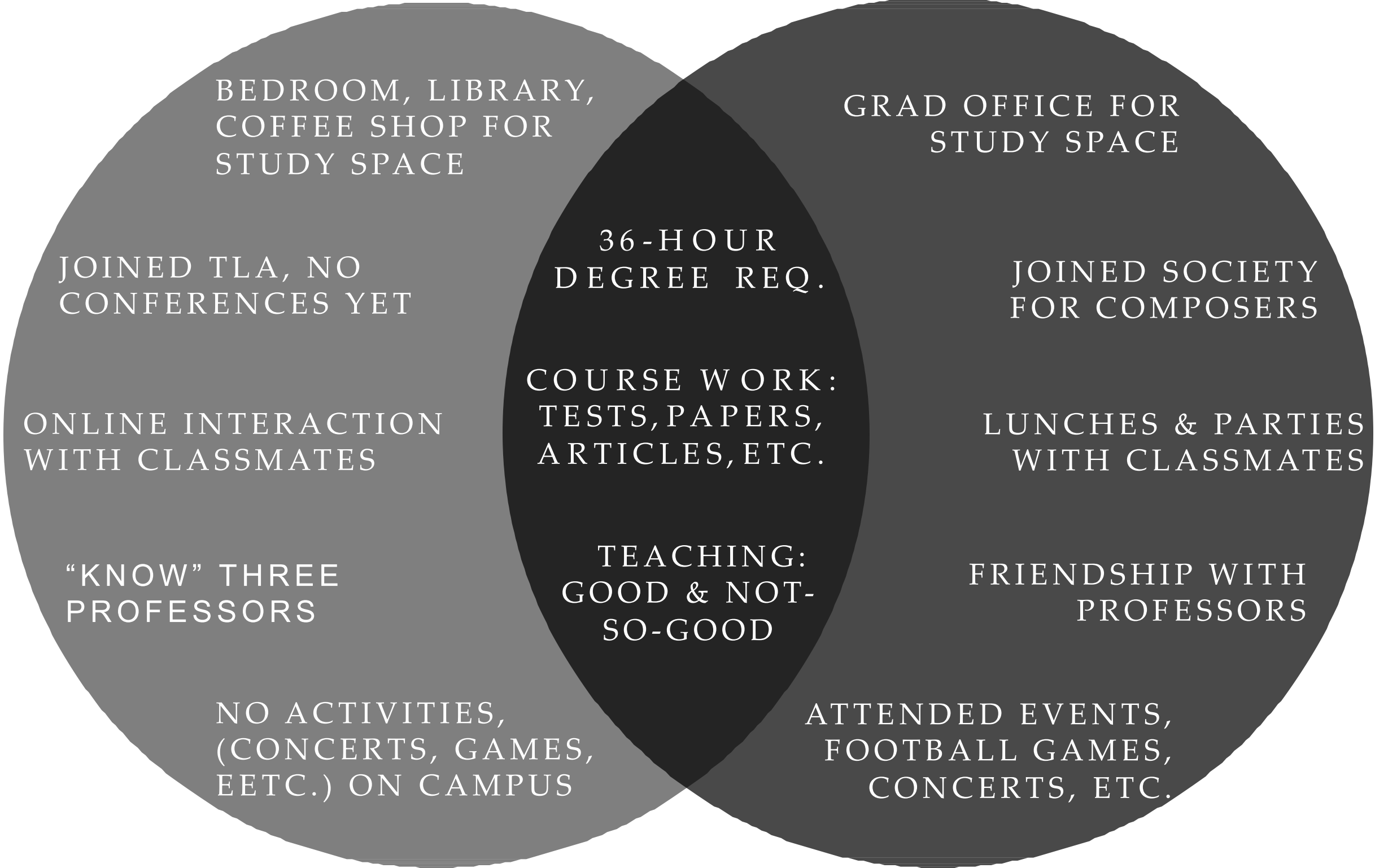
CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

- Study space
- Engaging in campus culture
- Networking and isolation

*Most, Kazmer, & Marty, 2013; Munroe, 2011;
Osam, Berman, & Cumberland, 2016; Polson, 2003*

VIRTUAL
CAMPUS: MLS

PHYSICAL
CAMPUS: MM



COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES

- *Peers*
- *Professors*
- *Advisors*



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION



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Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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