Gamification for Engaging International Business Students in French for Specific Purposes

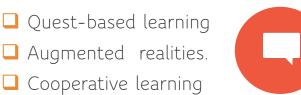


INTRODUCTION

- The Foundation Business language course in international business goes beyond the communicative language instruction.
- It provides students with the required communication and action-oriented skills.
- Language for specific purposes (LSP) courses appear to be addressing the language needs of university students although LSP courses face huge pedagogical challenges in Ugandan Universities.



METHODOLOGY

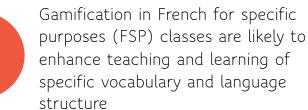






Problem solving







It is most likely to support learning that is: "personally customized, socially constructed, and which extends beyond the classroom" (Holden & Sykes, 2011, 4): precisely concerning a secondlanguage (L2) education context, which is not yet predominant.



Using game-based mechanics and game thinking to engage learners tends to promote learning" (Kapp, 2012, 10).



Gamification in FSP classes encourages students to speak and motivates critical thinking, cooperation and collaboration which at times lead to new discoveries. It is important to advocate for activities that require learners to negotiate meaning and to interact meaningfully in a real-world situation



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