# A Study on Benefits and Limitations of E-Learning

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## ABSTRACT

The present paper deals with possible positive and negative experiences of using online technologies in teaching and learning. Here, the word possible is central as completely generally applicable issues may hardly be traced. The aim of the paper is to highlight such advantages and disadvantages of online learning that tend to recur rather frequently a number of pedagogical situations and contexts.

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## INTRODUCTION

E-learning is newfound and the most popular form of distance education today. Within the past decade it has had a ponderous impact on postsecondary education and the trend is only flourishing. Online learning is catalyzing a didactic shift in how we teach and learn. There is a shift away from top-down lecturing and passive students to a more synergetic, collaborative verge in which students and instructor co-create the learning drill. E-learning has brought an unwavering mark in the lives of students and working professionals. It has inclined a liberty to take up additional courses along with their studies or job as per their aid. E-learning is not just an evolution of technology. It is part of a redefinition of how we as a species transmit knowledge, dexterity, and values to our tender millenniums of workers and students.

## BRIEF HISTORY ABOUT E-LEARNING

Year 2012 was a transformative year in the track of education. Monumental online courses were laid on to students for preeminent education. Online learning is education that takes place over the Internet. It is often referred to as "E-learning" among other terms. E-learning systems are providing a room to manoeuvre for students who are studying and even to professionals who are working to take up extra courses. E-learning imparts the leisure to the students to study as per his/her commodious time. The technological advancements have helped to proffer students the online courses. It endows benefits to the working professionals to sustain in market amidst the time of recession. However, online leaming is just one type of "distance learning" - the umbrella term for any learning that takes place across cistance and not in a traditional classroom.

## ADVANTAGES OF E-LEARNING

Perhaps one of the most notable benefits of online education is the provision of a flexible learning schedule. The fact that more and more professionals are going back to school to further their studies is an indication of

the effectiveness of online education. Online education allows for adjustable time schedules instead of forcing students to adjust their lives to predetermined times. Traditional classroom education involves requirements of fixed location and time. After location, the greatest impediment on learning is time for both students and instructors who must be available in line with the face-to-face traditional system of education.

## 1) Efficiency

E-Learning has a positive influence on an organization's profitability. It makes it easy to grasp the content and digest It results in improved scores on certifications, tests, or other types of evaluation. Higher number of students who achieve 'pass' or mastery' level. Enhanced ability to learn and implement the new processes or knowledge at the workplace. Help in retaining information for a longer time.

## 2) Accessibility of Time and space

E-learning materials are often used with a specific technology, or configuration, which can make them less available to people who have limited access capabilities or who are using non-standard computer equipment. Learners with disabilities using assistive technologies can benefit greatly from e-learning, not just because it allows distance and flexible learning activities, but also because it helps students with disabilities in accessing resources which would otherwise present significant barriers for them.

## 3) Affordability

In general, online learning is a more affordable option, as you'll get a high-quality education at a much lower cost due to the lower overhead needed to operate these programs. They do not have thousands of support staff and personnel to pay each month. This allows online colleges and universities to offer cheaper tuition rates compared to traditional brick-and-mortar colleges and universities Also, students do not have costs associated with commuting to a college campus.

## 4) Improved attendance

As it is very easy to attend classes online just the simple click on the link of classes students are getting engaged and attending online classes easily this is the reason that attendance has been. improved during covid-19 also, students don't have to prepare for the next day classes and be ready, it also saves the transportation charges for students withs ime.

## 5) Variety of learning

"Leaming diversity' refers the infinite variety of life experiences and attributes a child brings to their formal learning at school. All students with diverse leaming needs have a right to access a full and engaging education on the same basis as their peers.

## 6) Cost effective

Online courses are more accessible, easier to fit into a work schedule, and tend to be more cost- effective. These benefits aren't just for students, though. A study on online learning from ASU discovered that online courses can save institutions 3%-50% operating costs. It also includes the reduced cost of transportation.

## 7) Archival capability of information

Data archiving is the practice of identifying data that is no longer active and moving it out of production systems into long-term storage systems. Archival data is stored so that at any time it can be brought back into

servicePerhaps an uncommon, but popular form of archival storage is the LTO tape (Linear Tape-Open). It's mostly popular amongst the hardcore archivers, and that's because it's great for archiving hundreds of terabytes. LTO tapes have a super low cost-per- terabyte price point.

## 8) Ease to access the to huge amount of information

Information access is the freedom or ability to identify, obtain and make use of database or information effectively. Information access covers many issues including copyright, open source, privacy, and security.Examples,of types, of retrieval-based information service: archives, libraries, management information systems, museums, and records management.

## 9) Eliminate barrier of fear

Teach students to pay attention to how their body feels and what their mind is saying to them when they start to feel the fear creep up. Teach strategies to implement such as breathing techniques, stretching, taking a short walk, r relaxation techniques.In online classes it is easy for students to participate and answers the questions by teachers, there is no chance of someone staring at them or poking them for wrong answers, which made them pretty confident for answering an online classis this make students more attentive in class and help their studies.

## 10) Immediate update and usage of time

Immediate update of notes is beneficial for student to read whenever they want they can leam easily by accessing that notes and it saves the time for noting down in paper this way it saves time and also the immediate update helps them to stay updated with the syllabus taught.

## 11) Adaptability of technology

Students resistance to change doesn't allow them to adapt to the online learning environment, whereas it takes time for them to get accustomed to Course Management Systems (CMS) and the methods of computer-based education students are nowadays learning and adapting the technology of online learning very fast as it is the need of the hour also students of remote areas of countries have access to technology because of online learning.

## DISADVANTAGES OF E-LEARNING

Only in a small group a person can develop properly. At school, students learn how to make friends, be patient, get rid of disappointment, and especially to compete. Competition between colleagues can be very stimulating and students will only benefit from it. Online learning cannot offer human interaction. Another disadvantage refers to the fact that online courses cannot cope. with thousands of students that try to join discussions. Also, online learning can be difficult, if it is meant for disciplines that involve practice. In conclusion, online learning should be seen as a complement and extension of classical forms of leaming. Not even the best online course can fully replace the personal contact with a teacher, or the human relationships that develop in a group. So, traditional classes shouldn't be replaced with online learning.

## 1) Sense of remote feeling

Study shows remote students face more stress, exhaustion than those in classroom. While just over half of all students surveyed said they were more stressed about school in 2020 than they had been previously, the issue was more pronounced among remote students

## 2) Technology issues

A lot of innovations, especially gadgets, tend to experience some errors. For example, many servers experience problems and have downtime. inconveniencing learning. Connection problems are also quite common. These challenges take time to be fixed.

## 3) Lack of interaction

Lack of Interaction Online learners miss out on face-to-face interaction. This inhibits their communication skills because they do not get to communicate with fellow students and faculty on a daily basis They often lack the social and academic skills to succeed at the next level.

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