

DRAWBACKS OF DISTANCE LEARNING

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Technology is progressing at a breakneck pace. To stay up with this ever-changing profession, new educational methods must be developed. Distance learning may be the most effective technique to reach large groups of people quickly. The advances of distance learning are obvious. The results are immediate, and they influence a large number of people. These attributes are especially important in the realm of technology when considering how to teach those who are eager to learn. However, the benefits are accompanied by drawbacks.

Initially, it was thought that the greatest disadvantage of distance education was the loss of communication with teachers and other students. According to Motamedi (2001) neither teachers nor students are physically present in remote education to clarify, discuss, or provide feedback. He added that there is no face-to-face contact. Even when a class is delivered live via the internet, the teacher misses signs such as puzzled expressions that can only be noticed in person.

The lack of technical opportunities is the second disadvantage of distance education. The learner should be technically prepared to maintain access to the source of knowledge. A laptop and internet access are required at the very least. Unfortunately, this is not something that everyone can afford. If a person enjoys traveling while still receiving education, he or she is extremely reliant on Wi-Fi, flash modems, and other such devices.

However, distance learning may not be suitable for many students. Those who do not have a strong desire to truly understand the content are likely to be quickly diverted.

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They may already be on the internet, chatting with friends, or playing online pool. When a student requires further assistance, it can be difficult for the professor to guide them without physically being present. Cheating: Cheating in an online class might be difficult to detect. It is incredibly simple to cheat on online exams from the comfort of one's own home.

Despite these perceived disadvantages, remote learning is gaining traction among students like never before, with many students expressing satisfaction with their learning experience. The difficulties of distance learning can be overcome with further technological advancements and additional training to adjust teachers to this new method of learning.

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