

ADVANTAGES OF ONLINE LEARNING

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The popularity of online education is growing as technology advances and user experience improves. It has been shown to be a successful method of learning and provides a variety of advantages over traditional education.

Dumford and Miller (2018) state that online learning makes a positive difference in encouraging quantitative reasoning activities. However, they are also quick to state that face-to-face learning promotes better collaborative learning and camaraderie among students and faculty alike.

Online learning helped ensure remote learning, was manageable, and enabled students to easily access teachers and the teaching materials. It also cut down on transportation expenses and other costs. It streamlined administrative duties including filming lectures and keeping track of attendance. Through the lockdown, together students and teachers established that online learning modalities had simplified student-centeredness. The students had grown into self-directed learners who could learn at any time during the day (Pakistan Journal of Sciences et al., 2020). Administrative activities such as recording lectures and keeping track of attendance were made easier. Both students and teachers acknowledged that online learning modalities had supported student-centeredness during the lockdown. The students had evolved into independent learners who could learn at any time of the day. (Palvia, Aeron, et al., 2018).

Persons are provided understanding and guidance using computer network technology, mainly the internet (Kearsley, Lynch et al., 1995). Further, advantages of online courses over traditional courses include reduced costs, increased productivity, and

the ability to work around personal programs. Online learning can be a suitable way of teaching for teachers. As an alternative to live discussions, teachers can use videos, audio files, and text files to deliver lessons to students. There is a different learning journey and a different learning mode for every student (Kearsley, Lynch et al., 1995). Selected students choose visual over auditory learning and vice versa. Likewise, some students increase in class while others are scared by large groups. Online learning can be identified in a few ways thanks to its many alternatives and resources (Saul Carliner, 2020).

Therefore, online learning is very appropriate for a pandemic. It is the safest method and avoids face-to-face contact between students.

After three years of battling the COVID-19 pandemic, the finale of many pandemic limits is in sight (Spencer, 2023). Life is progressively returning to the status quo that existed before the epidemic broke out. Most of the world's educational institutions have initiated their doors and went back to outdated education from online learning. However, this does not mean that online education will be useless and replaced by traditional education. There are many good reasons for online education to stay in modern education.

One is flexible learning hours, which have a significant impact on the importance of online learning to students and teachers. Because circumstances prevent you from always adhering to the traditional classroom education timetable, like in times of calamity, or inevitable class suspensions. Students may continue their learning journey and activities at home and be able to learn with more flexible hours. Online learning allows students to learn whenever it is convenient for them.

In addition, every student learns differently, and children in traditional education must adapt to the pace of the class or risk falling behind. Children in an online learning environment have on their hands the freedom to work at their own pace which will eventually improve their learning experiences.

Lastly, it can also be of help to those learners who are in a difficult circumstance, like those who are pregnant, and working students, as it will allow teachers to offer flexibility and provide the learners with the opportunity to control their learning.

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