



Advantage and Disadvantage of Online Classes

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Abstract-

Online education is one of the new standard practice among educational institutes world at large. Online education is a form of distance learning and it takes place across the internet. It is also known as digital learning or online learning or e-learning. Replacement of traditional learning with online learning is the result of modern era. All around the world, educational institutions are looking toward online learning platforms to continue with the process of educating students. The new normal now is a transformed concept of education with online learning at the core of this transformation.

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Advantages of online classes- Digital learning has emerged as a necessary resource for students and schools all over the world. For many educational institutes, this is an entirely new way of education that they have had to adopt. Online learning is now applicable not just to learn academics but it also extends to learning extracurricular activities for students as well. There are several advantages of online classes which are given below-

- **Accessibility and Suitability-** Online education is a way to access all where at any time. It is based on a rule "Just in time and just enough". Online classes are pattern of easy and suitable contact learning.
- **Ease of content update-** The changes make to any of the content are immediately available to learning audience across the world.
- **Travel cost free and time savings-** Online learning provides direct learning to the learner instead of the other way around.

- **Widely availability of web browsers and internet connectivity-** It is the world of computers and web browsers and internet connections are widely available. It is easy to connect with people or students or audience through internet.
- **Easy and affordable-** Online learning is easy and affordable. Every person can approach learning through internet easily and at affordable prize.
- **Less in cost-** The best part of this online learning is it is much more affordable compared to old-fashioned learning. In digital classes, parents are free to buy uniforms or spend travelling expenses and can save extra money. Due to this advantage of online education, economically weaker students can fulfill their dreams. You should pay for university credits and save a lot of money with digital classes.
- **Time-Saving-** In online classes, there is no commute included as a student can learn and get a degree while sitting at the comfort of their home.
- **Tech-savvy-** As if someone is using technology for learning so that person can become tech-savvy by digital learning. Yet, this is a good thing as in today's age of technology most of the jobs require tech-savvy employees.
- **Easy attendance-** Students can give their attendance right from the comfort of their homes. So they can attend all online classes without any absence.
- **Self-paced-**Digital learning is often self-paced where you can do your work in your own time, unlike traditional classes. If there are no teachers, so you can easily take your own leisure time in finishing your work.
- **Less competition and Less intensity-** As you see there can be less intense and less competition in online learning compared to traditional classes. You have to memorize that the low level of competition makes students less stressed and more relaxed.
- **Improves time management-** A student has to learn how to manage their time efficiently. Digital classes make this possible as there are no teachers to guide the students physically in doing their work. This independence allows students to grow and improve their time management abilities.
- **More accessible-** Location-wise digital education is much more accessible. If a student wants to study at a particular university from another country or region but cannot travel due to financial issues or some restrictions, then through digital education a student can get a degree from that particular university without having to travel.
- **Flexibility-** It is true that virtual classrooms are great for those people who are taking education while working. In a traditional classroom lecture will be delivered at a particular time of day and cannot be revised. The benefit of online learning is to find the lecture after the work and can study after that particular time period.
- **More chances of course variety-** Online classes are better to increase variety of education options. It is the most convenient way to learn more. Students easily can gain the knowledge in particular subject according to their choice through online courses.

- **Way to increase collaboration-** Online studies have better opportunities to collaborate with classmates through virtual group work and meetings. Online classes and courses allow students and learner to post their feedback on readings and other assignment and respond to their classmates.
- **Feedback-** In online courses students can upload assignment digitally for review by their professor. Students can submit their feedback online. Feedback is the backbone of online learning. It make easier to solve all issues which are arising in learning. Feedback form includes all basic information like lecture experience, suggestions, improvement etc.
- **Repeated access to course materials-** A traditional lecture delivers one time impact and difficult to revise the same thing whereas in online learning video can be watched anytime and revised as well. If any student find any difficulty to understand some of the content covered in a video lecture, they can go back and listen it again. Videos are supplemental tool for student to help with competing assignment.

Disadvantages of Online Classes- There are many pros of online learning, there are cons to consider as well.

- **Lose Concentration-** Without having proper care for students while online lasses by teachers they can easily lose focus on studies. Also, virtual classes can be done through phone or laptop gadgets where students can easily move to games or videos or youtube for entertainment. This completely makes them go off track from subject studies.
- **Health Issues-** Many parents are worried about their child's health as it is unhealthy to sit for hours in front of a computer screen. Looking at the screen for too long can also damage their eyesight. Not only that, back problems due to incorrect sitting positions may arise.
- **Expensive-** it is less in cost but it is also expensive for economically weaker students. Parents who are jobless due to Covid-19 cannot afford smart phones or computers for students online learning. In such cases, digital learning may be accessible but it is not readily affordable.
- **Lack of socializing skills-** As there is no socializing included in digital learning several students who study through digital mode cannot acquire socializing skills. It may lead to a decrease in the cooperative skills of a student.
- **Isolation-** While digital education has its perks many students feel a sense of isolation and become depressed. This is due to little to no human contact and socializing with peers. Both students and teachers alike are prone to loneliness in virtual learning.
- **Limited-** Digital learning does not apply to all disciplines and subjects. Areas that require practical like engineering, medical science and other STEM subjects cannot be implemented fully with digital classes. Moreover, some practical cannot be learned virtually.
- **Lack of Good Internet connection-** Online classes or learning is more flexible and accessible from anywhere conveniently with the help of a good internet connection. If someone is failed to connect phone or computer with good internet connectivity then that person may miss a lot of important stuff because of buffering. Also, for a good internet connection

parents need to spend money on a monthly or yearly basis which is a disadvantage for poor and middle-class families.

- **Prevention of cheating is difficult-** In traditional learning teachers can personally monitor students but in digital online classes quite difficult for teachers to assess their students during exams. The teachers will have no idea if students cheat on the test or not as they are not physically there to assess them.

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