
Distance Education: Benefits For Students

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When an individual wants to study conveniently and adjust studies in their hectic schedule, distance education is the option. In addition to it, some students want to stay away from the chaos, rush and typical old atmosphere of classroom. Distance education is often self-directed. It means most of your assignments, classwork & interaction will be done on your computer by your own. The University of London claims to be the first university to offer distance learning courses to the student and established first external program in 1858. (Moore Mg, 2005) . Distance education uses various methods to interchange the materials to the students. Distance education offers a lot of facilities to the students who are unable to keep up the pace of studies and find it hard to follow a fixed study schedule in busy lifestyle. To put it in a nutshell, distance education is an option which is considered by many students who are unable to manage and organize their time. (What is Distance education?, 2019)

Method

In the beginning, we had a lot of suggestions and choices to select the topic and we selected which made more enthusiastic us to conduct the survey (Distance Education). Moving on, we made a questionnaire to target specifically students. In next stage, group members decided to ask the questions from at least 30 individuals. After conducting the survey, collection of the data began and made a digital representation of answers.

Q. Distance Education could be more efficient rather than going to college?

Figure 1, Individuals were asked about the efficiency of distance education instead of going to college, data collected from survey did by Shubhjot S, 2019

The majority of people agreed to this statement. Surprisingly, people were confused between Neither and Disagree. At the end, strongly agree and strongly disagree were the least among all the options. Participants were less confident to go with the gut feeling and say strongly agree or disagree on the question.

Q2. Do you agree that studying online is beneficial for disabled individuals?

Figure 2, Participants were asked about benefits of distance education for disabled individuals. Data collected from survey did by Shubhjot S, 2019.

In this illustration, percentage of participants agreed to the statement that distance education is a better option for disabled people instead of institutions. 87% of individuals agreed to this statement and while 13% disagreed to this phrase.

Q3 How often do students join their class session?

Figure 3, in this the consistency of students related to classroom sessions were questioned. Data collected from survey did by Shubhjit S, 2019.

Half of the individuals said that they will stick with their schedule and plan according to it while little above than quarter of people said that they recommend going twice a week at least and the rest of said once a week is enough.

Conclusion

To conclude, distance education is a trend that is increasing rapidly. The main aim of the report was to find why everyone is following this movement. Our objective was very clear, make the questions that can cover most of the topic and our concerns without bothering the participants. Results were interesting, students agreed to statements while some disagreed to them. So, it's kind of hard to conclude it exactly with a survey that targeted not much of audience. Many individuals prefer distance education because it is way more convenient to them instead of college. In addition to it, they mentioned there are plethora of resources are available to service them and make them sharp in their field; they are not limited with only textbooks or described conceptual things in classroom. In contrary, students claimed that due to online learning they feel as an autonomous person; this affects their schedule and they hardly do any studies because of flexibility of it. Some explained that the applications that provide distance education needs to improve a lot to catch up with the atmosphere of classroom. The course selection is also a problem as courses in college has a edge over distance education. (Shih1, 2007)

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