



# BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS OF *e-LEARNING* IN MAPEH: A DISCURSIVE PRESENTATION FROM A TEACHER'S VIEWPOINT

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## ABSTRACT

*E-learning is a type of learning conducted digitally via electronic media, typically involving the internet. It can be accessed via most electronic devices including a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone, making it a versatile and easy way for students to learn wherever they are. E-learning resources come in a variety of forms – from software programmes and digital courses to interactive online platform and apps. The advantages of e-learning are: learn from anywhere, at any time - since online education only requires a laptop or a smartphone with an internet connection, students can learn anywhere at any time. This flexibility helps working professionals to pursue new courses without giving up their jobs. They can learn at weekends or in their free time. All the course materials are readily available at student's fingertip; save money and time - online education is much more cost effective than completing a regular on-campus degree. It helps students who cannot afford a regular schooling to accomplish their dream without spending a fortune on education. Since you study at your own time, it helps to save time as well; learn at your own pace - Everyone learns at a different pace. In a classroom, where all students are being together, following the lesson may be difficult. This is a serious disadvantage of traditional education. Online education solves this issue.*

*In online education, all course materials are provided beforehand, and students learn by taking their own time. They can also clarify their doubts by live chats or forums as well; recognition of online degrees - online degrees are accepted by many companies and employers. Many of them are encouraging their employees to get online education as well.*

*The disadvantages of e-learning are: chances of distraction are very high students can easily lose track of their studies in online education since there are no face-to-face lectures and classmates to remind you about assignments. Until and unless you keep yourself motivated, it takes a long time to complete your course or abandon your entire course; fraudulent online courses - there are many websites that offer online courses without the accreditation of any educational authority or in the name of fake authorities. Such courses will not help you to get any job. So it is very important to choose an accredited online/distance program before you spend money on it; cannot do courses that require workshops like MAPEH. You cannot do an engineering course or any other course that requires labs or hands-on workshops online. Also in courses, you miss the chances of professional networking, overseas experience, etc. which are considered important parts of a course.*

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## THE PROS AND CONS OF E-LEARNING

A student who studies remotely can decide when and how much time to devote during a semester to studying the material. They make an individual study schedule for themselves. Some educational institutions give their students the opportunity to postpone and return to their studies without having to pay tuition fees again.

### ▪ You Have The Opportunity To Study At Your Own Pace

Students do not have to worry that they will leave their classmates behind. You can always go back to studying more complicated questions, watch video lectures several times, read correspondence from the teacher, and you can skip already known topics. The main thing is to successfully pass intermediate and final attestations.

### ▪ You Can Study Any Place

Students can study without leaving their home or office, anywhere in the world. To start learning, you must have a computer with internet access. Absence of the need to attend an educational institution every day is a definite advantage for people with disabilities, for those living in hard-to-reach areas, imprisoned parents with young children.

### ▪ Offers On-The-Job Training

It is possible to study remotely in several courses simultaneously to receive the next higher degree. For this purpose, it is not necessary to take a vacation at the main place of work or go on business trips. There are educational organizations that organize corporate training (professional development) for employees of firms and civil servants. In this case, the study does not interrupt the length of service, and the issues studied can be immediately applied to working life.



### ▪ High Training Results

Studies by American scientists show that the results of distance learning are not inferior or even superior to traditional forms of education. Distance learning students study most of the learning material on their own. This improves the memorization and understanding of topics learned. And the ability to immediately apply the knowledge in practice at work helps to consolidate it. In addition, the use of the latest technology in the learning process makes it more interesting and lively.

### ▪ Offers Mobility

Communication with teachers/tutors is carried out in different ways, both online and offline. Consulting with a tutor by email is sometimes more effective and faster than scheduling a face-to-face meeting in person or by correspondence.

### ▪ Availability Of Training Materials

The students who study remotely are unfamiliar with such a problem. Access to all necessary literature is available to students after registration on the university website or they receive educational materials by mail.

### ▪ e-Learning Education Is Cheaper

If we compare training in a single specialty on a commercial basis, both full-time and remotely, the second will be cheaper. The student does not have to pay for travel, accommodation, and in the case of foreign universities, they do not need to spend money on a visa or foreign passport.

### ▪ It Is Convenient For The Teacher

Teachers and tutors who teach remotely can pay attention to more students and work while on leave.

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