



# Is Online Education Equal to In-Person Instruction

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## Abstract

In this piece, we discuss the various approaches to education and attempt to determine which is the most effective. After examining two ways, it was determined that the online method is the most effective.

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## Online Learning

The term "online learning" describes the electronic delivery of education via a range of multimedia and Internet-based platforms and tools. It eliminates the requirement for students to be physically present on campus by enabling them to take courses and obtain degrees online [1].

### Advantages of Online Learning

- 1. Flexibility:** The ability for students to create their own timetables is one of the key advantages of online learning. This flexibility includes being able to fit classes into a hectic schedule and attend from anywhere.
- 2. Convenience:** Students from remote locations who are unable to visit campuses may find that taking classes online is advantageous. The ease of accessing lectures online, emailing professors, and having access to online resources and technologies that might enhance your educational experience are all additional benefits of online learning.
- 3. Cost-Effectiveness:** Another benefit of online learning is that it's typically less expensive than traditional on-campus instruction. Students don't have to pay for location-related expenses when taking programs online, and tuition costs are frequently lower. Two other

benefits of online learning that make it more cost-effective are the ability to economize on textbooks and avoid moving expenses.

- 4. Access to A Greater Selection of Courses and Programs:** Because online learning may reach more students without incurring the significant costs associated with maintaining physical classrooms, it also offers access to a greater selection of courses and programs. Nowadays, a large number of colleges and universities provide a broad range of online degree programs, including bachelors and master's degrees in numerous subjects.
- 5.** Last but not least, one further benefit of online learning is the flexibility to study at your own speed. Since every student learns at a different speed, remote learning offers significant benefits in this regard. You can complete the coursework at your own pace, as you see fit, and in a method that best fits your learning style with online classes. One of the main advantages of taking lessons online is that you can learn at your own pace, giving you complete control over the process.

### Disadvantages of Online Learning

- 1. Absence of In-Person Interaction:** One of the main drawbacks of online learning may be the absence of in-



person engagement, which might make it more difficult for you to interact with tutors and other students. That may make it more challenging for you to establish a sense of community, which may be crucial to maximizing the benefits of your academic endeavours.

2. **Lack of Motivation:** Another disadvantage of online learning is the challenge of staying focused while studying on your own. Since online learning is frequently done on one's own, it may be harder to get started, stay motivated, and navigate.
3. **Restricted Access to Resources and Support:** One key point to keep in mind while weighing the benefits and drawbacks of online learning is that, in some cases, it provides less resources and support than traditional on-campus programs.
4. **Technical Issues:** You must have internet connectivity in order to learn online. Your ability to access classes may be hampered by technical problems such as problems with your laptop, program compatibility, or internet connectivity.
5. **Isolation:** Since students who learn online are not physically present in a classroom may not have the same possibilities to interact with other students and build social connections, this is another potential drawback to take into account. Though the pandemic has shown us that there are methods to maintain connections with people even when you don't meet in person, it's still crucial to keep this in mind and make appropriate plans for it.

### Face to Face Learning

Face-to-Face Learning, sometimes referred to as in-person learning, is a conventional method of instruction in which teachers and students are present in the same physical space, such as a training room or classroom [1].

#### Advantages of Face to Face Learning

1. **Face-to-Face Interaction:** Being able to engage with other students and tutors in person are one of the main benefits of receiving instruction in person. That may make it simple to foster a feeling of community, which may be crucial to your capacity to maximize the benefits of your education.
2. **Boost Motivation:** In-person instruction helps you stay focused when studying in a group. Face-to-face instruction is frequently conducted in groups, which can facilitate navigation and help students stay motivated.
3. **Plenty of Resources and Support:** When weighing the benefits and drawbacks of in-person instruction, it's crucial to remember that in certain cases, it provides students with more resources and support than online

learning does.

4. **Break free from Technical Difficulties:** You don't need internet connectivity while you study in person. Your ability to access classes is unaffected by technical challenges such as problems with your laptop, program compatibility, or internet connectivity.
5. **Togetherness:** Having in-person instruction can also contribute to a sense of community among students since it allows them to be physically present in the classroom and gives them more chances to build social bonds and engage with one another. Though the pandemic has shown us that there are methods to maintain connections with people even when you don't meet in person, it's still crucial to keep this in mind and make appropriate plans for it.

#### Disadvantages of Face to Face Learning

1. **Rigidity:** Students cannot create their own timetables in face-to-face learning since they must be physically present. One example of this inflexibility is the inability to plan classes around a hectic schedule or attend from anywhere.
2. **Inconvenient:** Students from distant places who do not have access to campuses cannot benefit from in-person instruction. In addition to being inconvenient, in-person instruction has drawbacks such as the inability to access online courses, email instructors, or use internet resources and tools that can improve your educational experience.
3. **Expensive:** One further drawback of in-person instruction is that it is typically more costly than distance learning. In-person classes can have expensive tuition, and students must also pay for travel-related costs. One of the financial benefits of in-person instruction is the opportunity to save money on textbooks and moving expenses.
4. **Lack of Access to A Greater Variety of Programs and Course Offers:** Attending in-person classes restricts your capacity to reach a larger number of students by limiting your access to a smaller number of programs and course offerings.
5. **Incapacity to Learn Independently:** Finally, the inability to learn at your own pace is another drawback of in-person instruction. Since every student learns at a different speed, remote learning offers significant benefits in this regard. You cannot adjust the pace of your learning, go over material again as needed, or complete the coursework in a way that best fits your learning style in face-to-face classes. One of the main disadvantages of in-person instruction is that learning at your own pace gives you complete control over the process.

## Conclusion

The advantages of online learning, which include more course options, flexibility in scheduling your studies, and the elimination of commuting, greatly exceed the drawbacks [1].

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