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**Level: Master 2: Language and communication**

**Course 3: Benefits and drawbacks of Blended learning**

➤ **Course objectives**

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify the benefits of blended learning.
- Explore the disadvantages of blended learning.

➤ **Course content**

• **What are the benefits of blended learning?**

Blended learning is the way of the future education Its major benefits are :

- **More efficient--** Today, blended learning can help teachers to more accurately present their instructional activities and assess the students' knowledge and help to teach concepts more efficiently.
- **Makes education more accessible--** Within the traditional teaching strategies, instructional materials were exclusively available during classroom time. With new learning applications and other technological advances, they have more flexibility to access and engage knowledge from home.
- **Engage Students --** Blended learning allows students to engage the material at their own pace. This helps to balance mixed-ability. Every student can practice and use new materials with ease.
- **Engaged Teachers--** Blended learning enable students to connect with their teachers. They can connect via emails or on message boards. This learning style promotes a number of effective means for teachers and students to interact effectively.
- **More fun --** In a blended learning environment, students find that learning can be fun. The new generation of learners can shape the future of education and have a positive experience with learning.



- **Disadvantages of Blended Learning**

- Blended learning has its bright and dark sides. Among the disadvantages of blended Learning are:
  - **Challenging Technology**-- One of the key issues is the Digital literacy, which can be a real challenge for teachers and learners. Not all digital resources are reliable and easy to use.
  - **Overwork.** --- There is a great deal of additional work for teachers and learners involved in all stages of blended learning. They have to broaden their horizons and apply significantly more time and effort to find the right balance between online and face-to-face learning.
  - **Cognitive Load** -- With a great range of possibilities provided by the blended learning model, learners are faces with infinite educational activities and content.
  - **Credibility of Sources and Plagiarism** --- Having a digital educational environment may cause learners to more plagiarize from online resources. Moreover, there are a number of unreliable online resources.

### Practical learning

The following YouTube video presents the different challenges of blended learning models

- <https://study.com/academy/lesson/challenges-of-blended-learning-models.html>

Make your own opinion on the subject.

- **Assignment**

Some researchers state that blended learning can enhance students' learning outcomes, improve students' motivation, and it is an effective way for achieving learning objectives.

Read the blog : Blended Learning **at College: Advantages and Disadvantages** at

<https://elearningindustry.com/pros-cons-blended-learning-at-college>

Make a report on the content of this article. Do you agree with the blogger?



### Group discussion

Here are some questions to reflect on as an extension of the course content

1. What are the pros and cons of blended learning?
2. What is blended learning in higher education?
3. How does blended learning affect educational development of students?

### Additional Improvement Resources

Blended Learning Essentials - New Approaches

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/blended-learning-getting-started>

**Advantages and Disadvantages of Blended Learning.**

<https://prezi.com/rnmez97bqv1-/advantages-and-disadvantages-of-blended-learning/>

**The Downsides of Implementing a Blended Classroom**

<https://study.com/blog/the-downsides-of-implementing-a-blended-classroom.html>