

Our experience with e-learning and its advantages and disadvantages

Ricardo: More Flexibility

During our e-learning session we had more time to do things we wanted. For example, during our e-learning meetings about culture, it was easier to schedule things. Firstly, we didn't have to travel to the university every single day, that's a big time consuming task. Secondly, that time saved could be used to do other tasks and help you organize your life and time.

Lovre : Recorded lectures

One of the best things about e-learning is the toll of recorded classes. Whether you need to go over your course again to understand it, want to check your knowledge or just simply looking for information, this practical tool will help you improve your understanding and comprehension of the chosen field to study. For example, I always record classes in which practical economics is taught using numbers, formulas and techniques, so I could use those recordings to cover any holes in my knowledge before the exam. Also, this handy tool is available to anybody for free and I highly recommend it because even if you don't use it, you can always send it to a friend in need.

Dorotea : Lack of EQ

Another disadvantage of e-learning is less face-to-face communication. When we have online classes we only stare at screens and have no social interaction between each other. Traditional classroom learning provides us with the opportunity to interact directly with our colleagues and teachers, developing our ability to read emotions, communicate and resolve conflicts. Also, online communication, which is often limited to text messages or virtual meetings, can limit the development of verbal communication skills. Students may become less inclined to express their thoughts and feelings verbally, which can negatively affect their ability to articulate and emotional intelligence.

Celia : Procrastination

One disadvantage of e-learning is procrastination. When I have online material and a check-line for sending activities, I leave the work until the last moment, because I prioritize other responsibilities. The flexibility that gives you e-learning makes you feel that you have more time to do the assignments. In my case, I go to university classes in the evening, so I spend a lot of time there physically, and in the mornings I usually complete the work I have to do. I'm also doing an online program that gives us assignments for every Monday and classes two times a week. I prioritize physical classes and work and left those activities for the last moment.

Mayya: Too technology dependent

One of the disadvantages of e-learning is the dependence on technology to carry out assignments and attend classes online. To do this, students must have the necessary skills to work with the internet and office tools, otherwise they will face difficulties in carrying out the tasks. Another obstacle that may arise is a failure in technological functioning, namely software or internet failure. In this case, students are unable to access the material and are also prevented from carrying out their tasks.