

## **BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS OF DISTANCE LEARNING (ПЕРЕВАГИ ТА НЕДОЛІКИ ДИСТАНЦІЙНОГО НАВЧАННЯ)**

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*Розглянуто особливості навчання в умовах дистанційної освіти.*

Over the years, distance education in various forms – distance learning programs from open universities, online programs and so forth, have helped realized the educational aspirations of students who could not attend full-time and campus-based classes. But nowadays we have to face the reality of distance learning due to the pandemic situation in the world. Ukraine had never experienced such a problem before, so quick introduction of radical changes to the organization of educational process was quite a challenge.

Today we can consider some outcomes of such drastic changes and observe both the positive sides of such method of education and a considerable number of negative issues.

The main advantages of distance learning are as follows:

- 1) More free time. Students have more opportunities to allocate time correctly due to its greater amount;
- 2) More options for choosing additional courses and classes;
- 3) Saving time: there's no time wasted on going to and from university;
- 4) You can gain knowledge anywhere in the world;
- 5) Sometimes you can pursue a job along with studies.

The main disadvantages of distance learning are as follows:

- 1) There is no close contact and interaction with the teacher, also there is no proper feedback;
- 2) Many students suffer from a lack of communication and socialization;
- 3) Decrease in the level of education and the ability to perceive information by students due to high distraction when students are at home using a personal computer;
- 4) More opportunities for cheating during exams and tests;
- 5) Imperfection of the distance learning, many problems with conference hacking and disruption of classes due to problems with the internet.

Despite these perceived drawbacks, distance learning is gaining popularity among students like never before, with many students satisfied with their learning experience. With further advances in technology and more training to adapt teachers to this new mode of learning, the disadvantages in distance learning can soon be sorted out.