***Some universities offer online courses as an alternative to classes delivered on campus. Do you think this is a positive or negative development?***

Nowadays internet-based education is becoming more and more popular with universities as an alternative for traditional courses. While I accept that there are some drawbacks to this trend, but I would argue that it is a positive development.

The greatest disadvantage of online-courses is that there is less human interactions in comparison to on-campus classes. For one, students have less communication with their teachers, so they get fewer feedbacks from them. Likewise , there is no opportunity for students to have face-to-face relationships and the chance to get familiar with new people. For example, students on traditional courses may have project groups to study and research with each other ,but on distance-learning students can only rely on their knowledge .As a result sense of competition is not strong among them.

Despite the negatives mentioned above, I believe online university courses are positive trend for several reasons. First of all , they are flexible which means that students can learn these courses whenever and wherever it suits them. They can study at their own pace .Secondly, this kind of education is cost-effective and affordable with a majority of people .

Thirdly, people from different part of the world ,at any age can attend these classes .For example, recently I took an online-course in Stanford university from the comfort of my home which was really valuable.

In conclusion, although I recognize the potential drawbacks of online learning , I believe that there are far more benefits.