Week 4- Task 2

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

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Nowadays, some universities would like to offer classes online rather than on campus. They insist on teaching over the internet for some special situations that ordinary meetings could not be hold. I think that either online and campus courses have some advantages and disadvantages. I believe that taking the class on campus is far better for some reasons.

In my opinion, online courses could be useful for the following reasons. The first one is that students can save their energy and time. They do not require to spend much time on going to classes. Secondly, students have full access to all the educational documents over the internet. It is enough to find their links on webpages and download them. Therefore, it is beneficial for students especially who work beside their studies and might be late for classes. In this situation, the internet provides them the opportunity to learn the topics that were missed.

Despite the positive points mentioned above, there are some drawbacks about online courses. Online classes provide us with comfortable space like home to study efficiently. However, if these conveniences get more than usual, students will not focus on studying. In fact, they will be distracted by activities like eating, watching TV, and lying. Another negative point is that the online environment is not appropriate for interactive education. As we know face to face communications between teachers and students increase the quality of learning.

In sum, there are some discussions on the advantages and disadvantages of online studying. Although online courses are effective in some situations, I believe that the drawbacks overtake the advantages. I prefer to attend a class on campus rather than to be online.