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# EFFECT OF HYBRID LEARNING ON STUDENT'S SATISFACTION IN FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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#### Abstract

*Purpose.* Hybrid learning is becoming one of the important applications by integrating e-learning and traditional face-to-face instruction together. The purpose of this study was to determine the effectiveness of a hybrid learning approach on student's satisfaction with faculty of physical education.

*Methods:* A forty first year university students were equally randomly assigned into two teaching method groups: traditional lecture instruction (TLI) and hybrid lecture instruction (HLI). Each group received of instruction program for eight weeks, three days in the week. At the beginning and the end of this study students completed a 17-item multiple choice of basketball test. And students' satisfaction scale, T test analysis, was conducted to determine the effect of method groups (TLI, HLI) and measures (pre-test, post-test) on basketball test.

*Results:* The results revealed that significant Differences in mean ratings of basketball performance and student's satisfaction between the two teaching groups for the second group.

*Conclusions:* The findings indicated that HLI approach might be a superior option for undergraduate students with learning of basketball course.

Key words: hybrid learning, student's satisfaction, basketball

#### Introduction

In recent years, with the development of ICT (Information and Communications Technology), computer and the internet have become widely used in the higher education, and the trend of higher education is globalized and sharing. According that, the higher education has implemented educational opportunities for adult learners to be taught face-to-face in the class setting along with additional course instruction via the internet, using on-line instructional tools such as web logs (blogs), discussion boards, and chat rooms. This learning format is known as hybrid learning or blended learning (Buzzetto-More & Sweat-Guy, 2006; Lindsay, 2004). As a modern instructional method, "hybrid learning" or "blending learning" is increasingly popular throughout the world.

This course design has the potential to improve student satisfaction with their course because the learner experiences a dynamic learning model that enables them to become more involved in their educational experience (Gulsecen, et al., 2004). Involvement of the student in the learning process can support personal ownership of the learning experience because the student becomes empowered to relay personal experiences or to incorporate ideas that have been learned within the context of the course (Young, 2002). Traditions in sports involve players wearing uniforms, the use of referees, announcers, beginning play with a jump ball in basketball and a coin toss in football, keeping statistics on game play, etc. Traditions can play a powerful role in education in students' understanding of how various traditions relate to the content of what educators teach and how the content is taught (Regina, 2008). Traditions can also transform students' minds to think beyond themselves and be used as tools the students' can use to understand and change the world.

Hybrid learning can be considered an advantageous instructional model because it can be designed in a manner that can encourage students to become actively engaged in the instructional process. Student involvement in the hybrid course design supports self-directed learning, social engagement, and reflections (Dodd, 2001; Lindsay, 2004; Mezirow, 1991; Scardamalia & Bereiter, 1994). Each facet listed is a characteristic of transformative learning. Clauburg (2004) described transformative learning as the students' ability to engage in learning that is guided. independent involving interactive communication, and revised meanings schemes through critical reflections.

This process of learning is important to the student'seducational experience because transformations support change or self-improvement.





This pedagogical interpretation of sports with its multiple perspectives in the reformed syllabuses goes hand in hand with an opening up of content. Besides classic types of sports, topics involving multifaceted cultural exercise activities are categorised into varying fields of exercise. This means that physical education provides specific opportunities for updating educational potential that transcend pure proficiency mediation and are particularly to be found in a didactic interpretation of educational content as well as in a methodical shaping of the mediation process.

Clauburg (2004) suggested that the students' acquisition of knowledge depends on their ability to seek information through research of the course materials provided by the instructor. In evaluating the hybrid design, it is most suitable for the instructor to design the course in a way that requires the student to direct the learning outcomes. When the student enters the Internet for instruction, the course designer should have the required instructional tools available to enable the students to share what they have learned as well as to explore other ideas presented by others in the course (Muirhead, 2004; Perry & Edwards, 2005). The hybrid course design can present opportunities for the student to experience a process of personal evaluation of the course content along with the ability to establish an interactive voice in the learning process (Smart & Cappel, 2006). As a result of this process, the learner becomes a deliberate director of the instructional experience. The student can investigate how the concepts shared in the course can be applied to real-life settings when the facilitator of learning can present the student with opportunities to share how they perceived the material and how the new information can be applied in a real-world setting. Through this instructional process, the student can experience a learning transformation when the student can take ownership of the learning experience (Meizrow, 1991).

The hybrid instructional design can support the student in achieving transformative learning outcomes when the student has the opportunity to work collaboratively with peers in a process of discovery of meaning schemes within the course. Students in the hybrid course can work closely with peers to explore ideas and concepts presented in the reading material. Hybrid learning is advantageous because learning is not limited to a one-time event in the classroom. For example, hybrid instruction is an extension of the classroom discussions that encourages further dialogue over Internet protocol to support revised meaning schemes because the course can be designed with discussion boards, chat sessions, e-mail, and web logs (Smart & Cappel, 2006; Picciano, 2002). Learning continues when all students convene in an on-line environment to explore concepts and ideas shared in the classroom and the virtual environment. When incorporating the best instructional design, students can actively engage in learning that will be meaningful to them educationally and personally.

A transformative learning approach in a hybrid instructional design can be the optimal way to attempt to instruct students. Student involvement can be increased when the student has opportunities to expand on the shared ideas in the classroom and to delve deeper into the application process in the Internet setting (Smart & Cappel, 2006). In the virtual environment, the student can become responsible for building knowledge in the educational experience. Students gain the benefit of extended time to reflect on the course discussions in and out of the classroom as part of directing their learning process.

Superficial knowledge is stressed as opposed to knowledge-in-action which emphasizes understanding the meaning and the way of a particular content. Knowledge-in-action stresses critical thinking on the part of the students and allows opportunities for students to understand the content's deeper meaning. Traditions, meaning the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, and customs can provide students tools with which to understand various experiences and use that understanding to learn from the past to better the future.

Transformative learning has been achieved when the student becomes the owner of the learning outcomes in the Internet environment.

Mezirow (1991) suggested that observable personal and philosophical ideas are shared by the student when a learning transformation has occurred. the desired outcome expected So. for studentsexperiencing the hybrid course design is for them to share practical applications of the content and course discussions in the virtual learning environment resulting in a transformation of knowledge, which in turn can be put into daily practice by the student. Thus, the purpose of this study was to determine the effectiveness of a hybrid learning approach on student's satisfaction with faculty of physical education.

# Method

# Participants

The participants in this study were forty (N=40) first-year undergraduate students from the faculty of Physical Education at the Menia University during the first semester 2010/2011. Four classes were selected for this experiment. These classes were taught and instructed by the same instructor according to the designed teaching plan throughout the entire course. Participants were randomly assigned into two teaching method groups: traditional lecture instruction (TLI) and hybrid lecture instruction (HLI). Each group received of instruction program for eight weeks, three days in the week. At the beginning and the end of this study students completed a 17-item multiple choice of basketball test. And students' satisfaction scale. Each





student was asked to give consent to participate in the study and was informed that participation was voluntary.

# **Course Context**

The course under study purpose was to introduce students to the fundamentals of multimedia design. The course provided students with the fundamental skills and knowledge to define a problem and design a multimedia application to solve it, to understand and recognize the characteristics of good multimedia design, to begin to use and apply popular multimedia development tools, and to work as part of a team to produce a workable multimedia solution.

Specifically, students in both environments (TLI, HLI) were required to build a prototype of their multimedia application in the end stage of this course. In particular, each student was asked to assume the knowledge skills in basketball, and to prepare a video presentation aimed at introducing to the lecture as a specific physical activity. In the first 10-minutes of each class, the teacher lectured on the guidelines or mistakes and bugs of the video presentation frames. Then, the students had 35-minutes to discuss with their team members about how to implement what they learned.

When the online classes were delivered, students could synchronously discuss and collaborate on the construction of their video presentations through online messenger and chat room. They could also asynchronously interact with team members in their exclusive forums. Moreover, when the classes were delivered in the classroom, students discussed and assigned their tasks in this physical learning environment. Students had to reconsider and modify the prototypes of their video presentations according to the new knowledge they had just acquired.

In this experiment, the instructor initiated students in the TLI and HLI in the field of multimedia application development, planning and creation. The use of a course management system (open e-Class platform) environment was the main difference between the two groups. The amount of material covered in the hybrid learning course, and the depth with which it is covered, was in general equal that of a classroom face-to-face course.

# Satisfaction Scale

One of the most widely used student feedback questionnaires in the education field is the Student Evaluation of Educational Quality (SEEQ) (Marsh, 1982). The SEEQ is not based on student learning research but on psychometric analysis. Survey to measure teaching effectiveness. The SEEQ is multidimensional in design, measuring nine Factors related to teaching effectiveness: (a) Learning / Value, (b) Instructor Enthusiasm, (c) Organization / Clarity, (d) Group Interaction, (e) Individual Rapport, (f) Breadth of Coverage, (g) Examinations / Grading, (h) Assignments / Readings, and (i) Workload / Difficulty. Additionally, the SEEQ used in this study included a  $10^{\text{th}}$  Factor, Student Evaluations of Teachers, used to measure participants' reaction to students evaluating teachers using a 5-point Likert scale with the following variables: strongly agree = 5, agree = 4, neutral = 3, disagree = 2, and strongly disagree = 1.

Concurrently, from 1978 through 1982, students at the University of Southern Californiacompleted over 250,000 SEEQs in over 24,000 courses (Marsh &Hocevar, 1990). Data from these studies indicated that students in both feedback and no-feedback groups were similar to pre-test achievement scores and midterm evaluations of their instructors. Instructors receiving midterm feedback consisting of SEEQ data earned higher end-of-term SEEQ scores as compared to instructors who did not receive the midterm SEEQ data. Also, students earned higher scores on standardized final exams and scored higher on affective outcome scales if their instructors received midterm SEEQ data. It is appropriate to analyse SEEQ data bycomparing class-average scores for the SEEOs factors based upon the total group and thosebased on each separate group (Marsh & Hocevar, 1990). The current study compares class-average scores of the SEEQs factors based upon the total sample of students and uponindividual classes of students.

The researcher modified the SEEQ and translated it to Arabic languish and discover the validity and reliability in pilot study, SEEQ has an exceptionally high level of reliability (Cronbach's alpha from 0.90 to 0.98). It also has a reasonable level of validity in that scale scores correlate significantly with a wide range of measures of learning outcome such as student marks on standardised examinations, student feelings of mastery of course content, plans to apply skills learnt on the course and plans to pursue the subject further.

# Cognitive test

Cognitive testing refers to tests that measure performance, if the work of the individual in the area of sports training, it is not uncommon to be able to set up multiple forms of cognitive tests associated with the nature of the types of sporting activity practiced, in order to learn the technical aspects of the information obtained and collated by the cognitive test that may help determine the individual cognitive tests, and facilitate planning to develop successful programs for players.

There is no doubt that the knowledge test was prepared with good accuracy, bearing fruit which was designed and for which, as he gained coaching experience in building cognitive tests — which may be a test of cognitive skill – the lack of difficulty of the performance of the coach for his work at cognitive tests requires sufficient time and well planned, so that the test is not intended to be provided with sufficient time



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for its preparation does not bear fruit that was designed for. Knowledge is the most complex levels in the Division, where he plays a major role to remember for the rest of the levels of perceived to begin more complex behaviour and trial also includes recovery of generalities and specificities.

The researcher with the preparation of the test including the number 40 questions the student answer to each question is Yes or no, and complement the missing sentence

#### **Cognitive goals in sport:**

- Learn the history of sports heroes.
- Knowledge of mathematical concepts and terms in basketball
- Knowledge performance art movement in basketball
- Know the laws and rules of play in basketball.
- Learn offensive and defensive line in basketball
- Know security and safety rules to avoid injuries in basketball
- Know the general health information.

- Know the fitness for basketball.
- Social values gained from practice as well as behavior.
- Learn basketball skills

#### **Statistical Analysis**

All statistical analyses were calculated by the SPSS statistical package. The results are reported as means and standard deviations (SD). Differences between two groups were reported as mean difference  $\pm 95\%$  confidence intervals (mean diff  $\pm 95\%$  CI). Student's t-test for independent samples was used to determine the differences in parameters between the two groups. The P<0.05 was considered as statistically significant.

#### Results

Table 1. Mean  $\pm$  SD and T sign between pre measurements and post measurements in SEEQ factors and Cognitive testfor the traditional lecture instruction (TLI) group

No.	Variables	Mean	Pre ± SD	Mean	Post ± SD	Change %	T Sign
1	Learning / Value	15.12	2.11	17.25	2.64	14.09	Sign
2	Instructor Enthusiasm	14.16	2.36	18.91	2.87	33.55	Sign
3	Organization / Clarity	16.35	2.15	18.88	3.55	7.06	No Sign
4	Group Interaction	17.90	1.99	21.04	3.47	17.54	Sign
5	Individual Rapport	14.09	3.05	16.44	3.55	16.68	No Sign
6	Breadth of Coverage	14.36	3.12	15.29	2.91	6.48	No Sign
7	Examinations / Grading	15.17	2.88	18.36	3.72	21.03	Sign
8	Assignments / Readings	14.22	2.41	17.83	2.81	25.39	Sign
9	Workload / Difficulty	13.72	2.01	15.45	3.13	12.61	No Sign
Total Cogn	itive test	15.01 22.50	2.65 5.37	17.67 28.86	5.92 6.25	17.72 28.27	Sign Sign

Table.1 Shows that there are significant differences between responses pre measurements and post measurements in learning / value, instructor enthusiasm, group interaction, examinations / grading, assignments / readings and the SEEQ total. And no significant differences between responses pre measurements and post measurements in organization / clarity, individual rapport, breadth of coverage and workload / difficulty. The improvement rate between 7.06% to 33.55% with average 17.72%.Adding there

are significant differences between responses pre measurements and post measurements in all questions of Cognitive test. The improvement rate is 28.27%.

Table.2 Shows that there are significant differences between responses pre measurements and post measurements in all SEEQ factors. And the improvement rate between 7.06% to 33.55% to average 17.72%. Adding there are significant differences between responses pre measurements and post 399





measurements in all questions of Cognitive test. The improvement rate is 28.27%.

Table 2. Mean  $\pm$  SD and T sign between pre measurements and post measurements in SEEQ factors and Cognitive testfor the hybrid lecture instruction (HLI) group

	(HLI) group					
o. Variables	Mean	Pre ± SD	Mean	Post ± SD	Change %	Sign
Learning / Value	15.64	2.76	22.36	2.81	42.97	Sign
Instructor Enthusiasm	15.55	2.58	23.45	2.73	50.80	Sign
Organization / Clarity	14.98	2.22	19.91	3.01	32.91	Sign
Group Interaction	18.02	2.36	25.25	3.11	40.12	Sign
Individual Rapport	14.15	2.89	18.69	2.68	32.08	Sign
Breadth of Coverage	15.22	3.11	21.05	2.86	38.30	Sign
Examinations / Grading	14.96	2.75	19.34	2.55	29.28	Sign
Assignments / Readings	16.02	2.96	22.67	2.71	41.51	Sign
Workload / Difficulty	14.11	2.77	19.99	2.94	41.67	Sign
Total	15.41	2.88	21.41	2.99	38.95	Sign
Cognitive test	23.15	5.47	36.27	6.24	56.67	Sign

Table 3. Mean $\pm$ SD and T sign between post	
measurements in SEEQ factors and Cognitive test for	

the traditional lecture instruction (TLI) group and hybrid lecture instruction (HLI) group

	Variables		TLI group	HLI gro	oup	Т.С!
0.		Mean	± SD	Mean	± SD	- T Sign
	Learning / Value	17.25	2.64	22.36	2.81	Sign
	Instructor Enthusiasm	18.91	2.87	23.45	2.73	Sign
	Organizat ion / Clarity	18.88	3.55	19.91	3.01	No Sign
	Group Interaction	21.04	3.47	25.25	3.11	Sign
	Individua l Rapport	16.44	3.55	18.69	2.68	No Sign
	Breadth of Coverage	15.29	2.91	21.05	2.86	Sign
	Examinat ions / Grading	18.36	3.72	19.34	2.55	No Sign
	Assignme nts / Readings	17.83	2.81	22.67	2.71	Sign
	Workload / Difficulty	15.45	3.13	19.99	2.94	Sign
	Total	17.67	5.92	21.41	2.99	Sign
	Cognitive test	28.86	6.25	36.27	6.24	Sign





Table.3 Shows that there are significant differences between responses traditional lecture instruction (TLI) group and hybrid lecture instruction

(HLI) groupofall SEEQ factors except Organization / Clarity, Individual Rapport and Examinations / Grading.

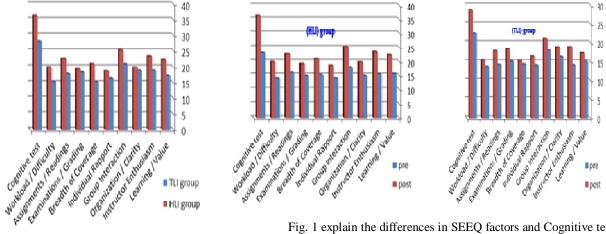


Fig. 1 explain the differences in SEEQ factors and Cognitive testto the traditional lecture instruction (TLI) groupand hybrid lecture instruction (HLI) group

# Discussion

Hybrid learning seems to improve students' learning experience by developing their capacity for reflection (Cooner, 2010). Furthermore hybrid learning enables the student to become more involved in the learning process (Wang, et al. 2009). Hybrid learning and blended learning are two terms that have been used synonymously (So & Brush, 2008).

According to (Nikolaos, et al. 2012) hybrid learning is thus a flexible approach to course design that supports the merger of different times and places of learning, offering some of the convenience of fully online courses without the complete loss of face-toface contact. This is one of the reasons that hybrid learning courses have been well-received (Melton, et al., 2009). Other advantages obtained include its greater flexibility (Macedo-Rouet, et al., 2009) and reduced costs (Nikolaos, et al. 2011) in comparison to traditional classes (Woltering, et al., 2009), especially when large classes are involved.

Hybrid learning can be delivered in a variety of ways. A common model is the delivery of "theory" content by e-learning prior to actual attendance at a training course or program to put the "theory" into practice. This can be a very efficient and effective method of delivery, particularly if travel and accommodation costs are involved. This mixture of methods reflects the hybrid nature of the training. (Stockley, 2005)

While research recognized a number of advantages in employing hybrid learning, insufficient learning satisfaction has long been an obstacle to the successful adoption of this new educational approach (So & Brush, 2008). Therefore, more research has centred on student satisfaction with this type of learning (Melton, et al., 2009). Student satisfaction is defined as "the student's perceived value of his or her educational experiences at an educational institution" (Astin, 1993). The degree of student learning satisfaction with hybrid learning courses plays an important role in evaluating the effectiveness of hybrid learning adoption. Hence, comprehending the essentials of what determines student learning satisfaction can provide management insight into developing effective strategies that will allow educational institution administrators and instructors to create new educational benefits and value for their students (Wu, et al., 2010).

Student satisfaction is one of the five pillars of quality, together with faculty satisfaction, learning effectiveness, access, and institutional costeffectiveness (Moore, 2002). Components of the student satisfaction need to be investigated as hybrid education becomes more prevalent and dynamic forces such as adoption rates, learner expectations, levels of support, and other conditions continue to change.

Many studies have found students in online classes to be less satisfied with their course experiences as compared to their traditional, face-to-face colleagues (McFarland & Hamilton, 2005; Roach & Lemasters, 2006) and still others have reported online students to be significantly more positive in their evaluations (Kleinman & Entin, 2002; Iverson, et al., 2005). However, much of the research literature has focused on comparing student satisfaction in face-to-face and online environments, or face-to-face and computermediated environments.

This results was fairly consistent with other studies in the literature which seem to indicate that student satisfaction and success rates in hybrid courses





was equivalent (Larson & Chung-Hsien, 2009) or slightly superior to traditional courses (Melton, et al., 2009). In addition, studies have shown that most online learners do prefer some face-to-face contact with instructors and tend to be more successful when this occurs, thus supporting the hybrid course model (Riffel & Sibley, 2005). And not Constance with (Larson & Chung-Hsien, 2009) who conducted a comparison of three delivery modes (traditional, hybrid, and online) using student exams and final grades. The results reported that despite the delivery mode there was no significant difference regarding student satisfaction, learning effectiveness, and faculty satisfaction.

# Conclusion

In conclusion, this study has revealed that hybridlearningfor eight weeks could enhance the cognitive test and could increase student satisfaction for physical education students.

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