
Improvisation in Educational Delivery by System Simulation and Management: Compressed, On-Demand On-Line (COOL) Courses

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Higher education is in a state of flux. The educational priorities do not seem to be very clear except frantic cost-cutting measures. The pundits in education offered various kinds of solutions and multifarious combinations, thereof. Lurking was Internet education that came forward hurriedly and defeated all rivals by being amenable to marvelous improvisation. Using the Internet, education could be delivered on demand, online, fast-track, compressed and in modular formats. So the experiment led to offering many contested but rival programs against face-to-face programs. This paper presents some forms of educational delivery that have been tried, and compares the effectiveness of some with the others, and concludes that, even the most compressed delivery and most demanding completion schedule of only eight weeks duration in a fully structured, regimented and demanding format, may yet fulfill the competitive and effective nature of learning environment.

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