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ABSTRACT

The use of technology in all areas of life has led to its growing presence in educational settings. It has brought a significant change in the way students learn as well as how they are engaged in their learning process. Engagement is believed as an essential factor in learning process while technology can facilitate engagement in English classroom. Hence, the integration of technology in the language learning becomes prominent to enhance students' engagement. The teachers are expected to find a suitable choice of technological tools to be integrated in their teaching. Blended learning is now widely used for its flexibility and interactivity among teachers and students. Therefore, this study aimed to find out kinds of engagement occurred when blended learning instruction was implemented in the learning process. It also wanted to find how students were engaged in blended learning instruction in Integrated English course. This study employed a case study. The subjects of this study were fourth semester students who took Integrated English course in a university in Surakarta. The data were collected through semi-structured interviews, observations and documents. Then, the data were analyzed by using Creswell's qualitative data analysis including organizing and preparing data collection, reading, coding and then interpreting data comprehensively. The findings revealed that students were engaged behaviorally, emotionally and cognitively in a blended learning instruction. Dealing with the use of blended learning instruction, it was found that blended learning instruction fostered greater students' engagement. However, student engagement was determined more by the clear instructions than whether the instructions were online or offline. From this study, it was found that blended learning created a learning environment needed by students to increase their engagement. There were five characteristics of students' engagement that appeared during observations in face-to-face classroom including positive body language, consistent focus, verbal participation, students' confidence, fun and excitement while the characteristics of engagement in online learning were demonstrated from students' investment of time and energy to participate in online class.

Keywords: Student Engagement, Blended Learning, EFL Classroom

ABSTRAK

Penggunaan teknologi di semua bidang kehidupan telah mendukung kehadirannya berkembang di lingkungan pendidikan. Teknologi telah membawa perubahan signifikan terhadap cara mahasiswa belajar serta bagaimana mereka terlibat dalam proses belajar. Keterlibatan diyakini sebagai faktor penting dalam proses belajar sementara teknologi dapat memfasilitasi keterlibatan dalam kelas bahasa Inggris. Oleh karena itu, integrasi teknologi dalam pembelajaran bahasa menjadi penting untuk meningkatkan keterlibatan mahasiswa. Para dosen diharapkan menemukan pilihan alat teknologi yang tepat untuk diintegrasikan dalam pengajaran mereka. *Blended learning* sekarang banyak digunakan untuk fleksibilitas dan interaktivitas antara dosen dan mahasiswa. Oleh karena itu, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk jenis keterlibatan mahasiswa yang muncul ketika *blended learning* diimplementasikan dalam proses pembelajaran. Penelitian ini juga ingin mengetahui bagaimana para mahasiswa terlibat di pembelajaran *blended learning* dalam mata kuliah *Integrated English*. Penelitian ini merupakan studi kasus. Subjek dari penelitian ini adalah mahasiswa semester empat yang mengambil mata kuliah *Integrated English* di sebuah universitas di Surakarta. Data dikumpulkan melalui interview semi terstruktur, observasi, dan dokumentasi. Kemudian data dianalisis menggunakan analisis data kualitatif Creswell meliputi pengorganisasian dan persiapan pengumpulan data, pembacaan, pengkodean dan lalu penafsiran data secara menyeluruh. Hasil temuan menunjukkan bahwa mahasiswa terlibat secara perilaku, emosi, dan kognitif dalam pembelajaran *blended learning*. Berhubungan dengan penggunaan *blended learning* ditemukan bahwa *blended learning* mendorong keterlibatan mahasiswa menjadi lebih baik. Namun, keterlibatan mahasiswa lebih ditentukan oleh instruksi yang jelas daripada apakah instruksi tersebut online atau offline. Dari penelitian ini ditemukan bahwa *blended learning* menciptakan lingkungan pembelajaran yang dibutuhkan mahasiswa untuk meningkatkan keterlibatan mereka. Ada lima karakteristik keterlibatan mahasiswa yang muncul selama observasi di kelas tatap muka meliputi bahasa tubuh yang positif, fokus yang konsisten, partisipasi verbal, kepercayaan diri mahasiswa, kesenangan dan antusias mahasiswa, sementara karakteristik keterlibatan dalam pembelajaran online ditunjukkan dari investasi waktu dan energi mahasiswa dalam berpartisipasi dalam kelas online.

Kata Kunci: Keterlibatan Mahasiswa, *Blended Learning*, Kelas bahasa Inggris

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