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# VIDEO-BASED LEARNING ON STATISTICAL TOPICS AMONG FOUNDATION STUDENTS IN UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH: AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SATISFACTION

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#### Abstract:

Video-based learning has recently gained popularity as one of the numerous choices in remote education approaches during the pandemic that differs from conventional face-to-face lecture-based education. However, video-based learning and online teaching were different and quite challenging for students, especially when studying statistics and it is conducted remotely. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to assess student satisfaction with video-based learning on statistical topics. This study was conducted with 357 foundations of science students in the Preparatory Centre for Science and Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sabah. An independently developed questionnaire focusing on four factors, namely teaching, learning, technology, and skills, was given to students, and the results were then analysed. Based on the questionnaire the range of the mean is 4.54 - 4.87, which suggested that the video-based learning on statistical topics had an overall positive outcome on student satisfaction. Mostly, students scored higher mean scores for the items under the factor of teaching than for the items under the other three factors. This study also discovered that video-based learning relied on teaching, learning, and skills rather than the technology itself. However, technology continues to be a critical platform for educators' educational activities. Therefore, this study demonstrated the critical significance of meeting the rising demand for online education, particularly video-based learning, while still providing a compelling student learning experience.

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#### Introduction

Over 1.2 billion students worldwide have been impacted by school and university closures as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic (Araújo et al., 2020; Fatani, 2020). This closure had a significant impact on students' educational activities, forcing the school to relocate the course of study online and consider new ways to remote education. To facilitate students' education, educators moved from in-person to remote education. Video-based learning has recently gained popularity as one of the numerous choices in remote education (Pal & Patra, 2020; Suryandari & Singgih, 2021). However, video-based technology and online teaching were different and quite challenging for several educators (Flack et al., 2021). The majority of educators are unfamiliar with online learning tools; thus, they experience difficulty in utilising them (Riggs, 2020).

In online education, the educators faced four significant obstacles, including showing teaching abilities in an online classroom, addressing their leadership roles, developing connections with students, and providing technical assistance as some of the students are facing limited internet quota and unstable internet networks (Fatani, 2020; Philipsen et al., 2019). Simultaneously, it's worth noting that students frequently lack the skills and knowledge necessary for metacognition learning video content especially those that involve mathematical algorithms and calculations to be analysed throughout the home learning process (Mulenga & Marbán, 2020). Some students lacked a strong commitment and enthusiasm in studying certain subjects through online education. They demonstrated that studying mathematics specifically statistics are challenging for them, especially when it is conducted remotely (Suliani et al., 2021). Many students continue to view statistics as a difficult topic because it is abstract, logical, methodical, and filled with perplexing symbols and formulae. Students frequently experience anxiety when they are required to master statistics (Juniati & Budayasa, 2020). As a result, online learning material and methods that approximate face-to-face instruction is required to assist students in studying statistics.

With these obstacles in mind, the majority of educators believe that a feasible option for adopting online learning for statistical subjects is to use video as the medium for delivering knowledge rather than video conferences or modules. In comparison to video conferences, video is said to be capable of providing content more effectively than modules and consuming less internet quota (Jarrah et al., 2021; Suliani et al., 2021). In response to the pandemic that requires a remote learning programme, video application provides an alternate way for students to study independently at home. It transforms the complexities of conventional education into online video-based learning. Moreover, it was designed to stimulate students' interest in learning and provide a chance for them to enhance their understanding and numeracy skills while learning mathematics and statistics online (Apriliawan & Parmiti, 2021). It's unsurprising that a growing number of educators are exploring video-based learning technologies nowadays.



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Video was chosen as a learning medium because it gives an excellent audio-visual presentation of the information and it provides a realistic learning model that enables students to learn in a realistic setting (Yükselir & Kömür, 2017). Specifically, by including video on problem-based learning. The problem-based learning approach is a type of education that utilises real-world situations and places a premium on problem identification and problem-solving abilities which is incredibly relevant to statistics (Pinatih et al., 2021).

Despite all the obstacles, educators still needed to enable video-based learning successfully while maintaining a high-quality, genuine learning experience with a high percentage of student satisfaction (Tur et al., 2020). This is also consistent with technological advancements beyond the 4.0 industrial revolution. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to assess student satisfaction with video-based learning on statistical topics.

### Material & Method

#### Sample

This study was conducted with 357 foundation of science students in the Preparatory Centre for Science and Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sabah who took the Algebra, Calculus, Statistics and Probability course in the second semester of session 2020/2021.

### Procedure

The procedure of video-based learning is as follows. Initially, for the pre-lecture activity, the lecture provided lecture notes and relevant reference materials a few days ahead of the lecture for pre-lecture learning. There were three main statistical topics involved in this video-based learning namely Descriptive data, Discrete random variable, and Binomial distribution. On the day of the lecture, the students can independently access the lecture videos on Smartv3ums, a learning management system provided by the university (Figure 1).



Figure 1: The Lecture Videos on Smartv3ums

All the videos are accessible till the end of the semester. A week after the video-based learning for each topic, the students will have a tutorial whereby the lecturer or the tutor facilitated students' full discussion on the topic and provided additional explanations on what was not explained by the students. At the end of the video-based learning, a survey on satisfaction levels was conducted to elicit feedback from students on the video-based learning. *Copyright* © *GLOBAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (M) SDN BHD - All rights reserved* 



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#### Instrumentation

In this study, a questionnaire was independently developed to assess student satisfaction with video-based learning on statistical topics. The measurement tool consisted of a total of thirteen questions consisting of four factors namely teaching, learning, technology and skills corresponding to the results of the factor analysis that was conducted for validity verification. A five-point Likert scale was applied, with a range of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). The data were collected through the well-known online survey tool Google Form.

### Ethical Concerns

In the survey of the satisfaction level on video-based learning, only data from students who were fully informed of the survey's objective were analysed, and students' personal information remained protected. This was conducted according to the guidelines from a previous study (Lugo-Armenta & Pino-Fan, 2021).

#### Statistical Analysis

The Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) version 27.0 and Minitab 16 were used to analyse the data. Among the analyses conducted were estimations of the questionnaire items' means, standard deviations, factor loadings, and reliability coefficients.

### **Results & Discussion**

A total of 357 student responses were received. Table 1 showed the results of the factor analysis that was conducted for validity verification. Four factors on teaching (three items), learning (four items), technology (three items) and skills (three items) explained 85.15% of the total variation. The reliability value (Cronbach's  $\alpha$  coefficient) of each factor was 0.869 for the factor of teaching, 0.862 for the factor of learning, 0.877 for the factor of technology and 0.891 for the factor of skills. The alpha coefficients for the four factors suggested that the items for each factor have relatively high internal consistency.

Table 1. Factor Loading for Student Satisfaction on Video-Based Learning					
Questionnaire	Teaching	Learning	Technology	Skills	Reliability
Item	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	(α)
1. The lecturer had described the topic outline at the beginning of the lecture video.	0.852	0.431	0.221	0.132	
2. The lecturer was able to arouse students' interest and motivation in the topic.	0.867	0.412	0.255	0.165	0.891
3. The lecturer explained the topic clearly and effectively.	0.871	0.498	0.290	0.193	-

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4. The videos helped me learn and understand the statistical topics	0.321	0.880	0.211	0.109	
5. More video- based learning for statistical topics in the future.	0.367	0.851	0.202	0.198	0.877
6. The video-based learning was interesting and intellectually stimulating.	0.3481	0.863	0.232	0.157	
7. The videos' quality (audio/visual) was good.	0.391	0.212	0.887	0.192	
8. The videos' platform was suitable (eg. Smartv3ums/ Youtube).	0.412	0.237	0.843	0.167	0.869
9. The videos' duration was suitable.	0.387	0.288	0.865	0.174	
10. Enhancement of digital skills.	0.311	0.461	0.219	0.884	
11. Enhancement of numeracy skills	0.379	0.489	0.276	0.893	0.862
12. Enhancement of problem-solving skills	0.312	0.441	0.203	0.807	
Percentage of variance	27.146	22.978	18.043	16.978	

The results for student satisfaction level of video-based learning on statistical topics can be categorised into four different factors specifically teaching, learning, technology and skills as shown in Table 2 to Table 5. According to the results for each item in Table 2, the factor of teaching recorded 4.80 ( $\pm 0.42$ ) for the overall mean. In detail, item 2 where the lecturer was able to arouse students' interest and motivation in the topic showed the highest mean score of 4.87. This is followed by item 3 where the lecturer explained the topic clearly and effectively and item 1 where the lecturer had described the topic outline at the beginning of the lecture video with a mean score of 4.82 and 4.71 respectively.



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The result of this study is supported by previous studies whereby Mathematics and Statistics are somehow known as challenging subjects and due to relatively difficult learning certain topics, the educator's enthusiasm and the way the topic was explained in the video can be a factor to arouse students' interest and motivation in the topic (Fatani, 2020; Lugo-Armenta & Pino-Fan, 2021). This is done in an attempt to create an atmosphere comparable to that of studying in a lecture hall, when the lecturer educates students on the subject being delivered (Tabakin et al., 2021).

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Questionnaire Item	Mean (Standard Deviation)	Overall Mean (Standard Deviation)
1. The lecturer had described the topic outline at the beginning of the lecture video	4.71 (0.48)	
2. The lecturer was able to arouse students' interest and	4.87 (0.35)	4 80 (0 42)
motivation in the topic.	4.87 (0.33)	4.00 (0.42)
3. The lecturer explained the topic clearly and	4.82 (0.42)	
effectively.		

 Table 2. Descriptive Statistics for Students Satisfaction on Video-Based Learning Based on The Teaching Factor.

As for Table 3, the factor of learning recorded 4.72 ( $\pm$ 0.47) for the overall mean. In detail, item 4 where the videos helped the students learn and understand the statistical topics easier showed the highest mean score of 4.81. This is followed by item 6 where the students suggested that the video-based learning was interesting and intellectually stimulating with a mean score of 4.74. The result of this study is in line with Suryandari & Singgih (2021), where video was an effective learning medium that was widely used by educators and students. Learning through videos makes it easy for students to understand as they can pause or repeat specific parts that they encounter difficulty and watch on the steps or solutions given appropriately. Through this medium, they found that the learning process is enjoyable and stimulating as they are able to control the process according to their own pace (Pinatih et al., 2021). Unsurprisingly, due to all the aspects discussed above, the mean score is quite high for item 5 where students are excited to have more video-based learning in the future for statistical topics.

Table 3. Descriptive Statistics for Students Satisfaction on	Video-Based Learning Based
on The Learning Factor.	

Questionnaire Item	Mean (Standard Deviation)	Overall Mean (Standard Deviation)
4. The videos helped me learn and understand the	4.81 (0.43)	
statistical topics easier.		
5. More video-based learning for statistical topics in the	4.61 (0.49)	4.72 (0.47)
future.		
6. The video-based learning was interesting and	4.74 (0.48)	-
intellectually stimulating.		

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While in Table 4, the factor of technology recorded 4.65 ( $\pm 0.51$ ) for the overall mean. In detail, students rated the highest mean score for item 7 where the videos' quality (audio/visual) was good with a mean score of 4.72. This is followed by item 9 where the videos' duration was suitable and item 8 where the videos' platform was suitable with a mean score of 4.63 and 4.61 respectively. This study's outcome is consistent with Pal & Patra (2020) and Turan & Cetintas (2019) where the quality and duration of the video play a big role in making the learning process enjoyable and beneficial. Moreover, for the duration of the video, excessive screen time is not only bad for students' health, but it can also cause eye fatigue and a lack of attention. This element of video-based learning was not that significant before the pandemic, as students attended regular physical classes. However, during the pandemic, when lectures are conducted entirely online, the duration of each video-based lecture must be adjusted to prevent students from becoming exhausted and to ensure that their learning remains effective (Pal & Patra, 2020). As for the video's platform, students rated that Smartv3ums and Youtube as suitable platforms as both were commonly used by them and easy access.

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Questionnaire Item	Mean (Standard Deviation)	Overall Mean (Standard Deviation)	
7. The videos' quality (audio/visual) was good.	4.72 (0.46)		
8. The videos' platform was suitable (eg.	4.61 (0.53)	4.65 (0.51)	
Smartv3ums/Youtube).			
9. The videos' duration was suitable.	4.63 (0.53)		

<b>Table 4. Descriptive Statistics for</b>	Students Satisfaction on	Video-Based Learning Based
on	The Technology Factor.	

According to the results for each item in Table 5, the factor of skills recorded 4.64 ( $\pm 0.52$ ) for the overall mean. In detail, item 11 which is the enhancement of numeracy skills showed the highest mean score of 4.72. This is followed by item 12 which is the enhancement of problem-solving skills and item 10 which is the enhancement of digital skills with a mean score of 4.67 and 4.54 respectively. The result of this study is supported by Apriliawan & Parmiti (2021) and Kellems et al. (2020) where learning mathematics or statistics through video improved numeracy as well as problem-solving skills. While Bernacki et al. (2020) stated that any learning process which involved internet use and digital tools has a significant effect in enhancing digital skills among the learners.

# Table 5. Descriptive Statistics for Students Satisfaction on Video-Based Learning Based on The Skills Factor.

Questionnaire Item	Mean (Standard Deviation)	Overall Mean (Standard Deviation)
10. Enhancement of digital skills	4.54 (0.56)	4 64 (0 52)
11. Enhancement of numeracy skills	4.72 (0.49)	4.04 (0.32)
12. Enhancement of problem-solving skills	4.67 (0.50)	

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Special Issue: Foundation Program Education Post-Covid-19: Issues and Opportunities Figure 2 showed the overall results on the mean score for item 1 until item 12. The range of the mean is 4.54 - 4.87, which suggested that the video-based learning on statistical topics had an overall positive outcome on student satisfaction. Most students scored higher means for the items under the factor of teaching than the items under the other three factors. This indicated that students were satisfied with the teaching provided by the lecturer despite facing challenges with some technical issues during the learning process. This study also discovered that videobased learning relied on teaching, learning and skills rather than the technology itself. However, technology continues to be a critical platform for educators' educational activities. Additionally, this study demonstrated the critical significance of meeting the rising demand for online education, particularly video-based learning, while still providing a compelling student learning experience.



Figure 2: The Mean Score for Item 1-12

## Conclusion

The pandemic of COVID-19 led the educational system to embark on a new age of online education. This study examined the novel experience of video-based learning specifically on statistical topics on foundation students. It provided insight into the strengths and weaknesses of student satisfaction on the factor of teaching, learning, technology, and skills involved in video-based learning. Overall, video-based learning increased student satisfaction, despite the fact that it depended on teaching, learning and skills rather than the technology itself.

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