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This article discusses a study conducted by the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. Sixteen massive open online courses, or MOOCs, were observed to determine student retention. Student completion of the courses was unremarkable. Several differing variables may have contributed to the outcomes of each course based on topic, length of course, student nationality, and so on. More studies on how MOOCs are administered and conducted must be made.


This video discusses the risks taken with using popular search engines to locate resources for academic work. It notes that most resources available online are not guaranteed reliable or peer-reviewed. Some tips are offered to help alleviate some search issues and to aid in locating appropriate resources. Detailed reasons to not use Wikipedia and like sites are provided.

The research in this study focused on motivating factors for non-traditional, degree-seeking adults. The Education Participation Scale (EPS) was used to evaluate adults in associate, bachelor’s, master's, and doctoral programs. The particulars of the motivational orientations can be useful for recruitment materials and designing curriculum.


The study presented here attempts to address concerns over the education outcomes for nontraditional students when using social integration. The authors explore the impact of IT and informal faculty-student interaction. Their results suggest that IT may have a positive effect on student psychological well-being and academic performance.


In this TED Talk, Microsoft founder and philanthropist Bill Gates discusses some ways to combat problems in our world. He addresses the lack of support for malaria elimination in struggling countries and how it affects their ability to thrive. He then compares this struggle to that of education. There is an inequality with how people survive physically and mentally in this world. He believes that success hinges on applying the right tools and paying attention to all who are affected.