The Correlation Between Project Learning Models and Student Activities in Online Learning for Innovative Learning Model Courses

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Abstract

Based-project learning system provides many opportunities to access material as much as possible, so the learning can be optimum. The innovative learning model course is a compulsory basic course for prospective teachers, that requires students to be active in learning the material. This study aims to determine the effectiveness of project learning on student activity in innovative learning models course. The research conducted was used the experimental method. The results showed that the activeness of students in the activity was included in the successful category, the result is 72.7% and student activity in understanding the innovative learning model was included in the successful category, it is 63.6%. Student responses to project learning are included in the very successful category 81.8%. Mastery of student concepts has increased from 45.8 to 85.8. The results of statistical research using partial regression correlation analysis techniques and multiple correlations show a significant positive relationship between project learning and learning effectiveness with a correlation coefficient \( r_{ij1} = 0.201 \) and there is a significant positive relationship between student activities in innovative learning models and learning effectiveness with correlation coefficient \( r_{ij2} = 0.759 \), and there is a significant positive relationship between project learning and student activities together with learning effectiveness with correlation coefficient \( r_{ij2} = 0.769 \). Based on the results of these studies, it can be concluded that the effectiveness of learning can be increased through project learning and student activities.

Keywords: project learning, effectiveness, activeness


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INTRODUCTION

The Industrial Revolution 4.0 is a state of the 21st century industry where massive changes in various fields through a combination of technology reduce the barriers between the physical, digital and scientific worlds. Regarding the impact of the Industrial Revolution 4.0, namely with the digitalization of the system, it requires educators and students to be able to quickly adapt to recent changes. The pandemic in the world due to Covid-19 also requires all aspects of life to quickly evolve, including in education. The learning system, which was conducted in the classroom directly, has adapted into an integrated learning system through the internet or online (in a network). Online learning connects learners (students) with their learning resources (databases, experts/instructors, libraries) who are physically separated or even far apart but can communicate, interact or collaborate directly/synchronously and indirectly/asynchronously (Molina, 2005). Online learning will certainly be less meaningful without the synergy of appropriate learning strategies and methods. One of the
Implementations which can integrate online learning is project learning. The main component of project learning is asking questions or problems to compose and initiate activities that emphasize a number of projects in order to get final result in the form of a product as a series of individual communication activities or the various task results from answering some questions. Through learning project learning provides opportunities for students to learn concepts deeply and also to increase their learning outcomes. As Adit (2020) state, project-based learning is a deep investigation of a topic from the real world. A well-designed project makes students tackle or solve the real problems and important issues that occur in the daily life, especially in the learning process. Thus, the projects built by students are based on observations of real-problems around them that will provide meaningful for them.

The Innovative learning model course is a compulsory basic course for prospective teachers who learn about the characteristics of innovative learning models and the selection of appropriate innovative learning models. This course requires students to be active in learning the material and it can be practiced when they become teachers. From the results of interviews with Science Education students who have taken offline course in Innovative Learning Model in the previous learning year, it was stated that 96% of them liked that this learning was carried out by teaching practice in the classroom so that the application of the selection of this learning model could be conducted correctly. By teaching practice, student activity can be seen in the mastery of competencies. Activity is an activity that is both physical and mental, namely doing and thinking as a series that cannot be separated (Chasanah, 2016). In this research, the project would be carried out by students was making teaching practice videos by applying one of the innovative learning models adapted to the characteristics of the material and students then the other students analyze the video.

This study aimed to implement project learning in Innovative Learning Model courses and determine the effectiveness of project learning on student activity. Noor (2017) stated that effective learning is learning that provides students with the opportunity to learn on their own or carry out the widest possible activities for students to learn. To achieve an effective and efficient learning concept needs to be a reciprocal relationship between students and lecturers to achieve a goal, besides; it must also be adapted to the current pandemic learning conditions.

METHOD
This research is a quantitative research using experimental methods. While the research design used was a control group pretest-posttest design. The use of this type of research aims to be able to control all external variables that can affect the experiment. The target of this research was semester 4 students in 2021 who were taking online courses on Innovative Learning Models.

The data obtained in this study included the student activeness during learning in the form of activeness when participating in project model activities, activeness in understanding innovative learning model material, and data of student responses. Data on students’ mastery of concepts was obtained by comparing the pretest and posttest scores of students in Innovative Learning Model course materials.

The activity data was analyzed by using percentage as Made Wena stated (2009).

\[ P = \frac{f \times 100}{N} \]

Note: \( P \) = percentage of activity \( f \) = the frequency of activeness, \( N \) = sum of the students

To know the learning activities was showed in the table, Wena (2009) gave some criterion on the Table 1.

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<tr>
<th>Criterion</th>
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<th>Percentage (%)</th>
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<td>Very poor</td>
<td>Failed</td>
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<td>Poor</td>
<td>Less failed</td>
<td>26-50</td>
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<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>Successful</td>
<td>51-75</td>
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<tr>
<td>Very high</td>
<td>Very successful</td>
<td>76-100</td>
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This research is a quantitative research with a correlational approach which consists of two independent variables, namely project learning ($X_1$) and student activities ($X_2$), and one dependent variable, namely learning effectiveness ($Y$).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Project Learning according to Made Wena (2009:144) is a learning method that provides opportunities for teachers to manage classroom learning by involving project work that contains complex tasks based on the questions and problems given. The concept and characteristics of project learning is an innovative learning model or approach which emphasizes contextual learning through complex activities. This approach allows students to work independently in shaping their learning, and to accumulate it in real products. The steps/syntax in implementing the project method used showed in table 2:

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<tr>
<th>Steps</th>
<th>Teacher Activities</th>
<th>Student Activities</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Teacher propose the problem</td>
<td>Propose some actual research problems completed by the explanation</td>
<td>Studying or learning the prefer and interesting topic or title to choose</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Students make a small groups and decide steps of solving</td>
<td>Let the students to decide a research group consisting 2 people in each group</td>
<td>Decide a friend to be in a group</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Students find the related sources</td>
<td>Facilitate students need as like coordinating to the laboratory and library staffs to get information related to the student need in conducting the research</td>
<td>Find the source based on the teacher instruction or students need and know</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Students conduct the observation</td>
<td>Guiding the students on conducting the research</td>
<td>On the certain time, students are on the research location</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Students make a report</td>
<td>Decide framework of the report (1) Introduction (2) Material and method (3) Experiment (4) Result and discussion</td>
<td>Write the framework of the report</td>
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The topic of the problem that became the theme of the project was teaching practice with two learning models, one is free and the other is mandatory. In the free theme, students choose their own learning model that is practiced but keep regarding on suitability of the characteristics of the material, students, time and facilities. And the obligation theme is that students must apply the blended learning model. These two teaching practice projects were then recorded and uploaded on social media. The final step was that students made reports and presented them in online classes.

The practice of teaching with a free theme through offline learning has some advantages of showing how students are able to carry the syntax out in the chosen learning model. And it also shows class mastery of the teacher in teaching. The following is a picture of teaching practice with a free theme to the students:
To find out student responses to the implementation of learning projects, it was done by giving questionnaires to the students’ participation in the Innovative Learning Model course. The questionnaire consists of positive statements and negative statements. The questionnaire has 5 alternative answers that respondents can choose. Aspects of the statement can be seen in Table 2.

Table 2. The questionnaire criterion of student response toward learning project

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<td>2</td>
<td>Students motivation toward innovative learning model course</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Students comprehension toward innovative learning model course</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Students activity on project model</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Students impression toward project learning</td>
<td>9</td>
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The results showed that student activity in project activities was included in the successful category; it is 72.7% as follows in figure 3:

![Figure 3. Students’ activness in project](image)

At the students’ activeness in comprehending the learning innovative learning model course was successful category, it is 6% as graphic bellow in figure 4:

![Figure 4. Table of student activity in innovative learning model lectures](image)

Student activities during lectures became more active in each meeting; it was proved by the increasing the student’s number who asked some questions, objections, discussions and responses one another during the presentations. The increase of the student activities cannot be separated from the principle of project learning, namely relating the real concepts to the activities experienced in the field. Those caused students understanding what needed to be done in the field from planning toward implementing teaching practices so that the project implementation is successful.

Project learning also trains the students to be responsible, cooperative, and tough. There are various difficulties in implementing teaching practices such as classroom management, teacher creativity in planning, assessment and understanding in the IT field to make videos in designing blended learning. Various difficulties faced during project learning did not decrease the students’ intention and enthusiasm to complete the assignments. Those are proved from the student’s responses to project learning, it was very successful category 81.8% as shown in the following figure 5:

![Figure 5. Table of students responses on the project](image)
Noor, et al. (2017) revealed that e-learning in project-based learning is significantly effective in achievement of spiritual attitudes, social attitudes, projects, product and student learning completeness. Based on the various research results described above, project-based online learning can be a solution in optimizing learning, especially in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through project-based online learning, students can go through meaningful learning so that the knowledge and science gained has meaning which can be used as a provision for them to become problem solvers of the problems they face. It can be seen from the mastery of the students' concepts increases from the pretest result 45.8 to the post-test result 85.8.

Online learning synergized with the right learning base will provide more optimal learning effect. One of the learning approaches that can improve the students’ competence from various researches that have been carried out is project-based learning. An interaction can occur effectively in project-based learning utilizing the inquiry process by guiding the students to create or develop applicative and related product to the daily life.

Specifically, project-based learning consists of inquiry-based tasks that help learners develop the technological, social and core importance of the curriculum (Sahin, 2013). Several research results showed the effectiveness of project-based learning, Adit (2020) revealed that project-based learning models can improve students' life skills. This increase occurred in all aspects of life skills; personal skills, social skills, academic skills, and vocational skills.

The project-based learning model is an alternative learning model that can be implemented to foster student life skills in college or students at school, especially in learning related to science. The research results’ Chasanah et al. (2014) found that learning with project-based learning models was more effective than conventional learning models in improving learning outcomes in the form of students' creative thinking skills and science process skills.

The results of the correlation test show that the correlation coefficient between project learning and learning effectiveness ($r_{y1}$) is 0.201. The probability value is 0.029 < 0.05 which indicates the correlation coefficient is significant. Thus, this study states that there is a significant positive relationship between the effectiveness of learning and project learning. Gunawan, et al. 2020 states that project learning will create a good interaction process with their social environment, students can build new ideas from the information they get to develop their intellectual abilities and think more creatively and actively. In accordance with Vygotsky's learning theory, social interaction with people around will build new ideas and accelerate intellectual development. Vygotsky focused on the dialectical relationship between the individual and the surrounding community, where social interaction will affect learning outcomes. According to Vygotsky, while interacting in class students can develop their scientific concepts through the learning process itself. While spontaneous concepts are obtained from everyday life. Learning is carried out in collaboration in the form of group assignments, theoretical learning projects originating from Vygotsky's social constructivism which provides a cognitive foundation through increasing the intensity of interpersonal interactions. Through the opportunity to convey ideas, listen to other people's ideas, and realize one's own ideas in others is a learning that can increase student activity and creative thinking skills so that learning will be more effective.

The contribution of project learning to learning effectiveness ($r_{2y1}$) is 0.040 so it can be stated that 4% of the diversity in learning effectiveness is explained by project learning. Based on the results, it is known that the correlation coefficient between student activities and learning effectiveness ($r_{y2}$) is 0.759. The probability value is 0.000 < 0.05 and 0.01 which indicates the correlation coefficient is significant. Thus, this study confirms that there is a significant positive relationship between effectiveness learning and student activities. The contribution of teamwork to learning effectiveness ($r_{2y2}$) is 0.575 so it can be stated that 57% of the diversity in learning effectiveness is explained by student activities. From the results it
can be seen that the correlation coefficient of the relationship between project learning and student activities with learning effectiveness \( r_{y12} \) is 0.769. Student activity in the learning process will stimulate and develop their talents, critical thinking skills, so they are able to solve problems in everyday life (Halik et al, 2020). So that activeness will support the learning process effectively and efficiently. The following components are indicators for measuring the level of student activity, namely participating in all stages of learning, participating in problem solving, asking the teacher or other friends when having difficulties, looking for various information needed in problem solving, group discussions according to instructions, applying the theory they have obtained in solving task or project at hand.

Thus, this study confirms that there is a significant positive relationship between the three variables. The contribution between project learning and student activities with learning effectiveness \( r_{y12} \) is 0.591 so that it can be stated that 59.1% diversity in learning effectiveness can be explained by project learning and student activities together. While the remaining 41.9% is explained by other variables not examined. This includes, the project learning model requires students to think creatively and act actively. While the teacher serves as a motivator, facilitator by directing and guiding students in completing the specified project. The initial step in the project learning model collects and integrates new knowledge based on experience in concrete activities. Students will be given initial problems, then make project designs, arrange schedules, monitor project progress, assess results, and carry out experience evaluations. Students not only learn theory but also learn practically in real life (Gunawan et al, 2020). The effectiveness of this learning is also closely related to the advantages of this project model, students will find new information, and gain experience to be active independently which will always be remembered.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the results of the research, students’ activity in project activities is successful category 72.7% and student activity in understanding the learning of innovative learning models is successful category 63.6%. Student responses to project learning are very successful category 81.8%. Mastery of student concepts has increased from 45.8 to 85.8. The results of statistical research using partial regression correlation analysis techniques and multiple correlations show a significant positive relationship between project learning and learning effectiveness with a correlation coefficient \( r_{y1} = 0.201 \) and there is a significant positive relationship between student activities in innovative learning models and learning effectiveness with correlation coefficient \( r_{y2} = 0.759 \), and there is a significant positive relationship between project learning and student activities together with learning effectiveness with correlation coefficient \( r_{y12} = 0.769 \). Based on the results of these studies, it can be concluded that the effectiveness of learning can be increased through project learning and student activities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

In project learning, aspects of initial motivation and creativity are also important to look for correlations.

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