Project Proposal for Distance Education in Summer Schools

All innovations begin with creative ideas

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Distance education is supposed to be an alternative to face to face education. There are some limitations in face to face education like time, place, etc and also distance education has some limitations like assessment, deficiency in interaction both between students and students and between teacher and students. However distance education has been changed and developed to fulfill the expectations with Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) integration over time. These new teaching and learning methods in distance education are more powerful by eliminating the weaknesses. Besides “online learning” term is used most of the time for distance education with ICT. Undergraduate students in Turkey and some of the other countries take courses in summer schools to complete necessary credits for graduation. Students can take courses which they failed before or they can take courses for the first time in summer schools. We propose that distance education can be used in summer schools for undergraduate students. Students, who normally attend classes with face to face education in fall and spring semester, can take the advantages of distance education in summer schools. They can also reinforce their independent learning skills and they can gain experiences about online learning, which is one of the features of millennium learners. This proposal provides an alternative way for summer schools, and explains its theoretical background.