

Using Social Networking Analysis (SNA) To Analyze Collaboration Between Students (Case Study: Students of Open University in Kupang)

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ABSTRACT

Open University (OU) in Indonesia was launched in 1984 to provide an opportunity for all citizens, both newly graduated high school and are already working to follow higher education. OU learning system is flexible; students learn independently and there is no study completion deadline. Learning material in the form of multimedia (print, audiocassette, or CD-ROM) and delivered through the post office, radio, TV, or internet. Realizing that the interaction between students can provide encouragement or support for the understanding of the material being studied, then UT facilitates interaction through several meetings scheduled. The purpose of this study is to analyze the social interactions between students in the city of Kupang. This study uses a Social Network Analysis (SNA) tool to analyze and map the interactions of individuals in the network. The analysis showed that there is a social relationship between them, but of little value. The results of this analysis support the importance of Open University to facilitate regular meetings between students to encourage collaboration between them.

Keywords

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