

INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO EDUCATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO COMMERCE STREAM

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Abstract: There are many special fields in Education which have merged as a growing area of research. Interdisciplinary Approach along with disciplinary and trans-disciplinary approach is one of those demanding areas. The objective of present article is to explore the possibilities of interdisciplinary approach in the field of commerce, economics, management and allied disciplines. The disciplinary approach that we have followed till now is concentrated towards a single discipline while trans-discipline approach shows the possibilities of merging some common areas between two or more subjects together. The interdisciplinary approach tries to develop a single subject by combining two or more subject almost at hundred percent level. The importance of interdisciplinary approach can be further strengthened if universities start conducting researches on possibilities of integration of subjects and the researchers choose the interdisciplinary topics. In present article the researcher is finding the possibilities of merging commerce education at trans-disciplinary and interdisciplinary level.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of interdisciplinary approach is not an entirely novel thing because in the ancient Indian Education system the education was imparted in Gurukulas in which there used to be a single guru who taught all kind of relevant education (all disciplines) alone and there was least division of subjects rather the whole education is treated as single subject. Later on with the advent of foreign invaders the education system of India had started experiencing deterioration. Especially the Britishers who wanted to prepare that class of Indians which were physically Indians but mentally the supporters of Britishers. For that Britishers had destroyed the Gurukul System of education completely from India. And established their own education system which was although very scientific in nature but divided into various disciplines.

Since then we are experiencing an education system which was developed by Britishers to use the brain of Indians for the betterment of their own country. Although after 1947 there has been a lot of changes in the Indian education System but the impact of education has not changed much. Now in the present scenario the disciplinary approach of studying all the disciplines separately has been losing its importance and trans-disciplinary and interdisciplinary approach are back with objective of giving practical shape to the knowledge of different disciplines.

2. INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

It is a technique or a tool that develops mutual relationship for better and improved understanding of the subject. We cannot say any knowledge permanent unless we correlate one discipline with other. Interdisciplinary approach is essential because-

- It provides stable knowledge
- It reduces the time in acquiring the knowledge
- It develops interest in the subject
- It reduces the burden of curriculum

- It provides multi-dimensional knowledge
- It support the teacher and learner in finding correlation between use and application of what have been taught and learned in new and different ways

Following are the few reasons of growing popularity of interdisciplinary research- Interdisciplinary research helps to solve conflict of interest among stakeholders of the company. Sometimes interdisciplinary research is seen as a remedy to the harmful effects of excessive specialization in management. Interdisciplinary research collaboration results in new solutions to problems, much information is given back to the various disciplines involved. Some of the field in management such as consumer's behavior, investors' behavior, employee's behavior cannot be addressed without combining the approaches of two or more disciplines. To achieve new results that could not have been produced if the participating researcher would have derived the information from single discipline.

Major Barriers to Interdisciplinary Research-

Interdisciplinary research is hard to publish. Interdisciplinary research may not give desired result if not given sufficient autonomy. More time and effort consuming Institutions and intellectuals also make a daunting challenge of conducting research outside one's usual domain. Sometimes Research Guide is so packed with the researcher of core discipline that it is difficult to concentrate on researcher outside the discipline.

3. ADVANTAGES OF INTER DISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Interdisciplinary Approach is relevant tool for high quality and effective learning and teaching situations. It has the following advantages-

1. Learners work individually and collaboratively.
2. Learners are motivated and involved; they demonstrate an inquisitive attitude.
3. Learners develop confidence in facing challenges, both intellectual and practical.
4. Learning is connected and directly related to real life experiences.
5. It allows more in-depth exploration of topics, issues and problems with in and across subject areas and disciplines.
6. It supports the development of skills of learning, life and work.
7. It promotes critical thinking by supporting learners.
8. It enables the understanding of different perspectives across subject areas and disciplines.
9. It makes learners want to understand the different curricular areas in greater depth.

4. INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH IN THE FIELD OF COMMERCE

Commerce is closely correlated with various other social sciences in particular & with other subjects in general. Commerce mainly deals with the economic life of the citizens & students various activities of man in regard to his livelihood. Since livelihood cannot go on without other aspects of social life. So it is imperative for the Commerce to be correlated with other branches of knowledge. Commerce can be linked with economics, Business mathematics, management, Education etc.

1. Commerce and Sociology- Sociology incorporates the study of society, its customs and traditions, social composition, family system, social issues etc. An entrepreneur must have knowledge of modern fashions, customs and tradition of the society. In modern society, the problems of industries can be settled through society. Thus society and commerce are so closely related that they make their impact on each other profoundly.
2. Commerce and Geography- A close inter-relationship between Commerce & Geography has lead to the development of many new branches such as Commercial geography human – geography etc. Commercial geography an attempt is made to study various principles which help us in the study of Commercial aspects of various geographical factors. It is not only the availability of raw material & production but the means of transport & communication etc. that must also be taken into consideration while studying the Commerce.
3. Commerce and History- The culture history of the human race includes development in commerce sector. Earlier, the human beings traded through barter. The trade and industry has come a long way. The industrial policy has to be chalked

out by thinking and studying thoroughly regarding exchange system, changing human interest's etc. commerce can be developed through studying about the rise of economics, rise of entrepreneurship etc.

4. Commerce and psychology: The commerce sector is closely related which psychology. The age of competition has made the ties closer than before. An entrepreneur has to study social psychology before sell or production of a product. He has to think over their changing interests, changing purchasing trend, different challenges before them, the possible change in future etc.

5. Commerce and Economics: Economics deals with industries trade, trade and process from production to distribution are studied in commerce. Different economic processes are analyzed in commerce. It includes national trade, export import, bank, insurance, advertisement, accountancy etc. commerce education how good are sold after production so, commerce and economics are closely related with each other.

Following is an example of Interdisciplinary Approach. In this some topics of Accounting, Business study and Economic combined together that how they can be teach the students together –

Index:

1. Introduction to Accounts and related technologies of Business
2. Accounting principles assumptions
3. Forms of Business organization and theory base of accounting
4. Recording of transactions
5. Private, Public and Global Enterprises and Inflation
6. Business services and Trial Balance
7. Emerging modes of Business & Rectification of Error
8. Business Ethics and Depreciation, Provisions and Reserves
9. Formation of Company and Strategy of Industrial Growth
10. Sources of business Finance and Bank Reconciliation Statement
11. Indian Foreign Trade and International business
12. Bill of exchange

There are also some universities those offer some course of commerce that are interdisciplinary in nature-like The University of Queensland offer a programme that is Bachelors of Commerce/Science(Programme code 2087, QTAC Code-711701). The reason behind this program given by University is that- By combining these two areas of study in a dual degree, students will be given a focused background in commerce, along with scientific theory and practical skills in their chosen major within the Bachelor of Science.

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5. CONCLUSION

Multidisciplinary nature of Commerce makes Interdisciplinary research more acceptable as it moves to build bridges among different disciplines and streams. . Commerce is an integral part of human life and it is closely related with many other subjects and sectors. . The professional knowledge of service sector is gained through commerce. Commerce education is necessary for the economic, social and political development of a country. Human resources can be used properly through commerce. The development of commerce is the foundation for national economic development.

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