

Classroom Action Research course as massive open online course (MOOC) (Poster)

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CLASSROOM ACTION RESEARCH COURSE as MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE (MOOC)

[A WOU-PACE Programme]



Background

- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) began to emerge in 2012.
- The intention is unlimited online participation and open access via the web.
- Stanford University is offering artificial intelligence class as MOOC. There were 160,000 signed up users and 23,000 students graduated at the end of the programme.
- Examples of MOOC sites are: edX, Coursera, Udacity, KhanAcademy, FutureLearn and The Saylor Foundation

Key Points

- This Action Research massive open online course will be created by Wawasan Open University (WOU), with a grant awarded by the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada
- MOOC is still at its initial stage in Malaysia but the concept is gaining interest and excitement in the education industry.
- Action Research as MOOC will facilitate and guide teachers through their action research process.

Future Plans

Translation of Action Research MOOC into Bahasa Melayu.

Target Course Users

- School teachers
- Teacher educators
- Teacher trainees
- Industry trainers

Participation

Interested users may register online at WOU website link (to be informed)

Type of Participant	MOOC learner	WOU registered on-line learner
Number of Participants	800	200
Guidance	Self-learning	Tutor support and certification
Cost	Free	Fee-paying*

*WOU, for a fee, will offer full on-line tutor support and certification for this course.

Course Implementation

Learning for each course module is expected to be completed in two weeks, with one week intervals for finalizing the previous module and preparing for the next module. The first series of this course is expected to commence as follows:

19 Jan-1 Feb 2015	2 Feb-8 Feb 2015	9 Feb-22 Feb 2015	23Feb-1Mar 2015	1Mar-15 Mar 2015	16Mar-22 Mar 2015	23Mar-5Apr 2015	6Apr-12Apr 2015
Module 1	interval	Module 2	interval	Module 3	interval	Module 4	Evaluation

Course Evaluation

Monitoring of course implementation and evaluation shall be carried out during and after completion, that is during the period from January to April 2015. Data shall be obtained from analysis of the LMS and an end of course evaluation survey focusing on the following:

- Participation
- Performance
- Content
- Learning

Course Content

- WOU plans to produce the Action Research course as an Open Educational Resource (OER) containing 4 modules.

Module	Title	Course Educators
Module 1	Introduction to Action Research	Prof. Dr. Santhiram R. Raman
Module 2	Plan and write an action research proposal	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Goh Lay Huah
Module 3	Plan and Implement the action research	Prof. Dr. Phalachandra Bhandigadi
Module 4	Analyze data and write report	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Goh Lay Huah

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