

A REPORT ABOUT THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN LECTURES.

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1 Abstract

The aim of this report is to investigate students attitudes to personal phone use in lectures. A survey on attitudes towards the use of mobile phones in lectures was conducted and the results indicate that the majority of students find mobile phone use in lectures a major issue. The report concludes that personal mobile phones are disruptive and should be turned off in lectures

2 Introduction

There has been a massive increase in the use of personal mobile phones over the last two years and there is every indication that this will continue especially in university students.

3 Methods

This research was conducted by interviewing students about the attitudes to the use of mobile phones in lectures.

4 Results

There was a high response to the interviews and from the results it can be clearly seen that mobile phones are considered to be disruptive and should be turned off in lectures. Use of phone in lectures Agree Disagree Not a problem
7 15 An issue 20 2 Disruptive 22 0 Phones should be permissible 10 12 Phones
should be turned off 21 1 Allowed in some circumstances 11 11

4.1 Discussion about results

It can be seen from the results that personal mobile phone use is considered to be a problem. However it is good that in some situation it should be permissible. Most students considered phones to be highly disruptive and there was a strong support for phones being turned off in lectures.

5 Conclusion

The use of mobile phones in lectures is clearly disruptive and they should be switched off. Most students felt it is not necessary to receive personal phone calls in lectures except under certain circumstances but permission should be sought first from the lecturer.

6 Recommendations

It is recommended that the university develops a policy regarding the use of mobile phones in lectures. The policy should recommend: Mobile phones are banned in lectures. Mobile phones may be used in exceptional circumstances but only with the permission of the appropriate lecturer. Finally, the policy needs to apply to all students in the university.