Disadvantages of Traditional classrooms

To put this question in perspective, we need to look at the disadvantages of traditional classrooms as well. For starters, traditional classrooms are very cost demanding. Tuition is pretty high and not to mention the textbooks and other school supplies that are needed for the classes’ students have to also pay for. After graduation students are usually faced with debt and have to work towards paying it off, which could take years to do. It provides no flexibility for students and their schedules. Students have to shape their personal schedules to accommodate for their school schedules. Many students have jobs and have to balance work and school, which can be an issue for students who need to pay for other expenses (car payments, cell phone bills, etc.). With school consuming so much time, especially with having to go to class and finding time to study outside of class, students have to balance the amount of time spent focusing on school and going to work. It also effects the company students are working for, because they have to work around other employees’ schedules to accommodate the students’ schedule. Generalized education is a problem. Generalized education keeps students from actually learning the material they are interested in. One of the big problems with school is the need for students to learn subjects that are not related to their major. It’s like students become a “jack of all trade, but a master of none”, so to speak. If a student is majoring in math, then what’s the need for a student to pay for a class focusing on History? There’s not really mush correlation between the 2 subjects, but yet students are required to take classes that are not related in order to get a degree. Lastly, in a classroom sources are limited. Teachers and textbooks are the only source of information in a classroom, which limits the amount of information a student can gather at one time. Compared to online classes, where you have the internet as well as the course material in the palm of your hands. The internet is home to a lot of valuable information and students could possibly be missing out on good learning opportunities by sitting in a classroom. At the end of the day it really comes down to the student and how they like to learn. Some students may like to be anti-social and learn on their own, whereas, other students may like the one on one interaction with a teacher. Not everyone is the same and not everyone learns the same way. So, if we replace MOOCs with classrooms can we say every student will maximize their learning potential?