

Teaching and Learning using Mind Mapping concept in Accounting Unit: A case study At Curtin University of Technology, Sarawak Campus.

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Abstract

The most successful lecturers develop a systematic approach to lecturing (Eamon Murphy 1998, p 5). A systematic approach to lecturing involves teaching strategies that help the students to understand the learning objective. I am using mind-mapping concept to teach accounting unit for 1st year undergraduate. One of the reasons is that the nature of the subject covers a broad range of managerial, investment and financial accounting issues with emphasis on their practical application in the real world.

The lecturing approach is very much similar to the traditional approach; however, the focus of discussion during the lecture is sharing experience in learning. The learning outcome is emphasized again during tutorial using **Mind Mapping concept developed by Tony & Barry Buzan**. I spend about ten minutes going through the important concept learned during the lecture using the mind-mapping concept. The objective of using the Mind Map during tutorial rather than at lecture is to enhance their understanding with assumption that the students already do at least their first reading. Since this is my first trial of teaching accounting using the Mind Map concept especially during the tutorial session, I would certainly want to know the effective of it and how the students perceive this approach. My teaching approach using the mind map is that they are given the Mind Map prior attending the tutorial. The Mind Map is incomplete and students are welcome to complete base on self-reading from the textbook or some other materials. At the end of the semester, questionnaires will be distributed to know the learning outcome and the effectiveness of teaching approach using the mind map.

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