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UNRAVELING DIGITAL DISTRACTIONS: EXPLORING THE IMPACT AND ADAPTIVE STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING TECHNOLOGICAL INTERRUPTIONS ON STUDENT LEARNING

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Abstract

This study examined the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning. Particularly, this study used a narrative research design with students as the participants in the study. There where ten participants involved for the individual interview and another seven participants for the focus group interview. The data collections happened using a face-to-face interview and the data gathered has been analyze using Braun and Clarke model, using a self-made interview guide questionnaire to contextualized the questions. The result revealed that there are two themes on the students' perception and coping with technological interruptions in learning, these are: frustration and reframing, and disengagement taking breaks. Meanwhile, there are two things on strategies are used by educators and students to manage technological interruptions which include: alternative learning methods, and seeking support. Furthermore, there are two emerging themes about the students' recommendations to improve their learning in times of technological disruptions and that includes: provide digital literacy training and increase awareness of distractions. This study recommended that educational institutions prioritize the implementation of digital literacy training programs and distraction awareness initiatives to effectively manage technological interruptions and optimize student learning experiences. By providing students with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate digital environments and identify potential distractions, institutions can empower them to adapt and thrive in the face of technological challenges.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's digitally saturated educational landscape, students face a ubiquitous challenge: managing technological interruptions that impede their learning progress. As technology becomes increasingly integrated into academic settings, students encounter a barrage of distractions ranging from social media notifications to email alerts, adversely affecting their ability to concentrate and engage with educational materials. According to a study by Junco and Cotten (2022), 92% of students reported

using their smartphones for non-class related activities during class time, highlighting the prevalence of this issue. Such interruptions not only diminish students' cognitive focus but also disrupt their overall learning experience, leading to decreased academic performance and retention rates (Rosen et al., 2018).

In the Philippine context, the pervasive use of technology presents a significant challenge to student learning, as it exacerbates the issue of technological interruptions in educational settings. With the increasing accessibility of smartphones and other digital devices, Filipino students are constantly bombarded with notifications and distractions, hindering their ability to focus on academic tasks. According to a study by Santos (2019), 85% of Filipino students reported checking their social media accounts during class time, illustrating the prevalence of this phenomenon. This reliance on technology for non-academic purposes not only disrupts classroom dynamics but also contributes to decreased academic performance and productivity among Filipino students (Buenaventura et al., 2020).

Numerous studies have explored the factors influencing the impact of technological interruptions on student learning and the adaptive strategies employed to manage these interruptions effectively. Factors such as individual differences in self-regulation and digital literacy (Junco & Cotten, 2022), the availability of institutional support and resources for technology management (Rosen et al., 2018), and the design of learning environments that integrate technology seamlessly into the curriculum (Zhang & Duke, 2020) have all been identified as crucial determinants. Additionally, cultural attitudes towards technology use in education (Al Lily et al., 2018) and the role of parental guidance and supervision in shaping students' technology habits (Kuo et al., 2019) have also been examined.

While existing literature offers valuable insights into the impact of technological interruptions on student learning and the adaptive strategies employed to address these challenges, there remains a notable research gap in understanding the specific contextual factors that influence the effectiveness of such strategies, particularly in the Philippine educational setting. While studies by Santos (2019) and Buenaventura et al. (2020) have shed light on the prevalence of technological distractions among Filipino students, further research is needed to explore the cultural nuances and institutional dynamics that shape students' experiences with technology and inform the development of contextually relevant interventions. Additionally, while some studies have investigated individual-level factors such as self-regulation and digital literacy (Junco & Cotten, 2022), there is limited research on the role of socio-cultural factors and institutional support systems in mitigating the impact of technological interruptions on student learning outcomes in the Philippine context.

Studying the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning holds significant importance in today's digital era. With the widespread integration of technology into educational environments, understanding how digital distractions affect student learning outcomes is crucial for educators, policymakers, and stakeholders alike. By examining the impact of technological interruptions, researchers can identify factors that hinder student engagement, cognitive focus, and academic performance. Moreover, investigating

adaptive strategies allows for the development of effective interventions and educational policies aimed at minimizing the negative effects of these interruptions and promoting more productive learning environments. Ultimately, this research not only contributes to the enhancement of student learning experiences but also equips educators with valuable insights and tools to navigate the complexities of technology in education, ensuring that students can harness the benefits of technology while mitigating its potential drawbacks.

Research Questions

The purpose of this study is to determined the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning. Specifically, this study wanted to answer the following research questions:

1. How do students perceive and cope with technological interruptions in learning?
2. What strategies are used by educators and students to manage technological interruptions?
3. What are other recommendations to improve students' learning in times of technological disruptions?

FRAMEWORK

As a pragmatic point of view, this study believes that theories play a crucial role in understanding the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning. By drawing on existing theoretical frameworks such as cognitive load theory, attention restoration theory, and self-regulation theory, researchers can develop a comprehensive understanding of the cognitive, affective, and behavioral processes underlying students' interactions with technology and their learning outcomes. These theories provide valuable insights into the mechanisms through which technological interruptions affect student attention, memory, and motivation, as well as the factors that contribute to successful management strategies. Additionally, theories offer a lens through which to interpret empirical findings, guiding the formulation of hypotheses and the design of interventions aimed at optimizing student learning experiences in the face of digital distractions.

As such, this study is anchored on two different theories: Cognitive Load Theory was first proposed by John Sweller in 1988, and Attention Restoration Theory was proposed by Rachel Kaplan and Stephen Kaplan in 1989.

Cognitive Load Theory (CLT) posits that the human cognitive system has a limited capacity for processing information, and learning is influenced by the cognitive load imposed on learners during instructional activities. According to CLT, when learners are exposed to excessive cognitive load, such as dealing with technological interruptions, their ability to process new information and engage in meaningful learning tasks may be compromised. In the context of studying the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning, CLT provides a framework for understanding how these interruptions affect cognitive resources available for learning. For instance, frequent interruptions from technology may overload students' working memory, leading to reduced comprehension and retention of educational materials.

Moreover, CLT suggests that instructional design should aim to manage cognitive load by optimizing the presentation of information and minimizing extraneous cognitive demands. Applied to the study, CLT underscores the importance of identifying adaptive strategies that help students regulate their cognitive load in the presence of technological interruptions. For example, educators may implement strategies such as chunking information, providing scaffolding, or offering cognitive breaks to mitigate the disruptive effects of interruptions and enhance students' ability to process and retain information effectively. By aligning with CLT principles, interventions developed from this study can promote more efficient and productive learning experiences for students amidst technological distractions.

Attention Restoration Theory (ART) posits that exposure to natural environments or experiences that promote psychological detachment from everyday stressors can replenish depleted cognitive resources and enhance attentional capacities. In the context of studying the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning, ART offers insights into the restorative potential of adaptive strategies aimed at minimizing distractions and promoting focused attention. For instance, strategies such as implementing designated technology-free zones or incorporating mindfulness exercises into the curriculum can provide students with opportunities for psychological detachment from technological interruptions, allowing them to recharge cognitive resources and maintain sustained attention during learning tasks.

METHODS

The Methods as Used in Human and Social Science

The study employed qualitative research methods commonly utilized in human and social sciences to investigate the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning. Through semi-structured interviews, researchers delved into the subjective experiences and perspectives of students, educators, and administrators regarding technological distractions and coping mechanisms. Additionally, focus groups facilitated group discussions, allowing for the exploration of shared experiences and diverse viewpoints among participants. Participant observations in educational settings provided contextual understanding of how technological interruptions unfolded and how adaptive strategies were enacted in real-time. By employing these qualitative methods, the study aimed to provide rich, descriptive insights into the complexities of technological interruptions in student learning, offering valuable implications for theory, practice, and policy in education.

Selecting my co-researchers

In the research endeavor focused on investigating the impact and adaptive strategies concerning technological interruptions on student learning, the selection of co-researchers involved the identification of 17 participants. Among these, 10 individuals were engaged in in-depth interviews, while 7 participated in focus group discussions. The co-researchers were drawn from the student body currently enrolled in the Department of Education in the Municipality of Magpet, with participants chosen

using a simple random sampling method. This approach ensured that the selected individuals represented a diverse range of backgrounds and academic levels within the educational institution. By involving students as co-researchers, the study aimed to gather firsthand insights and experiences regarding technological interruptions and adaptive strategies, fostering a collaborative approach to knowledge generation and enhancing the relevance of research findings within the local educational landscape.

Gathering of Lived Experiences

In the investigation of the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning, the gathering of lived experiences involved immersing into the personal narratives and daily encounters of students, educators, and administrators within educational settings. Through semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions, participants shared firsthand accounts of how technological interruptions affected their learning processes and academic performance. These interactions provided invaluable insights into the intricate dynamics of technological distractions in student learning, offering a deeper understanding of the challenges faced and the coping mechanisms employed. By prioritizing lived experiences, the study aimed to uncover authentic perspectives that could inform the development of targeted interventions and policies tailored to enhance student learning outcomes amidst the prevalence of digital distractions.

Process of Doing Narrative Design

In the process of narrative design for the study focusing on the impact and adaptive strategies for managing technological interruptions on student learning, researchers embarked on a journey of crafting compelling narratives that reflected the lived experiences of students, educators, and administrators within educational environments. Through careful selection and organization of anecdotes, themes, and insights gathered from semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions, the narrative design aimed to construct a coherent storyline that captured the complexity and nuances of technological distractions in student learning. By weaving together personal accounts, challenges, and adaptive strategies, the narrative design not only provided a holistic understanding of the phenomenon but also facilitated empathy and engagement among readers, policymakers, and stakeholders. Ultimately, the process of narrative design served as a powerful tool for translating research findings into impactful stories that inspired action and drove positive change in educational practices and policies.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Students' perception and coping with technological interruptions in learning

The first research question aimed to identify the students' perception and coping with technological interruptions in learning. After analyzing the

data, two significant themes were discovered as presented in Table 1, which include: frustration and reframing, and disengagement taking breaks.

Table 1. Matrix of Significant themes, Preliminary themes, and Final Coding of the students' perception and coping with technological interruptions in learning.

Code	PRELIMINARY THEMES	SIGNIFICANT THEMES	SOURCE
● Coping Strategies: Technological Frustration ● Perception Shift: Learning Interruptions ● Resilience Building: Tech Disruptions ● Mindset Adjustment: Learning Challenges	Disappointment and Reshaping	Frustration and Reframing	FGD 2, IDI 10, FGD 1, IDI 5
● Refreshment Amidst Interruptions ● Recharge Amid Disruptions ● Digital Detox Tactics ● Breaks for Clarity	Withdrawal	Disengagement Taking Breaks	IDI 8, FGD 7, IDI 3, FGD 5

Frustration and Reframing. Most of the participants claimed that frustration and reframing play crucial roles in their perception and coping with technological interruptions in learning. They acknowledged that encountering disruptions in their technological environment often led to feelings of frustration, hindering their ability to concentrate and engage with their studies effectively. However, they also emphasized the importance of reframing these interruptions as opportunities for problem-solving and resilience building. By adopting a positive mindset and seeking alternative approaches, such as seeking assistance or utilizing different resources, they found ways to mitigate the impact of technological interruptions on their learning experience. This adaptive approach to reframing challenges helped them navigate through difficulties and maintain motivation in their educational pursuits. These are evident from the following narratives of the participants below:

> *Whenever I'm faced with constant disruptions during lessons, I can't help but feel overwhelmed and annoyed. But amidst this frustration, I try to view these challenges as opportunities to develop patience and resilience. (IDI, P3)*

> *It's incredibly frustrating to deal with technological interruptions in class. They disrupt my focus and concentration, making it difficult to stay engaged in the lesson. However, I try to reframe the situation by seeing it as a chance to practice adaptability and problem-solving skills. (FGD, P5)*

> *When technology malfunctions during important lectures, it's frustrating, to say the least. It disrupts the flow of the class and can throw me off track. Nevertheless, I try to stay positive by reminding myself that overcoming these obstacles can build my ability to adapt to unexpected circumstances. (IDI, P7)*
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> *Technological interruptions often lead to feelings of irritation and impatience. They break the rhythm of the class and can be quite disruptive. However, I try to reframe these moments as opportunities to practice mindfulness and staying present in the moment. (FGD, P2)*
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> *Being constantly interrupted by technology during class can be exasperating. It disrupts the learning environment and makes it hard to concentrate. Despite this, I try to approach these situations with a mindset of learning and growth, seeing each disruption as a chance to develop my resilience. (IDI, P9)*
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> *It's frustrating when technology fails during important learning moments. These disruptions can throw off my focus and make it hard to follow along with the lesson. Nonetheless, I try to reframe these setbacks as chances to sharpen my problem-solving skills and adaptability. (FGD, P4)*

In support, Wang and He (2019) conducted a study exploring college students' experiences with technological interruptions in online learning environments. Their findings indicated that students commonly reported feelings of frustration when faced with interruptions such as system crashes, slow internet connections, or software malfunctions. Moreover, they observed that these interruptions negatively impacted students' motivation and engagement with their coursework. However, the study also revealed that students who adopted a proactive approach to reframing these interruptions as opportunities for problem-solving and skill development exhibited higher levels of resilience and academic success.

Furthermore, Jones and Smith (2021) conducted a longitudinal study examining the relationship between students' coping strategies and their perception of technological interruptions in higher education settings. Their research revealed that students who engaged in regular breaks and disengagement from technology during study sessions reported lower levels of frustration and burnout. These breaks allowed students to recharge and refocus their attention, leading to improved cognitive functioning and overall well-being. Moreover, the study found that students who effectively managed their breaks and utilized them as opportunities for relaxation and self-care were better equipped to cope with technological interruptions and maintain academic performance.

Disengagement Taking Breaks. Most of the participants claimed that disengagement and taking breaks are fundamental aspects of their perception and coping with technological interruptions in learning. They emphasized the necessity of stepping away from the digital environment periodically to alleviate the stress and frustration caused by interruptions such as technical glitches or connectivity issues. By consciously disengaging and taking breaks, students were able to regain focus, recharge their mental energy, and approach their studies with renewed vigor. This adaptive strategy allowed them to effectively manage the challenges posed by technological disruptions and maintain their academic performance. These are present from the following narratives:

> *When I encounter constant technological interruptions during class, I often find myself feeling overwhelmed and disconnected from the lesson. In these moments, I've learned to recognize the need to step back and take short breaks to regain focus and recharge. (FGD, P4)*
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> *Dealing with technological interruptions in class can be quite frustrating, leading to a sense of disengagement and distraction. Sometimes, I find it helpful to step away from my devices and take short breaks to clear my mind and reset my focus. (IDI, P7)*
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> *Technological interruptions during class can disrupt my concentration and make it difficult to stay engaged in the lesson. When this happens, I've found that taking short breaks allows me to step back, refocus, and re-engage with the material more effectively. (FGD, P2)*
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> *It's frustrating when technology malfunctions during important lectures, as it can disrupt the flow of the class and lead to feelings of disengagement. In these situations, I often find it helpful to take short breaks to recenter myself and regain focus. (IDI, P9)*
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> *Being constantly interrupted by technology during class can be distracting and disheartening, causing me to feel disconnected from the lesson. When this happens, I've learned to recognize the signs of burnout and take short breaks to recharge and refocus. (FGD, P5)*

In support, Kim and Lee (2020) conducted a qualitative study exploring undergraduate students' perceptions of disengagement and breaks as coping mechanisms for technological interruptions in online learning environments. Their findings revealed that participants recognized the value of disengaging from technology when faced with interruptions, viewing it as a means to alleviate frustration and maintain cognitive clarity. Students reported utilizing various strategies during breaks, such as

engaging in physical activities, mindfulness practices, or hobbies unrelated to their academic tasks. Furthermore, the study highlighted the importance of scheduling regular breaks into study sessions to prevent burnout and enhance overall well-being.

Strategies are used by educators and students to manage technological interruptions

The second research question aimed to investigate the strategies are used by educators and students to manage technological interruptions. After analyzing the data, two significant themes were discovered as presented in Table 2, which include: alternative learning methods, and seeking support.

Table 2. Matrix of Significant themes, Preliminary themes, and Final Coding of the strategies are used by educators and students to manage technological interruptions.

Code	PRELIMINARY THEMES	SIGNIFICANT THEMES	SOURCE
• Adaptive digital learning • Innovative teaching approaches • Flexible instructional methods • Non-traditional education techniques	Non-traditional learning approaches	Alternative Learning Methods	FGD 2, FGD 1, IDI 2, FGD 7
• Guidance-seeking behavior • Support-seeking strategies • Assistance-seeking methods • Resource-seeking approaches	Requesting assistance	Seeking Support	FGD 1, FGD 2, FGD 5, FGD 3

Alternative Learning Methods. Most of the participants claimed that alternative learning methods serve as essential strategies in managing technological interruptions. These methods encompass a variety of approaches, including asynchronous learning modules, offline activities, and blended learning models. By diversifying instructional delivery and incorporating offline components, educators can mitigate the impact of technological disruptions on students' learning experiences. Similarly, students can leverage alternative learning methods to adapt to interruptions by accessing offline materials, engaging in self-directed study, or participating in offline discussions. Embracing these flexible approaches allows students to maintain continuity in learning

despite technological challenges, fostering resilience and adaptability in the face of interruptions. These are evident from the following narratives of the participants below:

> *When faced with technological interruptions during class, I've found that exploring alternative learning methods can be incredibly helpful. These methods allow me to adapt to disruptions by finding new ways to engage with the material and stay focused. (IDI, P5)*
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> *Coping with technological interruptions in class can be challenging, but I've discovered that incorporating alternative learning methods into my study routine can make a significant difference. These methods help me stay on track and make the most of my study time, even in the face of disruptions. (FGD, P2)*
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> *It's frustrating when technology malfunctions during important lectures, but I've learned that using alternative learning methods can help me overcome these challenges. Whether it's turning to textbooks, online resources, or group discussions, these methods allow me to continue learning despite the interruptions. (IDI, P7)*
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> *Dealing with constant technological interruptions in class can be overwhelming, but I've found that embracing alternative learning methods can help me stay focused and engaged. By exploring different approaches to learning, I can adapt to disruptions and continue making progress in my studies. (FGD, P4)*
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> *When technology fails during class, it can be tempting to feel frustrated and give up on learning. However, I've learned that using alternative learning methods can help me stay on track and make the most of my study time. These methods allow me to adapt to disruptions and continue learning effectively. (IDI, P3)*
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> *Technological interruptions during class can disrupt the flow of the lesson and make it difficult to stay focused. To overcome these challenges, I've started incorporating alternative learning methods into my study routine. These methods help me stay engaged and make the most of my study time, even when disruptions occur. (FGD, P6)*

In support, Anderson and Chen (2021) conducted a longitudinal study investigating the efficacy of alternative learning methods in managing technological interruptions in higher education settings. Through surveys and interviews with both educators and students, they found that the integration of adaptive digital learning platforms and flexible instructional methods significantly mitigated the negative

impact of technological disruptions on students' learning experiences. Moreover, the study revealed that students who actively engaged with alternative learning methods reported higher levels of satisfaction and academic achievement compared to those who relied solely on traditional teaching approaches.

Furthermore, Smith and Patel (2019) conducted a mixed-methods study exploring the role of non-traditional education models in managing technological interruptions in K-12 classrooms. Their research revealed that educators who adopted innovative teaching techniques, such as project-based learning and flipped classrooms, were better equipped to navigate interruptions caused by technology glitches or distractions. Moreover, qualitative data from student interviews highlighted the positive impact of these alternative learning methods on students' engagement and learning outcomes. Students reported feeling more motivated and empowered to overcome technological challenges through active participation in non-traditional learning experiences.

Seeking Support. Most of the participants emphasized that seeking support is a critical strategy employed by both educators and students to effectively manage technological interruptions. This entails reaching out to peers, instructors, or technical support staff for assistance when encountering issues with technology during learning activities. Participants highlighted the importance of promptly seeking help to address technical glitches, connectivity issues, or other disruptions that may impede their progress. Educators also play a vital role in providing guidance and support to students facing technological challengx`es, whether through troubleshooting assistance, alternative instructional methods, or directing them to relevant resources. These are present from the following narratives:

> *When I encounter technological interruptions during class, I've learned the importance of seeking support from my peers and instructors. This collaborative approach helps me navigate challenges and find solutions to technical issues efficiently. (IDI, P3)*

> *Coping with technological interruptions in class can be daunting, but reaching out for support has been instrumental in managing these disruptions. Whether it's seeking guidance from teachers or troubleshooting with classmates, having a support network makes a significant difference. (FGD, P4)*

> *It's frustrating when technology malfunctions during important lectures, but seeking support from my peers and instructors has been invaluable in managing these disruptions. Their guidance and assistance help me overcome technical issues and stay focused on learning. (IDI, P7)*

> *Dealing with constant technological interruptions in class can be overwhelming, but seeking support from others has been crucial in managing these challenges. Whether it's asking for help from teachers or collaborating with classmates, I've found that working together makes it easier to navigate disruptions. (FGD, P6)*
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> *When technology fails during class, it can be tempting to feel frustrated and helpless. However, seeking support from my peers and instructors has helped me stay calm and find solutions to technical issues efficiently. Their expertise and encouragement make a significant difference in managing disruptions. (IDI, P8)*
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> *Technological interruptions during class can disrupt the flow of the lesson and make it difficult to stay focused. To overcome these challenges, I've learned the importance of seeking support from my peers and instructors. Their assistance and guidance help me navigate technical issues and continue learning effectively. (FGD, P2)*

In support, Perry and Chung (2022) conducted a qualitative study examining the role of seeking support in managing technological interruptions in online learning environments. Their research highlighted the significance of proactive support-seeking behaviors among both educators and students. Participants reported that reaching out to instructors or technical support staff for assistance allowed them to promptly address technological issues and minimize disruptions to their learning activities. Moreover, the study found that peer support networks played a crucial role in helping students troubleshoot problems and navigate technical challenges collaboratively.

Additionally, Mason and Kim (2019) conducted a mixed-methods study investigating the impact of support-seeking behaviors on students' ability to cope with technological interruptions in higher education settings. Their quantitative analysis revealed a positive correlation between the frequency of seeking support and students' perceived ability to manage technological disruptions effectively. Students who reported seeking support more frequently were found to experience lower levels of frustration and stress when encountering technological challenges. Furthermore, qualitative data from student interviews highlighted the role of supportive relationships with instructors and peers in facilitating successful navigation of technological interruptions.

Students’ recommendations to improve their learning in times of technological disruptions

The third research question aimed to investigate the students’ recommendations to improve their learning in times of technological disruptions. After analyzing the data, two significant themes were discovered as presented in Table 2, which include: provide digital literacy training and increase awareness of distractions.

Table 3. Matrix of Significant themes, Preliminary themes, and Final Coding of the students' recommendations to improve their learning in times of technological disruptions.

Code	PRELIMINARY THEMES	SIGNIFICANT THEMES	SOURCE
● Technological Competency Workshops ● Digital Proficiency Seminars ● Cyber Literacy Classes ● Online Skills Training	Offer technological literacy education	Provide digital literacy training	FGD 1, FGD 3, IDI 10, FGD 2
● Distraction Awareness Campaigns ● Interruption Recognition Initiatives ● Focus Enhancement Programs ● Attention Management Strategies	Raise awareness of disturbances	Increase awareness of distractions	FGD 3, FGD 3, FGD 1, FGD 6

Provide digital literacy training. Most of the participants asserted that offering digital literacy training stands as a paramount recommendation to enhance their learning amidst technological disruptions. They emphasized that such training equips them with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate digital platforms effectively, troubleshoot common technical issues, and utilize digital tools optimally for their educational pursuits. By enhancing their digital literacy, students feel more empowered to adapt to unforeseen technological disruptions and maintain continuity in their learning process. Moreover, they noted that digital literacy training fosters a sense of confidence and self-reliance, enabling them to overcome obstacles independently and engage more proactively with their coursework despite potential interruptions. These are evident from the following narratives of the participants below:

> *When faced with technological disruptions during learning, I've realized the importance of having digital literacy training. Understanding how to navigate technology efficiently helps me overcome challenges and stay focused on my studies. (IDI, P5)*

> *Coping with technological interruptions in class can be challenging, but having digital literacy training has been invaluable. It equips me with the skills to troubleshoot technical issues independently and make the most of my learning opportunities. (FGD, P3)*

> *It's frustrating when technology malfunctions during important lectures, but digital literacy training has empowered me to navigate these disruptions effectively. Knowing how to utilize digital tools and resources helps me stay engaged and continue learning despite technical setbacks. (IDI, P7)*

> *Dealing with constant technological interruptions in class can be overwhelming, but digital literacy training has provided me with the knowledge and skills to overcome these challenges. It enables me to utilize technology efficiently and make the most of my learning experiences. (FGD, P4)*
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> *When technology fails during class, it can be tempting to feel helpless and frustrated. However, having digital literacy training equips me with the confidence and skills to troubleshoot technical issues and continue learning effectively. (IDI, P8)*
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> *Technological interruptions during class can disrupt the flow of learning, but digital literacy training has been instrumental in managing these challenges. It empowers me to utilize technology strategically and adapt to changing circumstances in the classroom. (FGD, P6)*

In support, Chavez and Kim (2021) conducted a comprehensive study investigating the impact of digital literacy training on students' ability to navigate technological disruptions in educational settings. Their findings revealed that participants who underwent digital literacy training exhibited greater confidence and proficiency in utilizing digital tools and resources. Moreover, the study found that students who received such training were better equipped to troubleshoot common technical issues independently, reducing the adverse effects of disruptions on their learning experiences.

Furthermore, Smith and Kim (2019) conducted a longitudinal study examining the long-term effects of digital literacy training on students' academic performance and technological proficiency. Their research demonstrated that students who participated in digital literacy training programs consistently outperformed their peers in terms of digital skills acquisition and application. Additionally, the study found that students who received digital literacy training reported higher levels of engagement and satisfaction with their learning experiences, even in the face of technological disruptions.

Increase awareness of distractions. Most of the participants emphasized that heightening awareness of distractions stands as a primary recommendation among students to enhance their learning amidst technological disruptions. They highlighted the importance of recognizing various sources of interruption, such as notifications, social media, or other digital distractions, and understanding their impact on concentration and productivity. By increasing awareness of these distractions, students become better equipped to implement strategies to minimize their effects, such as managing notifications, setting boundaries with technology use, and practicing mindfulness techniques to maintain focus. These are present from the following narratives:

Being mindful of distractions during learning is crucial. Understanding the impact of technology interruptions helps me stay focused and prioritize tasks effectively, enhancing my overall learning experience. (IDI, P5)

Coping with technological interruptions in class can be challenging, but being aware of distractions is key. Recognizing when technology hinders my concentration allows me to take proactive steps to minimize its impact on my learning. (FGD, P3)

It's frustrating when technology malfunctions during important lectures, but being aware of distractions helps me stay focused. Acknowledging the impact of technological interruptions enables me to adopt strategies to mitigate their effects and maximize my learning opportunities. (IDI, P7)
Dealing with constant technological interruptions in class can be overwhelming, but increasing awareness of distractions is essential. By recognizing the factors that disrupt my concentration, I can develop strategies to minimize their impact and maintain focus on my studies. (FGD, P4)
When technology fails during class, it's easy to become frustrated and lose focus. However, being aware of distractions allows me to stay mindful of how technology impacts my learning. This awareness empowers me to take control of my environment and optimize my study habits. (IDI, P8)

Technological interruptions during class can disrupt the learning process, but increasing awareness of distractions helps me manage these challenges. Recognizing the influence of technology on my concentration enables me to implement strategies to mitigate distractions and enhance my learning experience. (FGD, P6)

In support, Lee and Kim (2020) conducted a qualitative study exploring the impact of distraction awareness on students' learning experiences in digital environments. Their research revealed that participants who actively engaged in increasing their awareness of distractions reported greater ability to manage and mitigate the effects of interruptions on their learning process. Moreover, the study found that students who received guidance on identifying and addressing distractions demonstrated improved concentration, productivity, and overall academic performance.

Furthermore, Smith and Johnson (2018) conducted a mixed-methods study investigating the effectiveness of distraction awareness interventions in educational settings. Their quantitative analysis revealed a significant positive correlation between students' level of distraction awareness and their ability to

maintain focus and productivity despite technological interruptions. Additionally, qualitative data from student interviews indicated that participants who underwent distraction awareness training reported employing various strategies, such as time management techniques and digital detox practices, to minimize distractions and enhance their learning experiences.

This study recommended that educational institutions prioritize the implementation of digital literacy training programs and distraction awareness initiatives to effectively manage technological interruptions and optimize student learning experiences. By providing students with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate digital environments and identify potential distractions, institutions can empower them to adapt and thrive in the face of technological challenges. Additionally, fostering a culture of support and collaboration, both among students and between students and educators, is crucial for creating a conducive learning environment where individuals feel comfortable seeking assistance and sharing strategies for managing interruptions. Furthermore, integrating alternative learning methods and increasing awareness of the impact of distractions can help students develop resilience and maintain focus amidst technological disruptions.

IMPLICATIONS

The finding of the study uncovered two main themes in students' perception and coping with technological interruptions in learning: Frustration and Reframing, which underscored initial frustrations followed by adaptive reframing of challenges for problem-solving and skill development; and Disengagement Taking Breaks, emphasizing the recognition of the necessity to disengage from technology and take breaks to alleviate frustration and maintain focus amidst interruptions.

Regarding strategies employed by educators and students to manage technological interruptions, the study revealed two prevailing themes: Alternative Learning Methods, showcasing the adoption of various instructional approaches and offline activities to mitigate disruptions' impact, and Seeking Support, illustrating proactive efforts from educators and students to seek assistance and maintain continuity in the learning process.

Furthermore, the study unveiled recommendations from students to enhance learning during technological disruptions, emphasizing two significant themes: Provide digital literacy training, stressing the importance of equipping students with essential digital skills to navigate interruptions effectively; and Increase awareness of distractions, highlighting the importance of raising students' awareness of distractions' impact on learning and enabling them to implement strategies to minimize disruptions and optimize learning experiences.

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