File: Effective use of learning materials

Welcome to University of Eswatini!
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My name is Dr. Rugube , Coordinator - Multimedia
I'm going to present on the effective use of the learning media
In this video, I'll talk about print material, instructional technologies and the Moodle learning management system.
For each course, that you are going to study, you will receive
a Print module. As a student, you use the print material on your own
as they replace the lecturers when you are alone at home or at work
As a distance learner, you are expected to
maximise the use of your modules and other relevant material as provided
by your lecturer or tutor
Each module is divided into Units
that cover specific topics in your course.Each unit has specific objectives
and this tells you clearly, what you should be able able to do after careful study
of that topic. The structure of the print module is shown
You are expected to familiarise yourselves with those objectives and constantly
check if you are able to do what is stated in the unit objectives
Thee are also activities that you find in every module.You should be able to pay particular attention
to each of the activity as
it enhances your understanding of the topics discussed and prepares you for assessment
your assignments, tests and examinations
In the same module you will also find QR codes.
This is basically a barcode like the one that you always see attached
to any other product like you can buy from the shop
A QR code activity is presented with a URL
that is a website address that you can also input in your browser type it
if you do not have a smart phone but when you use your smartphone and scan the QR code it will take you
the particular resource it can be a video or even a PDF
file or any other text document
For you to be able to scan the QR Code you need a QR code reader or scanner
QR code reader, you can get them
from any App store for example, Playstore
from Google. So all you do is download a generic
QR code reader or scanner, install it and you will be able to access your learning resources
Besides the print module, you will also have access to instructional technologies
during your course of study. These technologies evolve and you will always
be introduced to the new technologies. For example, for your video conferences
you will be using Zoom and the BigBlueButton
as one of the video conferencing tools,
and you will also make use of Microsoft Office your Microsoft Word, Excel, presentation software
for your assignments , projects and other related
learning activities. The University has adopted a learning management system called Moodle
As an IDE student, you will use Moodle as your LMS or basically your classroom.
So, your lecturer or tutor creates and manages course content on Moodle
assesses your performance and also communicates with you the students
Each course has a distinct web page on Moodle
Which you will be able to access once you register
After registration,you will be provided with your Moodle log in credentials
You will access Moodle from any Web browser
preferably Chrome or Firefox
Once you capture your username and password, and your details are validated

You will have access to the platform and the Moodle homepage
So on the homepage you will also find the tutorial on how to navigate
around Moodle and your courses are displayed to the left
right, so once you click on your course
the course page is shown. On the course page you will find
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Topics and information like PDF files, Word documents
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assignments as well as quizzes
Technology keeps on changing , we also have an app that supports
the Moodle platform.This short video clip
will show you how you download the Moodle app from your mobile device
so first you have to type Moodle app in the search box
and it will take a few minutes to download
Once done downloading then you open, it will install
in the background and you will be required to
input the University Moodle site address
which is https://learn.uniswa.sz
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and that will take you to enter your credentials that is your username
and password and then you login just as you would on your desktop
or from the browser. So once you login details are validated you will be able
to access your courses from the dashboard
Now from the learning management system, you'll find that you will be able to
participate actively as part of an online learning community and you will be able
to have discussions with your lecturers and other students
The learning management system will help you to build knowledge
to receive feedback from your lecturers and also
provide you with criticism that will help you keep revising your thoughts , assumptions and arguments
In order to help you to use Moodle, we have designed a Moodle training course to introduce you to distance learning

and this course includes, the most common tasks tha you will be expected to complete in Moodle
So to receive your Moodle badge after you have completed the course
You need to review the learning materials in each topic
and complete the practice activities
in each topic.You also required to
complete a Moodle quiz to assess your
mastery of Moodle and this is mandatory.So plan for about
1-2 hours to complete this course, so once you register
You'l be provided with information on how to access
the course.If you have any problems, you may contact IDE
for assistance. 'Be assured that we will strive to support you constantly while you study with us' THANK YOU!