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De La Salle University-Dasmariñas

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De La Salle University - Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) is a Catholic university founded in 1911 by the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The University has gained its reputation as a premier higher education institution in the Philippines. The university has received countless awards and recognitions for its research endeavors as well as environmental thrusts. It was also named Center of Development for Excellence in Information Technology and was identified as an Academic Center for Excellence in Biodiversity Conservation.

Roland M. Ruben - Virtual Learning Environment Coordinator, and **Ernesto Ramos Jr.** - Learning Object Coordinator, share their experience using NEO LMS.

When did you start using NEO and how was the adoption process?

Roland M. Ruben: De La Salle University implemented NEO in 2010, starting with 7,000 students. From 2011 to 2019, the adoption rate has been 100 percent, having almost 11,000 students plus continuing education learners.

The successful implementation of NEO in the DLSU-D campus largely supports the activity of the university's Center for Innovative Learning Programs. The department's activity is key to creating and engaging a community that will efficiently teach and learn with the use of technology.

What improvements have you noticed since using NEO?

Roland M. Ruben: NEO has helped improve learning and teaching, by offering an easy way to make lessons more engaging, implement blended learning, and more online programs for both local and international learners.

DLSU-D has also been able to reduce costs, especially with printed items. The university has a strong paperless advocacy program that aims to teach students to be more conservative with their paper use. Yearly, the institution saves around \$12,600 on printing the class Syllabus for all students.





How have you encouraged teachers to use NEO for their classes?

Roland M. Ruben: To support our teachers in the use of NEO we give face-to-face training and online training. We give individual and group training. We also offer support through phone or email.

We encourage our teachers by sharing with them best practices. We have e-learning forums, a radio show to inform them about what's new in e-learning, and we always assure them that they have our support.

What do you like most about NEO?

Roland M. Ruben: Parents just love the fact that they can monitor their children's lessons, assessments, and overall performance.

Ernesto Ramos: Students love the freedom of studying at any time and they find NEO fun and engaging.

