

UGM Develops Open Courses through the Internet

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UGM develops open courses through ELISA (eLearning System for Academic Community). With these open courses, the knowledge within the UGM can be more easily accessed and utilized by the general public. According to coordinator of e-learning Educational Development Center (P3), Herman Saksono, S.T, for the first phase, approximately there are already 116 teaching materials from a variety of courses that have been digitized.

"Teaching materials that have been digitized in the first stage have reached 116 and in the future, this will continue to be added. These materials can be seen in [elisa.ugm.ac.id /ugmoc/](http://elisa.ugm.ac.id/ugmoc/)," said Herman, Friday (16/3).

Herman added, with support from UGM Quality Assurance Office, for the first phase there are already 116 digitized teaching materials. According to Herman, the Center will digitize several hundred other teaching materials in the next few months.

He explains that the digitization of teaching materials has become a trend in various international universities like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The University of Oxford, and University of Tokyo.

"At the international level this has become a trend while in Indonesia UGM was the pioneer," Herman said.

During this time, said Herman, not all UGM lecturers who make use of *e-Lisa* facilities have opened their teaching materials to the public. Materials can only be accessed by students and cannot be accessed for free by the public. Therefore, he will encourage lecturers to open access to their teaching materials.

"That way it is in line with the vision and mission of UGM as a populist campus," said Herman.

eLisa (eLearning System for Academic Community) is a learning management system (LMS) developed by UGM. LMS is useful to help the academic community organize the learning process through the Internet. Lecturers can upload lecture materials, discuss, and give assignments to students. Students can download course materials, discussions and tasks.

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