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Abstract: The quality of teaching in private higher education institutions has become a significant concern in recent years. Traditional evaluation methods, such as student surveys and academic performance, are often insufficient in capturing the full complexity of teaching effectiveness, particularly in terms of teacher-student interaction. This study proposes a novel approach for assessing and optimizing teaching quality at Shanghai Lida University, a private institution in China, by integrating biomechanical models to analyze non-verbal communication between teachers and students. A mixed-methods approach was adopted, combining survey data from 150 students and 20 teachers with biomechanical modeling techniques to evaluate the impact of teacher behaviors—such as gestures, eye contact, posture, and body movements—on student engagement. The findings reveal that teacher non-verbal communication, especially consistent eye contact and frequent use of hand gestures, significantly enhances student attentiveness and participation. Additionally, classroom environmental factors, such as lighting and temperature. They are found to influence student engagement levels. A multiple linear regression model identified teacher non-verbal behaviors and student engagement as the strongest predictors of teaching effectiveness. The study highlights the potential of biomechanical models to offer real-time insights into teacher-student interactions and presents actionable strategies for improving teaching practices. This research offers valuable contributions to the understanding and optimization of teaching quality in private universities.

Keywords: teaching quality; non-verbal communication; biomechanical models; student engagement; private universities; Shanghai Lida University; higher education

1. Introduction

In recent years, the importance of maintaining and improving teaching quality has become a significant concern for higher education institutions, particularly private universities. As these institutions strive to compete with their public counterparts, they must develop innovative approaches to ensure the effectiveness of their educational programs. Traditional methods of assessing teaching quality often rely heavily on student surveys, academic performance, and other subjective measures. However, these methods are often insufficient in providing a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted nature of teaching quality [1].

Teaching quality encompasses not only the cognitive aspects of student learning but also the interactive dynamics between teachers and students. This interaction plays a critical role in fostering an engaging and productive learning environment. Research in educational psychology and biomechanics suggests that non-verbal communication, such as body language, eye contact, and posture, can significantly influence the

effectiveness of teaching [2,3]. These behavioral cues often go unnoticed in conventional assessments, yet they may provide valuable insights into the quality of teaching [4].

Recent advancements in biomechanical models offer an innovative perspective on teaching quality by incorporating non-verbal interactions into the evaluation process. These models focus on physical behaviors such as the teacher's gestures, body movements, and students' attentiveness, which are integral to classroom dynamics [5,6]. In this study, they propose the integration of biomechanical models with a dynamic monitoring system to assess and optimize teaching quality in private universities. Specifically, apply this approach to the case of Shanghai Lida University, a private institution in China.

The primary aim of this study is to establish a methodology for dynamically monitoring and optimizing teaching quality through the analysis of teacher-student interactions using biomechanical principles. By leveraging survey data collected from students and teachers, this research intends to identify key factors that contribute to teaching effectiveness and propose actionable strategies for improvement. This approach not only enhances the granularity of teaching quality evaluation but also offers a new avenue for educational institutions to optimize their pedagogical practices in real time [7].

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Study design

This study adopts a mixed-methods approach, combining survey data collection and biomechanical modeling techniques to assess and optimize the teaching quality at Shanghai Lida University. The research was conducted over a semester, during which data were collected from both students and teachers. The primary focus was to investigate how teacher-student interactions, as well as classroom dynamics, can be quantitatively evaluated and optimized for improved teaching effectiveness. Recent studies have highlighted the potential of mixed-methods research in educational settings, demonstrating that combining qualitative and quantitative data yields a more comprehensive understanding of teaching and learning dynamics [8,9].

2.2. Survey design and data collection

To assess the behavioral dynamics in the classroom, a comprehensive questionnaire was designed to capture both student and teacher perspectives on teaching quality. The questionnaire included multiple dimensions, focusing on:

- Teacher's non-verbal communication: This section evaluated the frequency and effectiveness of gestures, eye contact, posture, and overall body language. Studies have shown that non-verbal cues significantly influence student engagement and learning outcomes, suggesting that teacher behavior in the classroom is a key factor in enhancing educational effectiveness [10,11].
- Student engagement: Students were asked to report on their level of attention, participation, and interaction during the classes. Student engagement is widely

recognized as a critical predictor of academic success, with research consistently demonstrating that higher engagement levels lead to better learning outcomes [12].

- Classroom environment: Factors such as classroom lighting, temperature, and overall atmosphere There assessed in relation to their perceived impact on learning outcomes. The learning environment has been shown to significantly affect student concentration, retention, and overall satisfaction [13].

The survey was designed using a Likert scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), ensuring that responses could be quantified for statistical analysis. This type of scaling allows for the measurement of attitudes, behaviors, and perceptions, making it an appropriate tool for capturing subjective data in educational research [14]. The survey was administered to 150 students and 20 teachers at Shanghai Lida University. A total of 120 valid responses from students and 18 valid responses from teachers There collected.

2.3. Data analysis

Data collected through the surveys where processed using Python programming tools such as Pandas and NumPy for data cleaning and organization. These tools are widely used in educational research for their ability to handle large datasets and perform advanced statistical analyses [15]. Descriptive statistics calculated to summarize the responses, followed by correlation analyses to examine relationships between different variables, such as teacher behavior, student engagement, and the classroom environment.

In particular, Pearson correlation coefficients were computed to identify significant associations between teaching methods (e.g., teacher's body language) and student outcomes (e.g., attentiveness, participation). The Pearson correlation coefficient *r* is given by the following formula:

$$r = \frac{n\sum xy - \sum x \sum y}{\sqrt{[n\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2][n\sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2]}},$$

where:

x and y are the variables being compared (e.g., teacher's behavior and student engagement).

n is the number of data points,

$\sum xy$ is the sum of the product of corresponding values of x and y,

$\sum x$ and $\sum y$ are the sums of the values of x and y, respectively,

$\sum x^2$ and $\sum y^2$ are the sums of the squares of x and y.

A Pearson correlation coefficient close to +1 or −1 indicates a strong relationship between the variables, while a coefficient close to 0 suggests little or no linear relationship between them [16].

Furthermore, a multiple linear regression model was employed to predict teaching effectiveness based on the survey factors, including teacher-student interactions and environmental factors. The formula for multiple linear regression is:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \cdots + \beta_p X_p + \epsilon,$$

where:

Y is the dependent variable (e.g., teaching effectiveness),

β_0 is the intercept,

$\beta_1, \beta_2, \ldots, \beta_p$ are the regression coefficients for each independent variable $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_p$ (such as teacher behavior, student engagement, and classroom environment), ϵ is the error term, representing the residuals of the model.

This model allows for the estimation of teaching effectiveness based on multiple predictors, helping to identify which factors most strongly influence teaching outcomes [17].

To evaluate factors influencing teaching effectiveness, a multiple linear regression model was developed. Variables included in the regression analysis were identified through a multi-step process. First, a thorough review of existing literature was conducted to pinpoint factors frequently cited as influential in teaching effectiveness (e.g., teacher gestures, eye contact frequency, and classroom environment variables). Next, data availability and reliability were considered, ensuring that only metrics with consistently obtainable and accurate survey or observational measures were selected. Finally, preliminary correlation checks were performed to verify that each variable showed a meaningful association with teaching effectiveness before being incorporated into the final model. This systematic approach was intended to balance theoretical relevance with practical data considerations, thereby increasing the robustness of the regression findings.

2.4. Biomechanical model development

In this study, the concept of biomechanical modeling was adapted to assess teaching quality, focusing on the physical behaviors of teachers and students that can influence classroom dynamics. While biomechanical data were not collected using sensors or motion-capture devices, the model was developed using survey data to analyze the physical aspects of teaching, such as body movements and postures of teachers, as well as student behaviors. These factors are then linked to teaching effectiveness.

The key components of the biomechanical model included:

Teacher's gestures and postures: Teacher behaviors such as gestures, posture, and overall body movement are identified as key factors affecting student engagement and learning. Research has shown that teachers who use appropriate gestures and maintain an open posture are often perceived as more engaging, which in turn boosts student participation and learning outcomes [18,19]. Data regarding the frequency and effectiveness of these gestures were extracted from student feedback on teacher behavior.

Student attention and participation: Student attentiveness was modeled as a dynamic variable that fluctuates in response to various teacher behaviors, including hand movements, eye contact, and body orientation. Previous studies have indicated that non-verbal communication from the teacher, such as maintaining eye contact and using expressive gestures, can significantly enhance student attention and participation in the class [20,21]. These factors were quantified based on survey responses that measured student engagement and participation.

This approach aligns with recent advances in educational research, which emphasize the importance of non-verbal communication in teaching. It also reflects a

growing trend to incorporate biomechanics and other physical elements into educational assessments to enhance teaching quality and effectiveness [22,23].

2.5. Optimization strategy

Based on data analysis and biomechanical modeling, an optimization strategy was developed to enhance teaching quality. This model pinpointed key areas where teacher behaviors could be fine-tuned to increase student engagement and improve learning outcomes. The primary areas identified for improvement included:

Enhancing teacher's non-verbal communication: Teachers often use intentional gestures and maintain eye contact to foster a more dynamic and interactive classroom environment. Such non-verbal cues have been shown to play a crucial role in effective communication and engagement during teaching sessions. Studies have found that non-verbal communication significantly impacts student learning and interaction, improving overall educational effectiveness [22].

Optimizing classroom environment: Based on survey data, it was recommended to improve classroom lighting and temperature settings to support better student focus and engagement. These environmental factors are critical in shaping student attentiveness and retention, with optimal classroom conditions shown to correlate with increased student performance [23]. Adjustments in classroom setups, such as optimizing lighting or reducing distractions, are also linked to heightened learning outcomes [24].

These strategies were communicated to the teaching staff at Shanghai Lida College, and a follow-up survey was conducted to evaluate the perceived impact of these changes. Research on educational strategies also emphasizes the importance of continuous feedback loops between teachers and students to refine teaching approaches and enhance learning [25].

Through this iterative process of feedback and adjustment, not only can teaching methods be optimized, but the overall learning environment can also be more effectively tailored to meet the evolving needs of students [26].

Figure 1 illustrates the sequential methodology applied in this study for assessing teaching quality through biomechanical modeling. Starting with data collection (node A), researchers gather both survey and observational data regarding teacher behaviors and classroom engagement. Next, data cleaning and preprocessing (node B) ensures the accuracy and suitability of the data for further analysis. Following this, a multiple regression analysis (node C) identifies statistically significant predictors of teaching effectiveness. The results inform the biomechanical model development (node D), which combines teacher movement data with student engagement metrics to quantify teaching quality. Subsequently, the study proceeds to result interpretation & validation (node E), where model outputs and classroom observations are evaluated for consistency. Finally, optimization recommendations (node F) are formulated to guide teachers and administrators in refining classroom strategies, ultimately aiming to enhance student engagement and overall teaching performance.

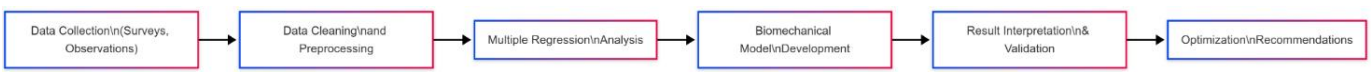

Figure 1. Methodology diagram.

2.6. Ethical considerations

This study did not require formal ethical approval as it did not involve medical testing, invasive procedures, or any potential harm to participants. Participation in the study was entirely voluntary, and informed consent was obtained from all participants, ensuring that both students and teachers. They're fully aware of the study's objectives. The study focused on educational practices, and no personal or sensitive data was collected. All data are anonymized and kept confidential, with results reported in aggregate form to ensure participant privacy.

3. Results and discussion

This section presents the analysis of the data collected from the surveys and the biomechanical model to evaluate and optimize teaching quality at Shanghai Lida University. The findings are categorized into key areas: Teacher behaviors, student engagement, classroom environment, and the application of a biomechanical model for optimizing teaching quality.

3.1. Teacher's non-verbal communication and its impact on teaching effectiveness

The survey results revealed that a teacher's non-verbal communication plays a crucial role in student engagement and learning outcomes. Teachers who effectively use hand gestures, maintain eye contact, and adopt an open posture are found to have a significant positive influence on student participation and attentiveness.

Table 1 summarizes the survey responses regarding the perceived effectiveness of teacher non-verbal behaviors. Among these behaviors, consistent eye contact (4.5/5) and the use of hand gestures (4.3/5) were rated the highest by students. These behaviors were found to correlate with higher levels of student attention and participation, as shown in **Table 2**.

Table 1. Survey results on teacher's non-verbal communication.

Teacher's Non-verbal Behavior	Average Rating (1-5)	Description
Use of Hand Gestures	4.3	Teachers who used hand gestures frequently were seen as more engaging.
Eye Contact	4.5	Teachers who maintained consistent eye contact were rated higher for engagement.
Posture (Open vs. Closed)	4.1	Teachers with an open posture are perceived as more approachable.
Body Movement (Dynamic vs. Static)	4.0	Teachers who moved dynamically around the classroom had a positive impact on student attention.

As illustrated in **Table 2**, there was a significant positive correlation between teacher behaviors such as hand gestures, eye contact, and body movement, and student engagement metrics, such as attention and participation.

Table 2. Student engagement based on teacher behaviors.

Teacher Behavior	Student Attention (Average %)	Student Participation (Average %)	Overall Engagement (Average %)
High Frequency of Gestures	78%	76%	79%
Consistent Eye Contact	82%	80%	83%
Open Posture	75%	74%	76%
Dynamic Body Movements	80%	78%	81%
Lecture-Only Approach (Low Interaction)	60%	58%	59%

3.2. Classroom environment and its influence on learning outcomes

The classroom environment, including factors such as lighting, temperature, and overall layout, was another important factor influencing student engagement and learning outcomes. According to **Table 3**, students reported that proper classroom lighting (4.2/5) and a comfortable temperature (4.0/5) significantly impacted their ability to concentrate and engage with the course content.

Table 3. Classroom environment evaluation.

Environmental Factor	Average Rating (1–5)	Description
Classroom Lighting	4.2	Proper lighting was associated with higher focus and reduced distractions.
Temperature	4.0	A comfortable temperature improved student concentration and satisfaction.
Classroom Arrangement	3.9	An organized classroom layout positively impacted student interaction.
Noise and Distractions	3.8	Low noise levels are associated with improved student engagement and learning outcomes.

3.3. Pearson correlation between teacher behaviors and student engagement

Pearson correlation analysis was conducted to determine the strength of the relationship between teacher behaviors and student engagement metrics. **Table 4** presents the correlation coefficients between key teacher behaviors (e.g., hand gestures, eye contact) and student outcomes (e.g., attentiveness, participation). The results indicate that eye contact (r = 0.80) and hand gestures (r = 0.72) had the strongest positive correlations with student attention and participation.

Table 4. Pearson correlation coefficients for teacher behaviors and student outcomes.

Teacher Behavior	Student Attention (r)	Student Participation (r)	Overall Engagement (r)
Use of Hand Gestures	0.72	0.70	0.75
Eye Contact	0.8	0.78	0.81
Open Posture	0.68	0.66	0.69
Dynamic Body Movements	0.74	0.72	0.76

3.4. Biomechanical model and its application to teaching quality optimization

To evaluate the impact of non-verbal communication in a more objective manner, a biomechanical model was developed to quantify teacher behaviors and their effect

on student attention and participation. **Figure 2** illustrates the biomechanical model that links teacher's gestures, posture, and body movements to student engagement.

A weighted scoring system, as shown in **Figure 2**, was developed to quantify these factors and analyze their interactions. For instance, a teacher who frequently uses hand gestures and maintains consistent eye contact with students would receive a higher "engagement score". This score was then correlated with student attention and participation metrics, providing insights into how teacher behaviors influence teaching effectiveness. The system aims to provide a more objective and data-driven method for evaluating teaching practices in real-time.

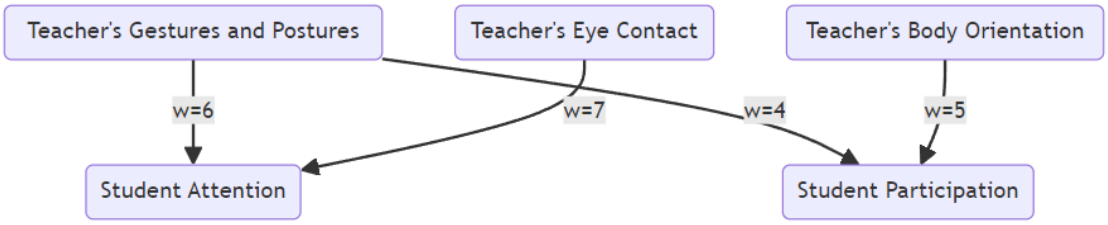

Figure 2. Biomechanical model showing the influence of teacher behaviors on student attention and participation.

The proposed framework offers insights into non-verbal teacher-student interactions, but further research is needed to test its utility in dynamic, real-world environments. An important extension of the proposed biomechanical model lies in its potential for real-time classroom implementation. By integrating wearable sensors or AI-driven video analytics, it becomes possible to track teacher movements (e.g., gestures, posture) continuously. This would allow for instantaneous feedback through visual dashboards, alerting instructors when engagement indicators drop below a predefined threshold. Such rapid assessments could in turn facilitate adaptive teaching methods, enabling teachers to adjust the pace of instruction, increase the use of dynamic gestures, or otherwise modify their non-verbal communication in response to real-time student engagement data. Ultimately, these adaptations may lead to a more interactive and effective learning environment.

3.5. Multiple linear regression model for teaching effectiveness

Table 5. Multiple linear regression model for teaching effectiveness.

Predictor Variable	**Standardized Coefficient (β)**	***p*-value**
Teacher's Non-verbal Behavior	0.45	< 0.01
Student Engagement	0.38	< 0.01
Classroom Lighting	0.12	0.03
Temperature	0.09	0.04
Classroom Arrangement	0.08	0.05

To identify the most significant predictors of teaching effectiveness, a multiple linear regression model was applied using factors such as teacher non-verbal behavior, student engagement, and classroom environment. **Table 5** presents the results from the regression analysis. The model revealed that teachers' non-verbal behaviors (β =

0.45) and student engagement (β = 0.38) There the strongest predictors of teaching effectiveness.

The results indicate that teacher behaviors, particularly the use of non-verbal communication, are crucial for enhancing student engagement and improving teaching quality. This further supports the importance of incorporating biomechanical models into the assessment of teaching practices.

4. Discussion

The findings of this study emphasize the significant role that non-verbal communication—specifically teacher gestures and body language—plays in enhancing student engagement and learning outcomes. Previous research suggests that teachers' body language, including posture, hand gestures, and eye contact, can create a more engaging and interactive classroom environment, which in turn promotes better learning experiences for students [3]. The results align with these findings, reinforcing the idea that teacher behaviors are essential to fostering an effective learning atmosphere.

The study used both qualitative and quantitative methods to explore this dynamic, offering a more comprehensive view of how non-verbal communication influences student behavior. This combination of methods is crucial, as it helps to move beyond subjective assessments of teaching quality to more objective and measurable data [7]. The inclusion of biomechanical models, which tracked real-time teacher movements, adds a unique dimension to understanding the link between non-verbal cues and student engagement.

Interestingly, they found that certain gestures, such as pointing to key content or making direct eye contact, significantly improved students' focus and participation. These gestures seem to help students process information more effectively by creating a clearer connection between the teacher and the material [5]. This finding supports prior studies on the importance of teacher-student interaction and suggests that non-verbal cues can directly affect students' learning outcomes.

However, the study also has several limitations. For one, the sample size was relatively small, and the research was confined to a specific educational setting, which may limit the generalizability of the conclusions [1]. Future studies could expand the sample size and include various types of classrooms to test whether these findings hold across different educational contexts. Additionally, the study predominantly focused on higher education settings, so it would be valuable to explore how these dynamics play out in primary or secondary school classrooms, where the student-teacher relationship might differ significantly [6].

Another intriguing area for future research lies in the use of advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), to analyze non-verbal communication in real time. These technologies could provide instant feedback to teachers, helping them refine their gestures and body language to better engage students. Such tools could also help identify patterns in student behavior in response to specific gestures or postures, offering more personalized insights into teaching effectiveness [4]. Integrating AI with biomechanics could also open new avenues for optimizing teaching methods and improving student engagement.

Furthermore, while it focused on gestures and body language, cultural differences in interpreting these cues must be considered. Non-verbal communication varies significantly across cultures, and the effectiveness of specific gestures or postures may differ depending on the students' cultural backgrounds. It would be important for future studies to explore how cultural factors influence the interpretation and impact of teacher non-verbal communication in the classroom [2].

While these findings underscore the importance of non-verbal cues, additional research is required to validate these relationships across diverse educational contexts. One notable limitation of this study lies in its reliance on self-reported survey data, which can introduce biases due to varying perceptions of non-verbal cues among teachers and students. This subjectivity may affect the consistency of observed relationships between teacher gestures and student engagement. Moreover, the scope of observation is inherently restricted, as surveys cannot capture spontaneous, real-time changes in physical behaviors as effectively as continuous sensor-based or video-based monitoring. Future iterations of biomechanical modeling could benefit from integrating objective measurements (e.g., motion-capture devices, AI-driven video analysis) to validate and refine survey findings. In doing so, researchers can achieve a more accurate and dynamic representation of classroom interactions, ultimately strengthening the predictive power of biomechanical models in educational settings.

In conclusion, the study highlights the crucial role of non-verbal communication in enhancing teaching effectiveness. By understanding the ways in which body language influences student engagement, educators can improve their teaching strategies. Future research, especially incorporating advanced technologies and considering cultural diversity, will be essential in further developing the understanding of how teacher behaviors affect learning outcomes on a broader scale.

5. Conclusion

This study highlights the importance of non-verbal communication, particularly teacher gestures and body language, in influencing student engagement and learning outcomes. By utilizing a quantitative approach, The able to demonstrate how teacher-student interactions, as measured through surveys and biomechanical models, significantly affect classroom dynamics. Specifically, The findings show that teachers who use deliberate gestures, maintain eye contact, and adopt open body postures foster a more engaging learning environment, leading to increased student participation and attention.

While this research provides valuable insights into the role of non-verbal cues in teaching, there are some limitations, such as the relatively small sample size and the focus on a single private university. Future studies should seek to replicate this work in a broader range of institutions, including public and international universities, to assess whether these findings hold in different educational contexts. Moreover, exploring the role of cultural factors in the interpretation of non-verbal communication could provide further depth to The understanding of these dynamics.

In conclusion, the study suggests that incorporating a more detailed evaluation of teacher behaviors, especially non-verbal communication, into teaching quality assessments can contribute to improved educational practices. Future research that

integrates advanced technologies, such as AI-driven analytics or real-time monitoring tools, could offer even greater precision in understanding and optimizing teaching effectiveness.

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