

Abstract

In recent years, autonomy in learning has increasingly become a topic of discussion among teachers, educators and researchers. Many people now agree that learners who undertake greater amounts of autonomous learning are more likely to achieve success and their professional and academic goals. Particularly in universities or colleges in western countries, this suggestion is generally confirmed. However, Chinese students who study in western universities often complain about the lack of autonomy in the learning. This study examines s whether Chinese postgraduate students studying in western countries are autonomous or not, and discusses the main factors which influence their autonomy in learning. The work presents a descriptive cross-sectional survey research (using a questionnaire method) that investigates this question in a sample of 141 Chinese postgraduate students studying in western countries. The data is analysed using SPSS 19.0. The results s of this study indicate that Chinese postgraduate students studying in western countries are as autonomous as their western peers, which reflects that in western countries Chinese postgraduate students' learning experience has changed in recent years. This study lists three main factors that are found to have contributed to this change. This work will potentially make a contribution to future studies on autonomy in learning among eastern students and help to improve learners' autonomy to some extent. There are, however, some limitations to this study.

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批注 [A1]: Or use instead 'for debate' ??

批注 [A2]: Use instead 'critics' ??

批注 [A3]: Check correction – meaning as intended?

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批注 [A4]: Use instead 'teaching' ??

批注 [A5]: Check correction – meaning as intended?

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批注 [A6]: Check correction – meaning as intended? Or use instead 'as they would be studying in China'

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批注 [A7]: Or use instead 'It is hoped that this work will make a' ??

删除的内容: towards among eastern students and help

FEEDBACK

- The flow of this is good, but there are a couple of points marked where the correction should be checked as I was unsure what the intended direction was.
- The spelling in this has been changed to UK English, which should always be used when submitting academic work in the UK.
- Try to avoid repetition of phrases, particularly at the same point in the sentence, as this can make a work difficult to read – for example this piece starts a sentence with the words 'This study' several times. Suggestions have been made to diversify this.