

## Abstract

In recent years, autonomy in learning is increasingly being discussed by teachers, educators and researchers. Many of them agree that learners who have a high level of autonomy in learning are more likely to achieve success and reach their professional and academic goals. Especially in universities and colleges in Western countries, this concept is commonly implemented. However, complaints are often made about the lack of autonomy of Chinese students who are studying at Western universities. This study will examine, whether Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries are autonomous or not, and discuss the main factors that influence their autonomy in learning. This study presents a descriptive cross-sectional research survey, that investigates this question using a sample of 141 Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries, by means of a questionnaire. The subject data were analysed with SPSS 19.0. The results of this study indicate, that Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries are as autonomous, which means that in Western countries Chinese postgraduate students' learning experiences have changed in comparison to the past. This study has found three main factors that contribute to this change. The findings of this paper might make a contribution to future studies on autonomy in learning with regard to Asian students and help to improve learners' autonomy to a certain extent. However, there are certain limitations to this study.

## Feedback:

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- On several occasions you use a passive sentence where you could easily use an active one. Please keep the amount of passive sentences to a minimum, because they make sentences wordy and unnecessarily complicated. For example, you could change "autonomy in learning is increasingly being discussed by teachers, educators and researchers" to "increasingly teachers, educators and researchers are discussing autonomy in learners".

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