

Abstract

In recent years, autonomy in learning has been increasingly discussed among teachers, educators and researchers. Many people agree that learners who have a high level of autonomy are more likely to achieve their success and professional and academic goals. Especially in universities or colleges in Western countries, this suggestion is commonly conformed. However, Chinese students who study in Western universities often complain about their lack of autonomy in learning. This study examines whether Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries are autonomous or not, and discusses the main factors which influence their learner autonomy. This study uses descriptive cross-sectional survey research to investigate the question in a sample of 141 Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries by means of a questionnaire. The data from the questionnaire is analysed with SPSS 19.0. The results of this study indicate that Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries are autonomous, which means in Western countries Chinese postgraduate students' learning experiences have changed in comparison to the past. In this study, there are three general principal factors contributing to this change. This study will make a contribution to future studies on learner autonomy in Eastern students and help to improve learners' autonomy to some extent. However, there are some limitations for this study

Feedback:

Provide sources to back up your claims where indicated

Provide additional information to assist the reader

Remember to capitalise place names

Use UK English throughout

Break down overly complex sentences for readability

批注 [A1]: Consider replacing with more commonplace phrase 'learner autonomy' and provide a brief definition to ...

删除的内容: is

批注 [A2]: It would be beneficial to provide a citation ...

删除的内容: being autonomousautonomy in learning ...

批注 [A3]: Overly complex – consider revising to '...achieve ...

删除的内容: Especially Particular

批注 [A4]: Take care to capitalise place names, e.g. 'the ...

批注 [A5]: Clarification needed – do you mean 'this ...

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批注 [A6]: Take care with the tenses

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批注 [A7]: Academic studies should be in active present ...

删除的内容: western countries are autonomous or not ...

批注 [A8]: Specify which question is being asked

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批注 [A9]: Overly complex – consider revising. E.g. exampl ...

删除的内容: of the subjects from the questionnaire we ...

批注 [A10]: Take care to use UK English spelling

批注 [A11]: Consider providing a brief definition, e.g. ...

删除的内容: d that Chinese postgraduate students ...

批注 [A12]: Do you mean Chinese postgraduate students ...

删除的内容: western countries Chinese postgraduate ...

批注 [A13]: Consider simplifying this sentence – e.g. 'whic ...

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批注 [A14]: Number is under 10 and not a percentage so ...

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批注 [A15]: Briefly expand on what these general factors ...

删除的内容: might will make a contribution to future ...

批注 [A16]: However is more academic and accurate in th ...