

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 autonomous learning are more likely to achieve success in their professional and academic goals. This view is commonly held in universities or colleges in western countries. However, Chinese students who study in western universities often complain about a 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 autonomy in learning. The study investigates this question using a descriptive cross-sectional survey research in a sample of 141 Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries by means of a questionnaire. The data was analysed by use of SPSS 19.0. The results of the study indicate that Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries are as autonomous. This means that in western countries Chinese postgraduate students' learning experience has changed in the recent past. In this study, it lists three main factors that have been found to contribute to this change. It is hoped this investigation will make a contribution to future studies on autonomy in learning among Eastern students and help to improve this to some extent. There are, however, some limitations to this study.

FEEDBACK

1. Be careful to avoid repetition in your ideas and use of language – this can be overcome by using pronouns, synonyms and different word forms
2. Always use UK English when submitting academic work in the UK – set proofing language on your Word program to English (UK) for default spelling
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批注 [A1]: The SUBJECT OF autonomy in learning? And whose autonomy are you referring to?

删除的内容: is

批注 [A2]: Use of 'Oxford' comma is suggested...

批注 [A3]: Use 'academics' instead?

批注 [A4]: Or use 'attain'?

删除的内容: of being autonomous in...learning are mo...

批注 [A5]: Please check changes to confirm your meaning.

删除的内容: ing in western universities are...often

批注 [A6]: I suggest you use 'whether or not this is true' to avoid repetition of terms 'study' 'western countries' and 'autonomous'

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批注 [A7]: Repetition of 'study' - use 'investigation' instead?

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删除的内容: investigates this question creates ...sir...

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删除的内容: of the subjects wasere...analysz...d

批注 [A8]: Repetition of 'study'

批注 [A9]: Use present tense - the results are active

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批注 [A10]: '...are as autonomous...' as WHAT? as their western peers? You need an object to this clause.

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删除的内容: which This means that in western countri...

批注 [A11]: Be consistent with tense, in this case Present Simple required

删除的内容: ed three 3... general ...ain factors that ha...

批注 [A13]: Use pronoun for 'learners autonomy'

删除的内容: autonomy to some extent. TWhereas, ...