

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 being autonomy in learning are more likely to achieve success in professional and academic goals. Particularly in universities or colleges in Western countries, this suggestion is commonly conformed. However, Chinese students studying in Western universities have often complained about a lack of autonomy in learning. This study examines whether Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries are autonomous or not, and discusses main factors which influence their autonomy in learning. This study uses a 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 subsequent data was analysed with SPSS 19.0. The results of this study indicate that Chinese postgraduate students studying in Western countries are as autonomous, which means in Western countries Chinese postgraduate students' learning experiences have changed in comparison to the past. This study lists three general primary factors that have been found to contribute to this change. This study might make a contribution to future studies on autonomy in learning in Eastern students and help to improve learner autonomy to some extent. However, there are some limitations to this study.

Feedback

- Offer a fuller explanation of terms that your reader may not be familiar with.
- Always use British English.
- Be careful with tenses and pluralisms.
- Break up longer, more complex sentences.
- Always provide a reference to claims made.
- Use capital letters when necessary.

批注 [A1]: Issue with tense.

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批注 [A2]: Are you referring to academic sources? This requires proper citation. Giving examples of these people might be a more appropriate and explanatory start to the sentence.

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批注 [A3]: This should be capitalised through and always when referring to notions of 'East' and 'West'.

批注 [A4]: You may be repeating yourself here.

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批注 [A5]: Issue with tense.

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批注 [A6]: This is unclear. What question are you referring to?

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批注 [A7]: Be sure to use British English throughout your work.

批注 [A8]: This needs further explanation as your readership may not be aware of what exactly SPSS 19.0 is.

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批注 [A9]: This sentence is quite long, perhaps break it up in the interests of coherence.

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批注 [A10]: Try and stick to spelling out smaller numbers.

批注 [A11]: Do you mean main or general? These are

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批注 [A13]: It could be useful to your readership if you