

A Study on Learning Motivations, Participating Barriers and Learning Effects of National Open University's Students

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to explore the correlation between learning motivation, participating barriers and learning achievement. The sample in this study are six hundred and fifty samples who attended in second semester of 2005 at National Open University. The findings of this study are summarized as follows: 1. There are significant differences of learning motivation among learners of different gender, occupation, number of children, age of the youngest child, income, age, education, marriage status, abode, and the distance between school and abode. 2. There are significant differences in participating barriers among learners of different gender, number of children, age of the youngest child, income, age, education, marriage status, the distance between school and abode, and frequency of face to face instruction. 3. There are significant learning effect differences among learners of different gender, occupation, number of children, age of the youngest child, income, age, education, marriage status, abode, the distance between school and abode and the frequency of face to face instruction. 4. There is negative correlation between learning motivation and participating barriers for the students at National Open University. 5. There is positive correlation between learning motivation and learning satisfaction for the students at National Open University. 6. There is negative correlation between participating barriers and learning achievement for the students at National Open University. 7. Learning motivation is a good predictor for learning satisfaction and grades. Participating barriers can predict learning satisfaction. Participating barrier can not predict learning achievement.

Keywords : Learning Motivation ; Participating Barrier ; Learning Effect

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