

**A SURVEY OF STUDENTS' PREFERENCE
TOWARDS RESEARCH PAPER**

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ABSTRACT

Conducting a research paper is a very important subject to the university students. In the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Study, research paper is one of the compulsory papers for the students of Bachelor of Administrative Science (Honours). So, here the topic of our study is "A Survey on Students Preference towards Research Paper." The objectives of our study are firstly, to identify the preference of the students' towards the research paper. Second objective is, to study factors that will encourage students' to conduct a research. The third objective is, to identify the problems faced by the students' in conducting the research paper. In order to obtain the finding to answer our objectives, we had used the questionnaire method which was distributed using cluster and systematic sampling to our respondents. The sample of our study is the final year students of Bachelor of Administrative Science (Honours). From 122 students, we only distribute the questionnaire to 90 students. So, the main finding that we have after conducting the analysis of the data, we had come out with the finding that most of the students preferred to choose their own research topic when conducting the research paper. Besides this main finding, it also been stated in the finding that the students were encourage to conduct the research because they want to increase their knowledge and experience. It also been mentioned in the finding that, the main problem that faced by the students while conducting the research paper is come from the lecturer factors, for example, the students faced the problem where the lecturer that supervise had a different style of research writing with what the students had been taught in the class. As for conclusion, it can be said that the students' preference is very important in producing a good research output and the lecturer should take this factor into consideration when asking the students to conduct the research paper.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The word research paper is can be understand as a systematic and organize data analysis. According to Uma Sekaran (2003), “research paper is the process of finding solutions to a problem after conducting a study and analysis of the situational factors.” Due to the important of the research paper, in order to develop the students' knowledge and skills, that is why the higher learning institution especially the local higher learning institutions have required the student to conduct the research paper in order to fulfill the course requirement.

But, from the students' point of view, the research paper has become a burden and this has lead to a low quality of the research paper produced by the student. Due to this scenario, the study of this topic will contribute to the solution of this problem and to find out the factors that motivate and influence the level of preferences among the students in order to produce an excellent research paper.