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METHODS

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Abstract

This study was conducted in order to investigate Music Education Students' Perceptions on Effective Teaching Methods. A qualitative research was used as a research design. The population of this study was the entire UiTM Bachelor Degree students from Department of Music Education, Faculty of Music, Universiti Teknologi MARA which consists of 121 students. The purposive sampling was used in order to select the sample whereby students in their final year of studies are chosen as part of the sample. Six students were selected to be the key informants for this research. A semi-structured interview which consists of open-ended questions was used as a research instrument to collect the data. A content analysis was used to analyze the data in order to get the descriptive information. The findings from this study shows that Music Education students choose Discussion method as an effective teaching method for theoretical based subjects. This method helps the student to grasp the subject much better, easy to understand and help them during the revision for examination and test. Other than that, the students also had suggested a few methods that can help the lecturer during the teaching and learning in the classroom.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Background of the study

Education is an important part of our life. We need it in order to be a better and knowledgeable person. Education helps us to gain more knowledge and information about our surrounding and also from the whole world. Therefore, every little bit of knowledge, that one gains from any sources, may attract them to create a certain goal and encourages them to seek a proper education in order to achieve their dreams. However, there are plenty of methods that people can use to seek knowledge. It can be through non-formal education such as media, magazines or books and formal lessons, which are provided by the school. Formal education may benefit or give more advantages to the students whereby they expose students to a broader view about everything. It will give students more space to interact with other people and to get more additional knowledge. However, students who enroll in school or any institutions have a different characteristics, background, and aims or goals in education. Therefore, the main roles in teaching which is the teacher, have a huge contribution on teaching their students in the classroom setting and help their student to be successful. In fact, teachers or educators are the key element in the success of school education (Al Barwani et al., 2012).

Teaching can be a challenging task for teachers. However, some teachers might say that teaching is fun. It depends on how they solve the problems that arise in their class. Teachers need to be able to use their knowledge and teaching skills in order to attract the attentions of their students. They also need to be sure to use suitable methods