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**CORRELATION OF STUDENTS' BACKGROUND  
ENTRY AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN  
FIRST AND SECOND YEAR OF UITM  
PHARMACY STUDENTS.**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Each year, Faculty of Pharmacy of UiTM will has a new intake of students from various backgrounds of studies. Among of the students were from Asasi UiTM, Asasi UM, Diploma and matriculation. The study is design to fulfill three objectives which are, to determine either students' background of studies will affect their current performance in degree program. The second objective is to study the correlation either students' CGPA during pre-degree education give an affect towards their current studies. The third and the last objective is to determine either availability of hostel facility occupation by students will has an affect towards students' studies performance. The outcome of this study will be helpful for higher administration of Faculty of Pharmacy to select best pre-education students and for higher administration of UiTM itself either to take in consideration to provide more availability of hostel towards degree students. The study is based on two components, based on students' performance of CGPA during pre-degree education and current degree education. The students' performance was got from administration of faculty and the perception section is based on answer of students from questionnaire given. Based on the result can be concluded that students from different background of studies don't have significant difference in term of their current performance of degree program. Next the result shows that no significance correlation between students' pre-degree performance and their current performance. The result also shown that hostel occupation of students give no significance affect towards students current performance.

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of study

Students' academic gain and learning performance is affected by numerous factors including gender, age, races and so on. Many researchers conducted detailed studies about the factors contributing student performance at different study levels (Ali, Haider, Munir, Khan, & Ahmed, 2013). There also should be taken into consideration of that students' gaining place for hostel facility will contribute into their academic performance (Muslim, Karim, & Abdullah, 2012). This is based on comfort, convenience and safety gained between non-resident and resident students. Non-resident students are referring to students that not get accommodation facility of hostel provided by university, where else resident students are referring to students that get accommodation facility of hostel.

Besides, the policy of Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM in students' intake by allowing varies students' academic background to further their degree level of studies here. Currently, there are five type of candidate reflecting five academic backgrounds. The academic background that being allowed to enter degree level of studies include, (i) candidates from the Diploma UiTM (ii) candidate from ASASI UiTM, (iii) candidate from ASASI University Malaya (UM), (iv)