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**A STUDY ON THE ASSOCIATION OF  
PHARMACY STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN  
STUDENT SOCIETY AND THEIR ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE IN UITM PUNCAK ALAM**

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## ABSTRACT

The involvement of students in the student society is beneficial for students to gain various skills. But some research shows that student involvement in the student society can affect their academic performance. It is important to identify the relationship between student involvement and their academic performance to encourage student to participate and balancing between academic and non-academic activities. The questionnaires were adapted from Authors Jennifer Logan, Traci Hughes and Brian Logan, authors R. A. Bakoban and S. A. Aljarallah and a research article on student involvement and belonging from Ohio State University. It had been distributed to the third-year students (n=123) of Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM Puncak Alam. The questionnaires consist of student involvement in the student society, their academic performances, their study time and reasons of participation. There is no significant different (p-value = 0.925) between student who participated and did not participate in the student society and (p-value = 0.711) no significant difference between their study time. The data indicated that the involvement of student in the student society will not affect their study time, thus not affecting their academic performances. This can encourage student participating in the various organization. Besides, most of the students agreed that they participated in the student society to acquire various skills, improve confident level and build wider networking.

# **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 BACKGROUND OF STUDY**

Students involvement in extracurricular activity gives benefit for students in term of their educational experiences during their study in the university (Astin, 2001). It also has advantages to improve soft skills of students such as leadership skills, communication skills and allow them to interact more with the faculty and other students in such non-formal condition (Hegedus & Student, 1993). Besides, student's involvement in student organization and engagement with campus community are essential for student retention (Astin, 1997). It was proved that students who are involved in organization and clubs during their college time tend to have higher development in many areas after they graduate (Foubert & Grainger, 2006). If the student is more actively involved in the society, the more knowledge and experiences they gain to be applied in the future.

However, the involvement of students in student society activity is an important factor to determine how well the students performed in academics. How the student spends their free time on the activities they choose can affect their studies positively or negatively (Daniyal, Nawaz, & Hassan, 2012).