ABSTRACT

The Correlation of Perceived Social Support and Optimism on Final Year Students in Writing Thesis

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Final-year students are often faced with many challenges in compiling their thesis. Perceived social support and optimism are found to help overcome the difficulties that they face. The aim of this research is to know the correlation between perceived social support and optimism of final-year university students in finishing thesis. This research employed a quantitative approach and correlation analysis. Furthermore, the instruments in this research are the perceived social support scale and optimism scale to collect data through the use of questionnaires. The result of this research shows that there is a significant positive correlation between perceived social support and optimism found in final-year university students who are finishing their thesis. The result of the correlation between the two variables is r=0.511, p<.001. This result indicates that the higher the perceived social support by final-year university students, the more optimism they have, and vice versa.

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