

ABSTRACT

Research Title: Combating the English Language Deficiency: The Labor Market Experiences of Graduate Students from Suan Sunanadha Rajabhat University in Thailand

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Since the integration of the South East Asian countries has been accomplished, the importance of English language skills has become unquestionably a factor to be recon with in the labor market in Thailand. The acquisition of English language is seen has a vital toll to human capital development. Therefore, there is a need for Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University to properly equip the students with the necessary English language skills needed for them to have an edge in the competitive labor market, both locally and globally. This study aims to investigate the factors that militate against students' English language development during their undergraduate program in Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University. This research is a qualitative based research. Therefore, a semi-interview is used to get the views of the subjects on their English language development experiences during their undergraduate study in Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University and their experiences in the labor market. The findings from this study shows that the graduate students from the school under this study struggle to land a better job or position due to their English language deficiency. The results from the study also reveal some vital loopholes in the undergraduate programs offered by the university under this study, which is a wake-up call for the university to provide appropriate measures for the improvement of English language teaching so that the students' can compete more efficiently in the labor market.