ABSTRACT

This study focuses on investigating the factors influencing delayed master's research degree completion. Jamshoro is an educational city in the Jamshoro district of Hyderabad. Three universities are well-known in this area. Students from all over the world come here to study. Students face a variety of problems at the stage of research education, including "insufficient research skills." "Poor knowledge of topic undertaken by students" and many more. Therefore, the aim of this study is to conclude that failure to complete the master's thesis, basically it is a serious problem that demands immediate attention and proactive planning. It provides depth understanding of the master's thesis projects completion and non-completion that are influenced by some factors. Data were collected through the survey questionnaire, sample of the current study consisted of postgraduate students whose degree and thesis get delayed. The population of this research is three universities of Jamshoro Higher Education City (JHEC). "Mehran University of Engineering and Technology (MUET)", "University of Sindh", "Liaquat University of Medical and Health Science (LUMHS)". Quantitative data were gathered from the 255 respondents with a close-ended structured questionnaire. The expected results revealed that some factors delay the postgraduate degree and thesis, and the factors include, Inaccessibility when needed, insufficient research skills, poor knowledge of topic undertaken by students, delay in submitted work, frequent change of research topics, improper guideline on written work and failure to keep timing schedule of discussion of research work. It was suggested that universities should arrange compulsory orientation programs of postgraduate students yearly to provide them with exploration guides, and skills and point them properly on how to compose and complete thesis on the given time. Further research could be conducted as well in other public universities of Sindh."

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