

Dedication

To my parents and my family

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Abstract

(English Version)

This study aims to investigate the Preparatory Year Program (PYP) students' poor performance in writing skill for the course that has been delivered by the PYP department during one semester of study. An experiment and control group approach was employed in a view that to enable the researcher pin down where the problems lie within a short period of time. Pre-test and post-test along with teachers' questionnaire were used as research instruments. The study sample consists of 60 female students. Teachers were given a questionnaire. SPSS was used to analyze the data obtained. The major findings include: Firstly, one term is not enough to present and practice using the material. Secondly, teachers are not using suitable materials and methodologies to improve writing skill. Thirdly; the preparatory year program program at Imam university does not provide an effective plan to improve students writing skill.

مستخلص البحث

تهدف هذه الدراسة الى معرفة الاسباب التي أدت الي حصول طالبات البرنامج التحضيري لدرجات متدنية في منهج مهارات الكتابة في غضون فصل دراسي واحد. لقد اتبعت الباحثة طريقة التطبيق العملي للعينه التجريبية العشوائية و المجموعة الضابطة تم استخدام اختبارين تحصيليين في مادة المهارات الكتابية بالإضافة الي استبانة للأساتذة القائمين علي التدريس في البرنامج حيث تستنبط الاستبانة مدي كفاءة البرنامج التحضيري و فاعليته للطلاب ومدى تقبلهم و تحصيلهم في مادة المهارات الكتابية كأدوات للبحث. تشمل عينة الدراسة علي ٦٠ طالبة بكلية الشريعة بجامعة الامام محمد بن سعود بالمملكة العربية السعودية. لقد قامت الباحثة بتحليل بيانات الاختبار والاستبيان، مستخدمة طريقة النظام الاحصائي. وعلى هذا الأساس كانت النتائج كالآتي : اولاً: ان الفترة (فصل دراسي واحد) ليست كافية تماماً لعرض وتطبيق كل مادة المهارات الكتابية. ثانياً : لا يقدم الأساتذة القائمين علي البرنامج التحضيري للمادة وطريقة التدريس المناسبين من اجل تطوير مادة المهارات الكتابية. ثالثاً: ليس للبرنامج التحضيري بجامعة الامام خطه فعاله لتطوير مادة مهارات الكتابة لدى طلابها. وعلى هذا الاساس تم التوصيل الي عدد من النتائج والتوصيات في نهاية هذه الدراسة..

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List of Abbreviations

PYP	preparatory year program
APE	Advance Placement Exam
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test
GPA	Grade Point Average
ESL	English as A second Language
EFL	English as a Foreign Language
ELT	English Language Teaching