

THE ABSTRACT

Title: The Extent of Achievement in Student's Psycho-Social Needs in the West Bank Universities.

Purpose: The purpose of this study was to point out the differences among the three West Bank Universities: An-Najah, Birzeit, and Bethlehem in the extent of achievement in Psycho-Social needs of the students of both sexes and at the two levels: freshmen and seniors.

Procedures: The three West Bank universities: An-Najah, Birzeit, and Bethlehem of students of both sexes at the freshmen and senior levels participated in this study ($n = 320$).

The questionnaire of this study , which was designed by the researcher, consisted of 56 items. These items represented the needs which Chickering (1969) classified into seven vectors: Competence, Emotions, Autonomy, Identity, Interpersonal Relationships, Purpose, and Integrity.

The data were analyzed by using the Statistical Program for Social Science (SPSS). The one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to test statistically significant differences. The F-values were used to determine if there were significant differences at the alpha level of $P < .05$.

Major Findings:

- (1) There were no significant statistical differences ($P < .05$) among the three universities: An-Najah, Birzeit, and Bethlehem, however, Birzeit University had a higher statistical mean difference on the vector "purpose" than the other two universities; (Bethlehem and An-Najah).

- (2) There were no significant statistical differences ($p < .05$) in the extent of achievement with respect to sex.
- (3) There were no significant statistical differences ($p < .05$) in the extent of achievement with respect to university levels: freshmen and senior.

Recommendations: As a result of this study the following is recommended:

- (1) A Study should be conducted to analyze the extent of psycho-social need achievement in the different academic program in West Bank Universities.
- (2) A longitudinal study should be conducted to investigate the psycho-social need achievement of students from freshmen to senior levels in West Bank universities.