

Mastery of information technology among Malay language students

ABSTRACT

Information and communication technology skills are some of the most important components that are emphasized by employers today. This rapid technological development makes the curriculum in institutions of higher learning to apply technological elements in teaching and learning. Students are not left behind in the field of language to enable them to compete in the career market after completing their studies. To that end, a survey using a questionnaire was conducted to identify the level of information and communication technology skills among students in the field of language. A total of 30 samples from 9(30.0%) men and 21(70.0%) were female students in the fifth semester to the final semester of the bachelor of Arts (Malay Language and Linguistics). In total, 11(36.7%) students are moderately skilled and 19(63.3%) are highly skilled in information and communication technology skills. Most of the students surveyed also spend more than seven hours surfing the Internet which is usually browsed through their respective smartphones. Usually, these students surf the Internet to access email, for entertainment and curiosity.

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