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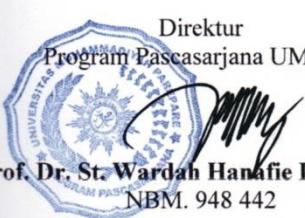
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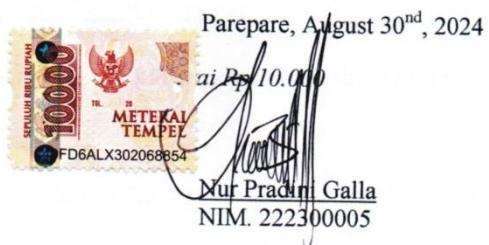
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ABSTRACT

Procrastination in writing a thesis is a common phenomenon among students who are completing their academic projects. Therefore, this research aims to determine the factors underlying the occurrence of academic procrastination in thesis writing among undergraduate students at IAIN Parepare, South Sulawesi. This research addresses the common problem of procrastination that hinders the completion of final academic projects, impacting students' academic progress and overall achievement. The problems studied are the dominant internal and external factors that influence students in delaying writing their thesis, as well as the challenges faced and the solutions taken.

This research uses a mixed methods research design, combining quantitative data from questionnaires and qualitative data from in-depth interviews. The quantitative aspect involves surveys distributed to students to determine the factors that contribute to procrastination, while the qualitative aspect focuses on student perceptions through in-depth interviews. The research sample consisted of 19 students from the 2017 academic year. Then 8 of the 19 students were selected for further interviews to obtain in-depth information about why they procrastinated. This student was identified as someone who likes to procrastinate. This is based on data from faculty academic records obtained during initial observations.

Findings reveal that internal factors, such as lack of motivation, poor time management, and low self-discipline, are significant contributors to procrastination. External factors, including environmental and financial disturbances, and lack of guidance from supervisors, further exacerbate delays in completing the thesis. This research also highlights the psychological burden that student's face, characterized by anxiety, fear of failure, and perfectionism, which contribute to their procrastination behavior. In response to these challenges, students adopt a variety of strategies, including seeking external motivation, increasing self-awareness, setting clear priorities, and creating structured plans to manage their time effectively. The study concluded that addressing internal and external factors is critical in reducing procrastination and increasing student academic success. Educational institutions should provide targeted support, such as counseling and time management workshops, to help students overcome procrastination and complete their theses on time.

ABSTRACT

Penundaan dalam menulis skripsi merupakan fenomena umum di kalangan mahasiswa yang sedang menyelesaikan proyek akademiknya. Maka dari itu penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui faktor-faktor yang mendasari terjadinya prokrastinasi akademik dalam penulisan skripsi di kalangan mahasiswa S1 di IAIN Parepare, Sulawesi Selatan. Penelitian ini membahas masalah umum penundaan yang menghambat penyelesaian proyek akademik akhir, yang berdampak pada kemajuan akademik dan prestasi siswa secara keseluruhan. Permasalahan yang diteliti adalah faktor dominan internal dan eksternal yang mempengaruhi mahasiswa dalam menunda penulisan skripsi, serta tantangan yang dihadapi dan solusi yang diambil.

Penelitian ini menggunakan Desain penelitian metode campuran, menggabungkan data kuantitatif dari kuesioner dan kualitatif dari wawancara mendalam. Aspek kuantitatif melibatkan survei yang didistribusikan kepada mahasiswa untuk mengetahui faktor-faktor yang berkontribusi terhadap penundaan, sedangkan aspek kualitatif berfokus pada persepsi mahasiswa melalui depth interview. Sampel penelitian terdiri dari 19 mahasiswa tahun akademik 2017. Kemudian 8 dari 19 m Mahasiswa dipilih untuk wawancara lebih lanjut untuk mendapatkan informasi mendalam mengenai mengapa mereka melakukan penunda-nundaan. Mahasiswa ini diidentifikasi sebagai orang yang suka menunda-nunda. Hal ini berdasarkan data dari catatan akademik fakultas yang diperoleh pada observasi awal.

Temuan mengungkapkan bahwa faktor internal, seperti kurangnya motivasi, manajemen waktu yang buruk, dan rendahnya disiplin diri, merupakan kontributor signifikan terhadap penundaan. Faktor eksternal, antara lain gangguan lingkungan, financial, dan kurangnya bimbingan dari dosen pembimbing, semakin memperparah keterlambatan penyelesaian skripsi. Penelitian ini juga menyoroti beban psikologis yang dihadapi siswa, ditandai dengan kecemasan, ketakutan akan kegagalan, dan perfeksionisme, yang berkontribusi terhadap perilaku penundaan mereka. Menanggapi tantangan tersebut, siswa mengadopsi berbagai strategi, termasuk mencari motivasi eksternal, meningkatkan kesadaran diri, menetapkan prioritas yang jelas, dan membuat rencana terstruktur untuk mengatur waktu mereka secara efektif. Studi ini menyimpulkan bahwa mengatasi faktor internal dan eksternal sangat penting dalam mengurangi penundaan dan meningkatkan keberhasilan akademik siswa. Institusi pendidikan harus memberikan dukungan yang ditargetkan, seperti lokakarya konseling dan manajemen waktu, untuk membantu siswa mengatasi penundaan dan menyelesaikan tesis mereka tepat waktu.

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