A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON PSYCHOLOGY
GRADUATE STUDENTS’ LEARNING
DIFFICULTIES AND SATISFACTION FROM
THREE TYPES OF UNIVERSITY IN THAILAND

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Abstract: This study mainly aimed to identify and compare the Psychology graduate students’ learning difficulties and satisfaction from three different types of university in Thailand, including Assumption University, Chulalongkorn University and Burapha University. All 99 students who currently study in Psychology graduate program of three universities during 2013-2014 were used as the sample for this study. The study used descriptive statistics, including frequency, percentage, means, standard divisions, and one way ANOVA to deal with the data. Analyzing of the collected data, the study reported the demographics and other background information of the current Psychology graduate students from three universities; identified their learning difficulties; determined and compared their learning satisfaction from these three different types of University in Thailand. Significant difference of the students’ satisfaction between the private university and the public university was found by the study.

Keywords: Learning Difficulty, Learning Satisfaction, Graduate Students, Assumption University, Chulalongkorn University, Burapha University, Thailand

Introduction
Higher education institutions in Thailand comprise public and private universities, institutions, colleges, and community colleges. Those higher education institutions and community colleges were under the jurisdiction of the Commission on Higher Education (CHE), Ministry of Education. As for the universities, according to CHE, there are mainly three types of university, including private university, public university and autonomous public university. Therefore, comparative studies among three types of university should be very meaningful and reflected future perspectives of Thailand’s higher education to some extent.

In Thailand, as the first and biggest international university Assumption University was regarded as the best private university for years, as everyone in Thailand knows. Of course, Chulalongkorn University is no doubt as the best representative for the public university in Thailand, which confirmed the world university rank even. And as for the autonomous public university, Burapha University is regarded as the top typical representative for autonomous public university in Thailand.

Therefore, this study used the graduate students who currently study in graduate school of Psychology program of three universities during 2013-2014 as the target group, investigated on the demographics and background information of the current graduate students from three universities were conduct; identified their learning difficulties; and also compared their learning satisfaction from these three different types of university in Thailand.

Objectives
This research had three main objectives:
1. To identify the Psychology graduate students’ learning difficulties from three different types of university in Thailand, including Assumption University, Chulalongkorn University and Burapha University.
2. To determine the Psychology graduate students’ learning satisfaction in three different types of university in Thailand.
3. To compare their satisfaction from three types of university in Thailand.

Literature Review
Learning at Graduate School Level
Graduate-level educations in all three universities are very popular, which appealed many Thai and international students to study in. Since graduate school period of learning is very different from their undergraduate experiences in term of leaning depth and learning ways, such as learning at graduate school level needs the

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