

THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING GLOBAL COMPETENCIES IN PREPARING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO BE 21st CENTURY LEADERS: A CASE STUDY APPROACH OF AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN JAKARTA

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ABSTRACT

University students as future leaders must possess good competence to compete in the global world. Students are spearhead prospective competitors in global competition since the future in all fields must be owned by new people who have the mindset of the times. Some universities have begun to equip their students to be ready for the global era. However, there are still many colleges that only provide academic knowledge but do not equip their students with the competencies needed in today's global era. As a result there are a lot of university graduates are not ready to compete with overseas graduates. To obtain a clear point of view from the participants, in-depth interviews were employed in this study to obtain the perception of the participants on global competencies. This study also employed questionnaires to triangulate the instruments to support the data gained by interviews. The research proved that university should have a specific strategy to equip students in order to get ready to be 21st century leaders.

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