

ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this study was to investigate the English language writing skills needs and expectations of employers and undergraduates of Computer Engineering in the National Defence University and map them with the current English Language syllabus which are offered. The subjects involved in the study were the employers of various technical departments in the Malaysian Armed Forces and students of Degree in Computer Engineering who were undergoing Bachelors in Computer Engineering programme in the National Defence University in Kuala Lumpur. In gathering the data for this research, the instruments applied were a set of questionnaires and short interviews with the employers. Another set of questionnaire was used to collect data from the students. Based on the overall findings, it was evident that there was a mismatch in the content of the ESP writing course offered to the students and the needs and expectations of the employers and students. There was an urge to review the current ESP writing syllabus to ensure it matches the needs and expectations of the employers and the students. This was in line with the aim to help the undergraduates prepare for their writing needs at the workplace.

ABSTRAK

Tujuan utama kajian ini ialah menyelidik keperluan dan harapan majikan dan siswa dari program Kejuruteraan Komputer di Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM) sebagai persediaan untuk mereka ke alam pekerjaan. Selain itu, tujuannya ialah untuk mengurangkan jurang perbezaan di antara silibus subjek ESP Writing yang sedang ditawarkan di (UPNM) dan keperluan graduan di tempat pekerjaan mereka. Subjek yang terlibat di dalam penyelidikan ini ialah majikan-majikan dari pelbagai jabatan teknikal di dalam Angkatan Tentera Malaysia dan juga siswa-siswa dari program Kejuruteraan Komputer di UPNM Kuala Lumpur. Metodologi yang digunakan di dalam penyelidikan ini ialah borang kaji selidik dan temubual dengan majikan. Satu set borang kaji selidik yang lain digunakan untuk mengumpulkan data dari siswa. Hasil dari keseluruhan dapatan penyelidikan, telah terbukti bahawa terdapat jurang di dalam isi kandungan subjek ESP Writing yang sedang ditawarkan kepada siswa berbanding keperluan dan harapan majikan dan siswa. Kesimpulannya satu pengubahsuaian amatlah perlu dilakukan ke atas silibus ESP Writing tersebut untuk memastikan ianya menepati keperluan pekerjaan dan keperluan siswa Kejuruteraan Komputer di UPNM.

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