

**THE ROLE OF ICT IN STUDENTS AND THEIR TERTIARY
STUDIES IN SAMOA**

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ABSTRACT

Information and Communication Technologies play a paramount role in the development of Education worldwide including small island nations such as Samoa. The availability of vast Information and advance technological developments in Tertiary Education Institutions allow students to encounter the frequent use of ICT in their studies. This paper is based on the role of ICT in Tertiary Education in Samoa. The study was conducted using 300 randomly selected students regardless of which Institution they are enrolled in. Data were collected by questionnaires and interviews and analyzed by Microsoft Excel. The study revealed that Information and Communication Technologies profoundly contributes in improving their learning skills and simplifying their ways of studying, and have paved the way to their academic success. The study also showed need of improving ICT resources as the increasing numbers of students limit the access to various Information and Communication Technologies.

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