

6.4 Relationship between Academic Performance and Student Selection Criteria

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ABSTRACT

Sri Lanka is known as the country with very low enrolment ratio in tertiary education. Due to the limited resources and free education system those who are eligible for entering in to universities are prioritized based on their Z-Score and district.. Therefore there is a tendency to select student with higher Z-Score from each district.

Study was design to evaluate the relationship between, selection criteria and academic performances of B Com students in the University of Kelaniya. I have applied inductive method for the study. as well as used secondary data. Population is the B Com students in the University of Kelaniya and sample size was 350. For the analysis, I have compared Z-Score and Gender with GPA of the students and also compared average GPA with average Z-Score.

Findings of the study show that there is no significant relationship between Z-Score and GPA. Students, who got the higher Z-Score in A/L. didn't get the higher GPA in university ($r^2= 0.1411$). And also there is no any relationship between gender and GPA as well as both male and female students performed equally ($r^2= 0.505$). Relationship between average GPA and average Z-Score in all district, is poor and positive. $r^2= 0.2337$.. This shows that students from rural areas are also performing equally with students from urban districts.