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## **Internet resources usage and its impact for academic performance of undergraduates: A case study of Faculty of Visual Arts**

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### **Abstract**

Internet is the most popular and most significant information and communication technology for all the peoples in all over the world. Nowadays, it has become the indispensable and fastest portal for access to the wide range of information. At the same time Internet helps University student to achieve their academic goals and to sharp their academic knowledge. Under these circumstances, it is important to find out the contribution of Internet resources usage for students' academic performance and this study will be beneficial for students as well as for higher education institutions by increasing the effectiveness of Internet services. In this study the researcher investigated that the Internet resources usage and its impact for academic performance of undergraduates in University of the Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA) as a case study of Faculty of Visual Arts. As the research design, questionnaire-based survey method was adopted among 200 number of students in the faculty. This sample has been consisted in randomly selected 50 number of students from each year. The intentions of this study were to find out contribution, students' attitude, Internet resources usage towards students' academic performance and what problems has the user encountered when searching the information on the Internet. The research findings indicate that the Internet resources has made an more impact on their academic performance such as examinations, assignments, writing best dissertations, doing new researches and seeking information to supplement the note given by the lecturers, etc. According to those results Internet resource had positively influenced their academic performance. But, all respondents had indicated that one constraint or issues to the use of Internet. Mainly they indicated that the University does not provide adequate or clear guidance about Internet resources. Further the study recommends that the university should embark on compulsory advance Information literacy program and also need to enhance the IT base learning environment for students in order to effectively harness the Internet resources rather than the present era. Besides of that University should provide proper guidance to students on appropriate ways of using the Internet to positively enhance academic performance.

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