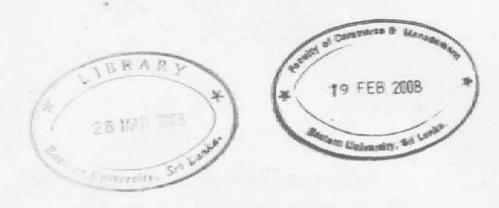
A STUDY ON NATURE AND APPLICATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES



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Abstract

The importance of Information Technology (IT) in the modern world can not be overemphasized. The impact of Information Technology on Education is expedient so as to objectively determine Nature and Application on University Undergraduate Programmes, this Study therefore assesses the Determinants of Application of Information Technology in University the environment.

To study the Nature and Applications on undergraduate programmes special reference given to the Faculty of Commerce and Management of the three Government Universities; Eastern University, University of Colombo and South Eastern University and were selected for the study.

Data were collected from Undergraduates representing four years of study. The collected data were analyzed using Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS 11.0) to decide on determinants of application of Information Technology in University Undergraduate Programmes based on the analyzed data.

There are Six variables considered for the study which include Information Technology resources, Control and Management of resources, Students' Competency, Curriculum Contents, Usage and Motivation, and Institutional Responsibility. On the three scales decision rules, the impact of Information Technology in University Undergraduate Programmes was moderate level and there are differences among the Universities in application of Information Technology in terms of analyzed variables. The study recommended that there should be provision for the Information Technology resources in different accessibility levels because which are the dominant determinants for the Application of Information Technology. And necessary measures should be taken for enhancing Students' Competency to benefit, from the both computational and Communicational capabilities of the Information Technology.

Key Words: Information Technology, Application, University, Undergraduate programmes

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