

# Academic, Social and Emotional Preparedness of First Year College Students Pursuing Accountancy, Business and Management Track in One Higher Education Institution

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## ABSTRACT

College preparation is productive and rewarding if the students have the right mind set after graduating from high school. It will be helpful to know the necessary skills to optimize the students' college readiness. College preparedness is not just about the academic aspect of the student's overall profile; thus it is only one element of an individual's well rounded set of skills. Other set of skills are emotional maturity and social skills. This study aimed to evaluate the level of academic, social and emotional preparedness of the students in pursuing business track. Two hundred fifty five business students were the respondents of the study. The profile of the respondents and their perception on academic, social and emotional readiness were evaluated and results were used as bases in formulating strategies to improve the students' academic, social and emotional readiness. Results show that majority of the respondents belong to 18 to 19 years old, mostly female, finished their secondary education in private schools, with general weighted average of 90-94%, mostly have family income of Php21,000 to 30,000 per month and majority are last born child. Based from the results, the students are prepared academically, socially and emotionally to enter college. However, academic preparedness should further be improved. Results revealed that there is no significant difference on academic and emotional preparedness of the respondents and their profile variables. However, a significant difference is shown in the respondent's social preparedness and sex. The data showed no significant difference in the respondents' social preparedness and other profile variables. Thus, relevant strategies need to be developed to enhance the students' preparedness when they enter college.

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