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The Effect of Working on Academic Success and Social Lives of University Students

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Abstract

In this research, it is aimed to find out how working to earn money while studying at the university affects university students' academic and social lives. The study is a qualitative research and "holistic single-case design" was used in the study. In the study, personal interview and convenient sampling techniques were used. The study group of the research was comprised of 34 students who were studying at Education Faculty of Afyon Kocatepe University in the academic year of 2012-2013 and working to earn money. In the research, 17 interview questions were used in semi-structured interview form to find out how working to earn money while studying at the university affects these university students' academic and social lives. Content analysis which is one of the qualitative data analysis techniques was used to analyze the findings of the study. The data obtained in the research was grouped and evaluated under these themes: (1) demographic information of students working to earn money, (2) opinions on working life, (3) features of social relationships and (4) personal financing sources and expenditures.

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