

EFFECT OF TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF MANAGEMENT STUDENTS

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Abstract

Time management has become a crucial skill for students in higher education, especially in management studies where academic workload and extracurricular responsibilities are significant. This study examines the effect of time management skills on the academic performance of management students. The objective is to analyze how planning, prioritization, and scheduling influence students' academic outcomes.

A quantitative research design was adopted, and data were collected from 150 management students using a structured questionnaire. Statistical tools such as percentage analysis, correlation, and regression were used for data interpretation. The results indicate a strong positive relationship between time management skills and academic performance.

Students who effectively manage their time tend to achieve higher grades and maintain better academic consistency. Additionally, goal setting and reduced procrastination significantly contribute to improved performance. The study concludes that enhancing time management skills can lead to better academic outcomes and recommends that educational institutions provide training programs to develop these skills.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

In today's competitive academic environment, students are required to balance multiple responsibilities, including coursework, assignments, internships, and extracurricular activities. Effective time management has emerged as a vital skill that enables students to organize their tasks efficiently and make optimal use of available time. Particularly in management education, where students are often exposed to practical projects, presentations, and case studies, the ability to manage time effectively plays a significant role in determining academic success. Time management involves planning, prioritizing tasks, setting goals, and minimizing distractions to enhance productivity and performance.

1.2 Problem Statement

Despite the importance of time management, many students struggle to allocate their time effectively, leading to procrastination, missed deadlines, and increased stress levels. Poor time management habits can negatively affect academic performance, resulting in lower grades and reduced learning outcomes. Management students, in particular, face additional challenges due to their demanding curriculum and involvement in various academic and non-academic activities. The lack of proper time management skills raises concerns about students' ability to perform well academically and prepare for future professional responsibilities. Therefore, it becomes essential to examine how time management skills influence academic performance.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The primary objective of this study is to analyze the impact of time management skills on the academic performance of management students. The specific objectives include:

- To assess the level of time management skills among management students.
- To evaluate the academic performance of the students.
- To examine the relationship between time management skills and academic performance.
- To identify key factors of time management, such as planning, prioritization, and avoidance of procrastination, that influence academic outcomes.

1.4 Significance of the Study

This study holds significant importance for students, educators, and academic institutions. For students, it highlights the role of effective time management in achieving better academic results and reducing stress. It encourages them to adopt structured planning and disciplined study habits. For educators, the findings provide insights into students' behavioral patterns and learning challenges, enabling them to design supportive teaching strategies and interventions. For educational institutions, the study emphasizes the need to incorporate time management training programs, workshops, and counseling sessions to enhance students' overall academic performance. Furthermore, the study contributes to the existing body of knowledge by providing empirical evidence on the relationship between time management skills and academic achievement, particularly in the context of management education.

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Concept of Time Management and Academic Performance

Time management is considered a crucial skill that influences academic success among students. It involves planning, organizing, and controlling time spent on various academic tasks. According to **Al Mehrzi & Singh (2018)**, structured planning and effective time utilization significantly enhance individual performance. In the academic context, students who allocate time efficiently are more likely to complete tasks on schedule and

achieve better results. Recent studies emphasize that time management is not only about managing time but also about managing priorities and responsibilities.

2.2 Time Management Skills and Student Performance

Several post-2018 studies highlight the positive relationship between time management skills and academic performance. **Bibi, Ahmad & Majid (2020)** found that proper planning and time allocation improve task efficiency and overall performance. Similarly, **Ariasari (2024)** reported that individuals with better time management skills demonstrate higher productivity and improved outcomes. In the context of students, effective time management leads to timely completion of assignments, better exam preparation, and improved academic achievement.

2.3 Role of Planning and Prioritization

Planning and prioritization are key elements of time management that directly impact academic success. Students who develop structured schedules and prioritize tasks based on urgency and importance tend to perform better academically. **Breevaart & Bakker (2018)** highlighted that proper planning enhances engagement and reduces work pressure, which ultimately leads to improved performance. In management education, where students deal with multiple assignments, presentations, and projects, prioritization plays a critical role in maintaining academic consistency.

2.4 Impact of Procrastination on Academic Performance

Procrastination is a major obstacle to effective time management. Studies conducted after 2018 show that students who frequently delay tasks experience lower academic performance. Procrastination leads to incomplete assignments, last-minute stress, and reduced quality of work. **Steel & Klingsieck (2019)** emphasized that procrastination negatively affects productivity and academic outcomes. However, adopting time management strategies such as setting clear deadlines and breaking tasks into smaller parts can help reduce procrastination and improve performance.

2.5 Time Management and Stress Reduction

Time management is also closely related to stress levels among students. Poor time management often results in increased academic pressure, anxiety, and burnout. **Macan (2019)** found that students who manage their time effectively experience lower stress and greater control over their academic tasks. Proper scheduling and time allocation allow students to balance academic and personal responsibilities, leading to better mental well-being and improved academic performance.

2.6 Research Gap

Although existing literature establishes a strong relationship between time management and performance, there is limited research specifically focused on management students in recent years. Most studies have examined general student populations or workplace settings. Furthermore, there is a lack of focused research on specific dimensions of time management, such as prioritization and procrastination, in relation to academic performance.

Therefore, this study aims to address this gap by analyzing the impact of time management skills on the academic performance of management students.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a quantitative research design to examine the effect of time management skills on the academic performance of management students. Primary data were collected through a structured questionnaire distributed to a sample of 150 students selected using convenience sampling. The questionnaire included items related to time management practices such as planning, prioritization, and avoidance of procrastination, along with measures of academic performance. Data analysis was conducted using statistical tools such as percentage analysis, correlation, and regression to identify relationships between variables. The study ensures reliability and validity by using standardized questions and maintaining consistency in data collection. Ethical considerations, including informed consent and confidentiality of respondents, were also strictly followed during the research process.

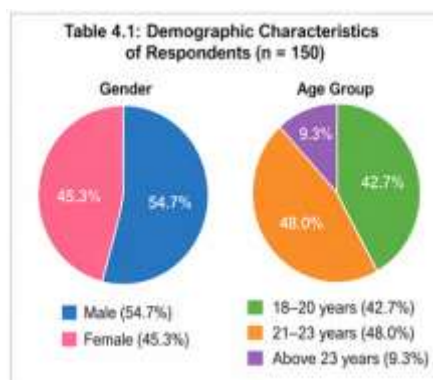
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section presents the analysis and interpretation of data collected from 150 management students regarding the impact of time management skills on their academic performance. The findings are organized into tables and explained to highlight key trends and relationships.

4.1 Demographic Profile of Respondents

Table 4.1: Demographic Characteristics of Respondents (n = 150)

Variable	Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender	Male	82	54.7%
	Female	68	45.3%
Age Group	18–20 years	64	42.7%
	21–23 years	72	48.0%
	Above 23	14	9.3%



Interpretation:

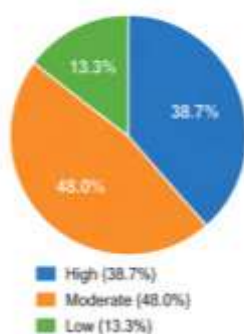
The majority of respondents are male (54.7%), while females constitute 45.3%. Most students fall within the 21–23 age group (48%), indicating that the sample largely consists of undergraduate and postgraduate management students in their prime academic years.

4.2 Level of Time Management Skills

Table 4.2: Time Management Skill Levels

Skill Level	Frequency	Percentage (%)
High	58	38.7%
Moderate	72	48.0%
Low	20	13.3%

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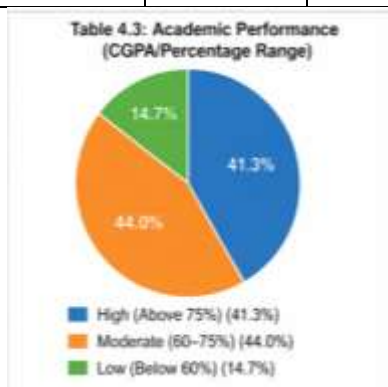
Interpretation:

The data shows that a majority of students (48%) possess moderate time management skills, while 38.7% demonstrate high skills. However, 13.3% of students still exhibit poor time management, indicating a need for improvement programs.

4.3 Academic Performance of Students

Table 4.3: Academic Performance (CGPA/Percentage Range)

Performance Level	Frequency	Percentage (%)
High (Above 75%)	62	41.3%
Moderate (60–75%)	66	44.0%
Low (Below 60%)	22	14.7%



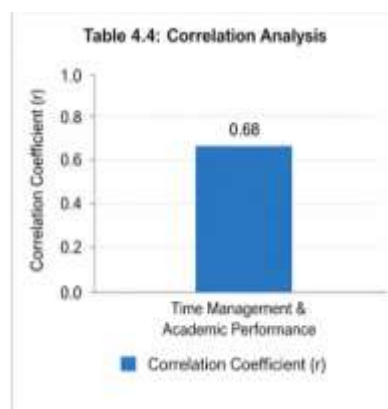
Interpretation:

Most students fall in the moderate performance category (44%), followed by high performers (41.3%). A smaller portion (14.7%) shows low academic performance, which may be linked to ineffective study habits and poor time management.

4.4 Relationship Between Time Management and Academic Performance

Table 4.4: Correlation Analysis

Variables	Correlation Coefficient (r)	Significance
Time Management & Academic Performance	0.68	Significant



Interpretation:

The correlation coefficient ($r = 0.68$) indicates a strong positive relationship between time management skills and academic performance. This suggests that students who manage their time effectively are more likely to achieve better academic results.

4.5 Impact of Time Management Factors

Table 4.5: Key Time Management Factors Influencing Performance

Factor	Mean Score	Interpretation
Planning	4.2	High Impact
Prioritization	4.0	High Impact
Avoidance of Procrastination	3.8	Moderate Impact
Scheduling	4.1	High Impact



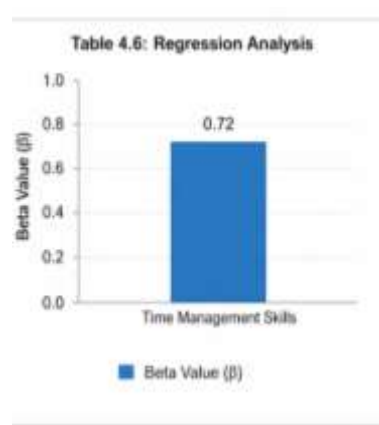
Interpretation:

Planning and scheduling show the highest mean scores, indicating they have the strongest impact on academic performance. Prioritization also plays a crucial role, while avoidance of procrastination shows moderate influence but remains an important factor.

4.6 Regression Analysis

Table 4.6: Regression Results

Variable	Beta Value	Significance
Time Management Skills	0.72	Significant



Interpretation:

The regression analysis reveals that time management skills significantly predict academic performance ($\beta = 0.72$). This indicates that improvements in time management skills can lead to substantial enhancement in students' academic outcomes.

4.7 Discussion of Findings

The findings of this study clearly indicate that time management plays a vital role in determining academic performance among management students. The majority of students demonstrate moderate to high levels of time management skills, which aligns with their relatively good academic performance. The strong positive correlation between time management and academic performance confirms that students who plan, prioritize, and manage their time effectively achieve better results.

Furthermore, the regression analysis confirms that time management skills significantly contribute to academic success, making it a key predictor of student performance. Students with poor time management skills tend to fall into the low-performance category, indicating the negative impact of ineffective time utilization.

Overall, the study demonstrates that improving time management skills can lead to better academic outcomes. It suggests that students should adopt effective planning strategies and avoid procrastination, while educational institutions should provide training and support to enhance students' time management abilities.

CONCLUSION

This study examined the effect of time management skills on the academic performance of management students. The findings clearly indicate that time management plays a crucial role in determining students' academic success. A majority of respondents demonstrated moderate to high levels of time management skills, which were positively associated with their academic performance. The statistical analysis, including correlation and regression, confirmed a strong and significant relationship between effective time management practices and improved academic outcomes.

The study highlights that key components of time management—such as planning, prioritization, scheduling, and avoidance of procrastination—significantly influence students' ability to perform well academically. Students who effectively organize their time are more likely to complete assignments on schedule, prepare

adequately for examinations, and maintain consistency in their studies. On the other hand, poor time management leads to delays, increased stress, and lower academic achievement. These findings reinforce the importance of developing structured study habits among management students.

From a practical perspective, the study has important implications for students, educators, and academic institutions. Students should focus on enhancing their time management skills by adopting proper planning techniques and minimizing distractions. Educators can support this by guiding students on effective study strategies and monitoring their progress. Institutions should consider integrating time management training programs, workshops, and counseling sessions into their curriculum to help students improve their productivity and academic performance.

Despite its contributions, the study has certain limitations, such as reliance on self-reported data and a limited sample size. Future research can expand the scope by including larger and more diverse samples, as well as exploring additional factors such as digital distractions, stress management, and personality traits. Longitudinal studies may also provide deeper insights into how time management skills develop over time. Overall, the study concludes that effective time management is a key factor in achieving academic excellence among management students.

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