

HOW FEMALE STUDENTS COPE WITH STUDIES IN OUHK

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ABSTRACT

In traditional Chinese society, women's subordination is mainly due to their confinement to the home and dependence on the males as the sole breadwinner. Nowadays in Hong Kong, many people think that the inequality gap between men and women, an remnant from this patriarchal tradition, still exists.

This paper will investigate what obstacles a female student will have when studying in OUHK, how she is able to overcome all the difficulties and, based on the experiences of students in one course investigate strategies used by successful female students and what student supports can be further provided to facilitate a woman student to complete the course. The 34 female high achievers were asked to participate in this study and 32 of them responded.

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