

# CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS TO DROPPING OUT OF SVAY RIENG UNIVERSITY, CAMBODIA

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## Abstract

The purpose of the research was to determine causes and find solutions to the decision about dropping out of Svay Rieng University, Cambodia. The study employed a quantitative approach along with questionnaires used to collect primary data from 144 dropout students. A 5-point interval Likert scale measured the respondents' perception of the major reasons driving university dropout at the respective campus under study. Six factors formulated in the questionnaire were the reasons for dropout according to, students' finance, student's study plan, family situation, university, and teachers. Reliability and validity tests of the measures from the questionnaire were conducted to explore hidden dimensions of the collected data prior to investigating statistically significant major factors driving university dropout. Mean and standard deviation techniques were applied to describe the perceptions of respondents various reasons with the help of SPSS put in full software. The results of the analysis showed that the reasons for deciding to drop out of university consisted of low ability of foreign language, obligation to support families, difficulty in setting specific educational goals, low family income, improper maintenance of university infrastructure, and misapply theory to real practice. Recommendations for preventing the university dropouts were strengthening foreign language skills, increasing communication and counseling with students and families, improving university infrastructure, teaching qualifications, and connecting theory with real practice.

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