



IMPACT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESSORS ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN KP

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ABSTRACT

The current research aimed at to examine the impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement among university students in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. It was a quantitative survey study conducted in five public sector universities of KP. These universities were Hazara, Haripur, Gomal, Abdul Wali Khan and Malakand, which represented the southern KP, central KP and northern KP so that the results of the study could be generalized to the entire province. The respondents of the study comprised of BS students of four departments (Economics, Education, Botany and Zoology) from selected universities. Data has been taken from (n=400) bs university students, 80 respondents from each university and 20 respondents from each department were randomly selected. An adopted questionnaire (Lovibond & Lovibond, 1995) DASS 21 (depression, anxiety and stress), was used for data collection. A Multi stage random Probability sampling technique was used to select the sample. Causal predictive research design was adopted to achieve the objective. For the achievement of present research objective, data was composed by using an updated questionnaire and analyzed by SPSS. The following statistical methods were used: Chi square, frequency test, Pearson correlation test, multi regression analysis, independent sample t-test, linear regression analysis, scatter plots, normal curve figure and descriptive statistical analysis were used for analysis of data. Findings of the study revealed that majority of the students had moderate level of stress, anxiety and depression. Only 23 students 5.75% GPA remained in the range of 1.50 to 2.50 which is regarded as low academic achievement level. Similarly, 66 students 16.50% GPA remained in the range of 2.51 to 2.9 which is regarded as average level, while 311 students GPA remained in the range of 3.00 to 4.00 which is high academic achievement level among university students. The findings revealed that there was significant positive correlation between independent variables of depression, anxiety, stress, total Dass tool and academic achievement. In regression analysis the findings indicated that there was no statistically significant relationship between independent variables of total Dass tool and dependent variable of GPA. The study paves way for further investigation in the field in Pakistan.

Operational Definitions of the Key Terms

DASS

Depression, Anxiety and Stress Scale

Psychological stressors

Psychological stressors are social and physical circumstances that challenge the adaptive capabilities and resources of an individual, such as an unrealistic beliefs and expectations, worrying, loss of job, money problems, low self-esteem, exams, caring a sick one, loss of loved ones and competitions.



Depression

Depression is a mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest. It affects how one feels, thinks and behaves and can lead to a variety of emotional and physical problems.

Academic achievement

Academic achievement means academic outcomes that indicate the extent to which a student has achieved learning goals, completing educational benchmarks, detailed marks sheets, result cards and degrees measured through examinations or assessments.

Anxiety

A feeling of worry, fear, nervousness, dread, uneasiness, restlessness, tense about something with an uncertain outcome.

G power analysis

G power is a tool to compute statistical power analysis for many different tests such as t test, f test, z test and chi square test.

INTRODUCTION

In the 21st century, education has become a high-stakes endeavour, with both teachers and administrators under constant scrutiny regarding student achievement. The quality of alumnus education is now a world-wide concern. According to the *Nature Careers Graduate Survey 2022*, the compression and vagueness within graduate education have become significant challenges, as student satisfaction with their programs decreased as in 2019 satisfaction ratio is 71% and in 2022 it was 62% (Woolston, 2022). According to Woolston (2022), "If this keeps up, we are not going to be able to produce enough people who are excited about tackling the world's most difficult problems." This highlights the importance of investigating the factors influencing academic achievement among university students. Higher education of Pakistan's enrolment rate is only 13% far behind hand countries like India (30%), Bangladesh (35%), and China 96%). Each youngster will be registered in school within five years, with a concentration on 100% primary school enrolment (Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives (Dated:11 Feb 2025). Education in Pakistan literacy rate is 61% for 10 years and above. Within Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)4, which focuses on quality education, target 4.6 aims to ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults achieve literacy and numeracy by 2030.

Education in the 21st century has become a high-stake game in which psychological stressors (depression, anxiety and stress) plays a very vital role in academic achievement of pupils. Education is one of the greatest imperative factors which plays key part in the progress of a country. The state of literacy in Pakistan is weak. It has proved itself to be one of the biggest obstacles in the national development of the country. It is being criticised for its increasing dropout rates at BS level, as it has not delivered according to the needs and aspiration of different stakeholders in the country. Defective educational structure, in-adequate physical facilities, lack of social support and increasing rate of psychological stressors (depression, anxiety) result in decline of educational standards with each passing day (Rashid&Mukhtar,2012). In our country, such as to many just beginning countries, is distressing with rigours social and economic troubles like scarcity, joblessness, price rises and terrible physical condition. Learning is considered the efficient scheme for reducing these problems, by alterations in most sections of individual survival. In many developing countries, including Pakistan, students face numerous socio-economic challenges, such as scarcity, unemployment, inflation, and poor health conditions. Education is seen as a pathway



to alleviate these problems and recover the excellence of life. The goal of this research is to explore socio-economic factors affecting higher education in Pakistan, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Higher education in KP is provided by a network of colleges and universities. In KP Bureau of Statistics, (2008-09). Furthermore, 30,751 students were enrolled in seven public universities, with 1,671 teaching staff (Khatak et al., 2017). Psychological stressors such as depression, anxiety, and stress create important challenges to students. These stressors can direct to a range of unconstructive consequences, as well as poor health, arousing, misery, reduced academic performance, poorer output, and difficulty concentrating in class (Monroe & Slavish, 2016). Stress over making the tasks, work, job, research is reducing the performance of an individual. What matters that an individual work is clear, honest and makes the sense and reflect the hard work and dedication towards an individual cause. Even the best studies have limitations, and that's completely normal instead of chasing perfection, an individual should focus on good questions and finding solid answers. Stress, for instance, can reduce inspiration, hold back academic achievement, and increase dropout rates (Pascoe et al., 2020). Anxiety is considered by opinion of fear, uneasiness, and unease, while depression is a temper syndrome which comprises constant desolation and a lack of interest (DSM-5). It is essential in justifying these stressors, supportive dealings with family, friends, teachers, and peers can increase students' academic outcomes (Cohen, 2004).

Pakistan faces challenges such as a literacy rate of only 57%, with males at 69% and females at 45% (Economic Survey of Pakistan, 2009-10). Pakistan ranks 136th globally due to a low Human Development Index of 0.551 (UNDP, 2008). Education spending accounts for only 2.13% of GDP from 2000-2008 (Economic Survey of Pakistan, 2008-09). The objective of this research is to investigate the association between psychological stressors and academic achievement among university students. Despite the recognition of psychological stressors challenges in education, it is often overlooked how these stressors affect students' academic performance. Current developments in psychological health have decorated the visibility of these issues, particularly amongst students. Facts suggests that students' psychological health can be prejudiced by socio-demographic factors, physical and psychological aspects, and ecological circumstances (Teunissen et al., 2014). How students deal with psychological stress to a great extent influences its impact on their psychological wellbeing and academic achievement.

The university practice, which exposes students to different social circumstances and academic pressures, can be traumatic (Gall et al., 2000). As student's conversion into higher education, they must assemble academic principles and adjust to new challenges, as well as overseeing their time, resources, and interpersonal relationships (Ong et al., 2009).

Academic achievement is a compound processes that adding academic, expressive, and social development. GPA is frequently used as a key in pointer of academic success (Tilahun et al., 2020), and it is related to many emotional consequences, such as stress, anxiety, and depression, which can harmfully influence students' academic performance (Tilahun et al., 2020). In spite of the investigation on academic stress, there is a lack of literature addressing the sole tasks challenged by students in Pakistan, particularly in terms of the effect of psychological stressors and on their educational success.

Psychosomatic stressors, like as depression, anxiety, and stress, have a deep influence on students' mental health and academic accomplishment (Monroe & Slavich, 2016). Academic achievement is defined by students' capability to meet the goals set by their educational

institutions, such as achieving high results and implementation of coursework. The present research aims to discover in what way psychological stressors affect mental wellbeing and academic achievement in university students. This research is mostly significant in the perspective of Pakistan, where there is limited literature on the correlation among these factors.

Statement of the Problem:

In existing educational system, psychological stressors such as depression, anxiety, and stress are the important factors that pressure unhelpfully on the academic performance of campus students. It is the crucial function which psychological stressors plays in students' capacity to be successful academically, there is limited research and consciousness about the impact of these psychological stressors in Pakistan, especially at the university level. With the growing pressures of academic life, students are gradually more confronted with mental health challenges, which not only influence they're on the whole wellbeing but also hamper their academic achievement. In Pakistan, the educational structure faces abundant challenges, including limited psychological stressors and mental health resources, insufficient support systems, and increasing socio-economic disparities that aggravate the academic stress practised by students. In spite of the increasing identification of the importance of psychological stressors in academic accomplishment, there is a gap in the research concerning how these stressors distinctively impact on university students in Pakistan.

In addition, the educational infrastructure in Pakistan, attached with socio-economic pressures and partial access to psychological health services, may make students more helpless to the negative effects of stress, anxiety, and depression. These psychosomatic issues can obvious in poor academic achievement, reduced inspiration, high give up rates, and a lack of commitment with coursework. The existing lack of consciousness among students, educators, and policymakers about the significance of addressing psychological stressors creates a state where students' academic potential is not completely realized, and their academic success suffers. The dilemma is further compounded by the cultural disgrace adjoining depression, anxiety and stress in Pakistan, which frequently leads to a lack of unlock talks and interventions for psychological stressors challenges among students. As a consequence, students may not look for the essential help or supervision, leading to a negative sequence that impacts their academic achievement and on the whole development. This study, as a result, seeks to deal with the important gap in the existing literature by researching the association among psychological stressors, and academic achievement among university students in Pakistan. By investigating how depression, anxiety, and stress affect academic achievement, the research objectives to present precious perceptions for educational institutions, policymakers, and intellectual health professionals. It is fundamental to comprehend how psychological problems can cooperate to develop students' academic experiences and outcomes, at last nurturing a more accommodating and dynamic learning environment. This research will contribute to enhanced and accepting the academic struggles faced by university students in Pakistan and emphasize the need for interventions that address academic accomplishment.

Objectives of the Study

1. To find out the level of psychological stressors and academic achievement of university students.

2. To examine the impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement of university students.

Research Questions

1. What is the level of psychological stressors among university students?
2. What role do psychological stressors play in predicting the academic achievement among university students in KP?
3. What is the level of academic performance of university students in KP?
4. What is the impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement of university students in KP?

Hypothesis of the study

For achieving objectives following null hypothesis were tested:

H01: There is no significant impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement of university students.

H02: There is significant impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement of university students.

Significance of the Study

Students usually self-report suffering ongoing stress relating to their education, which we denote to as academic-related stress, like as compression to achieve high marks and apprehensions about getting poor grades such as the Organization For economic co-operation and Development (OECD) newly conducted a survey concerning 72 countries and containing of 540000 student respondents aged 15-16 years. On average across OECD countries, 66% of students stated feeling stressed about poor grades and 59% reported that they frequently worry that taking a test will be difficult. The OECD further found that 55% of students feel very nervous about school testing, even they are well prepared. As many 37% of students conveyed feeling very anxious when studying, with girls' consistency reporting greater anxiety related to schoolwork associated to boys (OECD,2017). Student learning and academic achievement represent the ultimate outcomes of quality education, yet the factors influencing these outcomes go beyond just the curriculum and teaching methods. While factors such as cognitive ability and educational strategies are important, students' psychology and psychological well-being also play a momentous role in their ability to learn and succeed academically. A systematic review of 13 studies indicated that an individual's undertaking higher education, self-reported levels of stress are associated with poorer quality of life (Riberio et al., 2017). Acknowledging and confirming these psychological factors, it is necessary to provide the foundations and sources for interventions that can accelerate the student learning and academic performance. As a teacher and researcher, the researcher is particularly interested in exploring how these factors—especially psychological stressors—impact students' academic achievements. This research has considerable value in universities of developing countries like Pakistan, where many students face significant challenges which impact their academic performance particularly, psychological stressors such as anxiety, depression, and stress have become prevalent amongst university students and have profound negative effects on their theoretical presentation. The severe consequences of these stressors not only affect the students themselves but also have far-reaching implications for society as a whole. Unfortunately, the awareness and support systems in place to help students to manage these stressors are often lacking in developing countries. A sound Physical and psychological steps reduces stress, anxiety and chronic diseases, maintains healthy weight, improves sleep, boost immune system, improves mood, enhances cognitive function, support

mental health and economic benefits such as reduces healthcare costs, increases productivity, supports economic growth. One of the most pressing reasons for investigating the impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement comes from recent events that have highlighted the status of solving psychological strength matters among university students. In one such case, the tragic suicide of a student from a private institution in Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan, drew significant public attention and highlighted the severity of psychological issues among university students. This tragedy brought to light the growing concern over psychological stressors such as depression, anxiety and stress and under-discussed often taboo nature of psychological issues within educational institutions. It also sparked a sense of urgency in researchers, educators, and policymakers to create the association among psychological stressors and academic performance in greater depth. This study pursued to fill this gap by investigating the influence of psychological stressors on academic success among students in Pakistani universities. By identifying the factors contributing to psychological challenges, the researcher expects to provide recommendations for how educational institutions can better support their students in overcoming these challenges and improving their academic outcomes.

- i) Identifying the root causes of poor academic success among university students: The research will assist educational institutions in recognizing the underlying factors contributing to psychological stressors that hinder students' academic performance and overall well-being.
- ii) Reducing the impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement: This study aims to recognize approaches and involvements that can mitigate the negative effects of psychological stressors on students' academic performance. By improving students', the researcher aims to foster essential skills such as inspiration, critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, and learning capability among university students.
- iii) Understanding relationship between psychological stressors and academic performance: The research will provide valuable insights to both the academic and clinical sectors about how psychological stressors affect the academic success. This understanding will guide interventions that can address both the emotional and academic needs of students.
- iv) Supporting stakeholders in addressing psychological stressors: The findings of this research will assist policymakers, educational leaders, and professionals in Pakistan by helping them understand how psychological stressors affect students and their academic performance.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE.

Psychological Stressors

Psychological stressors are events, situations, or conditions that trigger a stress response in an individual, negatively affecting their mental and emotional well-being. These stressors can come in many forms, such as academic pressure, heavy workloads, high expectations, competition, and financial concerns like tuition fees, living expenses, and debt. They can also arise from social dynamics, including friendships, romantic relationships, and social media, as well as the challenges of transitioning to independence and managing new responsibilities (Wintre & Yaffe, 2000). Other psychological stressors include work-related issues, financial anxieties, negative self-talk, and perfectionism, fear of failure, self-doubt, and unrealistic expectations. Major life changes, such as moving, job loss, or the death of a loved one, can also create stress. Stress faced by university students is multi factorial and can be credited to a different type of conducive factors (Reddy et al., karyotaki et al.,2020). Perception of stress varies among different groups of university students (Lee et al., 2021. For example, female



university students report experiencing increased stress than their male counterparts (Evans et al., 2018). Additionally, challenges like social isolation, comparison to others, discrimination, and bullying contribute to the pressure. These stressors can direct to anxiety, depression, suffer exhaustion, and a drop in inspiration and self-esteem, frequently accompanied by substantial symptoms such as headaches and sleeplessness. The concept of stress was most obviously developed by Selye, who defined it as the body's particular response to any demand (Ref.3, p.74). It was also found that there is significant but weak negative relationship between university students stress level and their academic achievement (Habibah Elyas, 2011)

University students are frequently uncovered to a variety of novel academic stressors, as well as a profound course load, very much studying, time management challenges, classroom contest, economic concerns, family stress and the need to adjust to a new atmosphere (Misra and Castillo, 2004; McKinney, 2012). Common academic stressors include high expectations, heavy workloads, and competition among peers, while transitioning to independence and adjusting to new responsibilities and self-management are also significant sources of stress (Wintre & Yaffe, 2000). Stressors can significantly impact mood, behavior, and overall health (Schneiderman, 2005).

Coping Mechanisms in Managing Stress

According to the World Health Organization (WHO, 2023, Para. 1), stress is defined as a state of worry or mental tension resulting from a difficult situation. A research study was conducted by the World Mental Health International College Student (n=20,427, from nine countries) established that 93% of students indicated facing stress in minimum one area of their life at the time of the investigation. Furthermore, the study exposed a positive correlation between the number of stress sources and the severity of stress practiced (Karyotaki et al., 2020). The existing literature appraisal focuses on exploring the coping methodologies engaged by students. By examining self-directed coping behaviors, we can achieve a deeper consideration of respondents' lived practices in reducing stress at university. The usefulness of prescribed interventions in higher education institutions to manage student stress has been comprehensively considered by organized review strategies (Oliveira et al., 2021; Petley et al., 2022). Several conventional university students experience challenges in entirely engaging with and redesigning their conversion to university, with these struggles frequently long-lasting all through their educational experience (Aselton, 2012; Welle & Bigham, 2012). Coping mechanisms can be categorized into positive and negative behaviors, actions, and thoughts that individuals use to manage stressful situations (Baqtayan & Mai, 2012). The way a student manages stress is highly dependent on individual differences and the specific nature of the stressor (Zaleski et al., 2010).

Academic Achievement of university student

Academic achievement is defined as a student's ability to complete academic assignments, and it is assessed using objective criteria such as final course grades and grading point averages (Naser & Hamzah, 2018; Oliver et al., 2019). The definition of success in this context goes beyond learning, suggesting that without learning, there is no success, and at a minimum, success implies successful learning in the classroom (Tinto & Pusser, 2006, p.8). It refers to a student's performance and success in their academic endeavors, typically measured by their grades, test scores, and other academic accomplishments.

Measurement of Academic Achievement: There are several approaches to defining and measuring academic achievement. The most common methods are the Grade Point Average



(GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), which calculate a student's average grade points earned per credit hour. Standardized test results, such as the SAT or ACT, are also commonly used. Several authors have argued that GPA and CGPA are the best single indicators of academic performance, providing both intelligibility and comparability. However, academic achievement is not solely defined by grade points; it encompasses other factors that influence and mediate these scores. Taylor (2019) notes that acquired knowledge accounts for only 25% of GPA variance. Jia (2019) breaks academic achievement down into various components, including major grades, study attitudes, overall grades, professional skills, study habits, and academic future planning. Academic ranking, or a student's position relative to their peers, is also often used to determine honors or awards. Success in academics extends beyond learning and must account for factors that influence the learning process (Tinto & Pusser, 2006). The issue of academic achievement and successful graduation is of increasing importance due to alarmingly high dropout rates in higher education. In the Czech Republic, for instance, the dropout rate was as high as 10-65% in 2012, with a mean of 41%. Degree attainment, academic awards, research publications, presentations, and academic competitions are all used to measure academic achievement in various institutions. Chinese scholars Li and Yang (2016) developed a scale to measure academic achievement based on components like cognitive ability, communication, problem-solving, and self-management. Other researchers, such as Cai and Cao (2019), have studied factors such as academic experience, institutional evaluations, and student development to assess academic performance. Census 2023 finds one third of school age children (5-16) out of school. i.e. 25.37 million (36%) children aged 5-16 years are out of school children. Literacy rate by province such as 66.3% of Punjab, 61.8% of Sindh, 55.1% of KP, and Baluchistan 54.5% (Statistics Bureau of Pakistan, 30 July 2024). Elementary & secondary education of Kp has said that out of 4.7 million out of school's children in the province, 1.3 million have been enrolled in schools during the recent enrolment drive (Mashriq tv.pk, 04 nov-2024). Other procedures might comprise on learning outcomes and competencies, standardized test scores (e.g., GRE, GMAT), and educational milestones like carrying out a thesis or study. Numerous factors affect academic achievement. Technological literacy and digital skills have turn into gradually more significant as well. Research has marked how many factors—academic, psychosomatic, social, and environmental—influence academic achievement (Gajda & Beghetto, 2017).

Factors Affecting Academic Achievement

Research indicates several factors that affect academic performance, including gender, high school grades, parental education, financial background, and family status (Res Militaris, vol. 12, 2022). Tamim et al. (2011), in their meta-analysis, found that educational technologies had a small but significant effect on learning outcomes, with an average effect size of 0.33. Sebros and Goshu (2017) also identified that student performance is linked to learning opportunities, teaching methods, teacher-student relationships, and class resources. Several other factors impact academic achievement, including intellectual ability, motivation, enthusiasm, learning strategies, effective time management, parental involvement, peer influence, teacher support, access to technology, and health. Factors such as disability, attendance, self-regulation, and feedback also play a crucial role in academic success. These factors interact in complex ways, influencing individual students' academic performance. Countries investing significant portions of their GDP in education aim to produce capable and successful students who will contribute to future societal development (Makel & Olszewski,



2016). Other factors, such as psychological stressors, social support, mental wellbeing, and study habits, also significantly affect academic performance. Al-Shammari et al. (2017) emphasize that teacher-related, student-related, school-related, and home-related factors influence student performance.

Psychological Stressors and Academic Achievement: Late adolescence and emerging adulthood are transitional periods marked by significant psychological changes, including heightened stress (Hogan, Atone, & French, 2019). These stressors include anxiety, depression, trauma, burnout, perfectionism, and fear of failure. Social support from family, friends, teachers, and mentors plays a vital role in managing these stressors. Mental wellbeing, resilience, emotional regulation, and mindfulness can all mitigate the impact of stress. Motivation, whether intrinsic (interest and passion) or extrinsic (rewards and recognition), and goal-setting are also key to academic success. Studies have shown that psychological stressors in college may serve as predictors of mental health diagnoses (Karyotaki et al., 2020). Mental health disorders, including depression, anxiety, and substance abuse, often begin during this period and can significantly affect academic achievement.

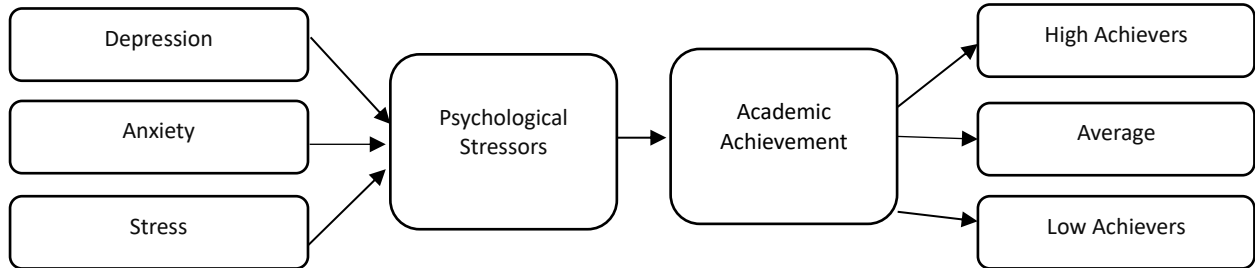
Relationship between Psychological Stressors and Academic Achievement

Stress has a direct impact on students' academic performance. Students who struggle to manage stress may experience poor academic outcomes and behavior (Sindu, 2016). Research shows a connection between stressful life events and poor academic performance, as well as a link between stress and health-related quality of life (Misra & Mckean, 2000). University life is a major transition for many students, where stress can lead to issues such as skipping classes, unethical behavior, and poor educational performance (Hayble, 2016). Stress can produce both positive and negative emotions. When managed correctly, stress can motivate students to take action, leading to success. However, negative stress can result in health problems, such as headaches, abdominal discomfort, insomnia, high blood pressure, and even stroke. Liu & Lu (2012) emphasize that without timely counseling and support from schools, instructors, peers, and family, stress may lead to abnormal behavior, which ultimately hinders students' learning and adjustment. Aafreen, Priya, and Gayathri (2018) identify major sources of stress for students, such as changes in sleep and eating habits, increased workload, and new responsibilities. Burnout can cause emotional exhaustion, reduced academic motivation, and cynicism, ultimately impeding academic achievement. Perfectionism, often driven by excessive self-criticism and a fear of failure can also reduce motivation, lead to procrastination, and negatively affect academic performance.

Theoretical Framework of the Study

Frequently university students meet a variety of psychological stressors that can unconstructively influence their mental health and educational performance. The basic elements which can assist in reducing the impact of these stressors is social support. The strong support network can play a very significant part in preloading and storing the effects of stress, improving enhanced mental wellbeing, and promoting academic results.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK:



Related Studies

Studies at the national level

A national-level study titled "Stress and Social Support Among University Students in Pakistan" (2018), examined the relationship among causal stressors, apparent stress, and mental wellbeing. It found that apparent stress interposes the relationship among stress sources and mental health and its characteristics as like isolation, self-respect, individuality and managing styles, reasonable or strengthen the effect of apparent stress. The study identified that elevated levels of psychosomatic stressors, like as depression or nervous tension, anxiety were too much among university students and were negatively interrelated with academic achievement.

Another study pointed out that Elementary & secondary education of KP has said that out of 4.7 million out of school’s children in the province, 1.3 million have been enrolled in schools during the recent enrolment drive (Mashriqtv.pk, 04 nov-2024). Within Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)4, which focuses on quality education, target 4.6 aims to ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults achieve literacy and numeracy by 2030.

likewise, another study conducted title name "Psychological Stressors and Academic Achievement Among University Students in Pakistan" (2017) revealed that perceived stress had too much negative relationship with mental health. Stressors like as educational and course stress, family stress, side-activity stress, and economical stress all contributed negatively to students' mental wellbeing. The research also indicated that managing approaches like approach managing and emotional constancy worked as moderator in the correlation between apparent stress and mental health.

Studies at international level

There are numerous studies conducted globally which have identified the impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement of university students, especially highlighting the exceptional issues and challenges faced by worldwide students. For instance, a study published in *BMC Psychiatry* in 2023 found the relationship among university stressors and anxiety symptoms among global students. The study found also that 28.71% of global students faced anxiety symptoms, with university stressors definitely associated to these symptoms. It also identified that the positive role of self-sufficiently and apparent stress in the association between stressors and anxiety. The study highlighted the significance of promoting self-assurance and appliance stress-reduction techniques to help in overcoming the psychological stressors of students. Moreover, it has been found that global students addressing different stressors, like as economic pressures and language barriers, which can unconstructively influence both their psychological health and academic achievement.

The significance of civilizing factors in determining stress experiences was also determined in a research study on international cultural differences in stress which side to side of six countries. The study focused that cultural differences considerably affect that how students face stress and the type of support be given to them.

further studies, like as those which are organized in Malaysia, Eritrea and other South East countries, have identified the correlation between stress quantities and academic achievement. For instance, Siraj et al. (2014) examined that stress levels were strongly connected with academic achievement, and Yemane & Carvina (2018) explored that academic overwork and unsuitable grading networks as foremost important stressors which causative to elevated educational stress. These research studies explored that university students addressing new psychosomatic challenges, as well as adjusting to self-determining livelihood and education Ing, which can enhance the possibility of depression and anxiety. Another international journal of adolescence and youth by Tylor & francis, (volume 25, 2020) on the impact of stress on students in secondary schools and higher education.

Research studies with no significant impact between the variables: A research study was conducted and published in the journal of American College of Health indicated that psychological stressors did not significantly affect the academic achievement of university students (JACH,2018). Another research study published in the Journal of College Counselling which showed and found that there was no significant impact among psychological stressors and academic achievement university students (JCC, 2020).

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Design

In this study quantifiable research technique is used in order to study the existing impact, relationship and effect among different variables. The variables are measured by using different instruments and data is allowed to be quantified and statistically analyzed. The objectives along with research questions were given in a way that suits the design of the study. For data collection process primary source was used. This design includes three distinct types of examination and prediction. It focused on assessing the impact of psychological stressors (depression, anxiety and stress) on academic achievement among university students.

THE PROPOSED MODEL/FLOW CHART DIAGRAM

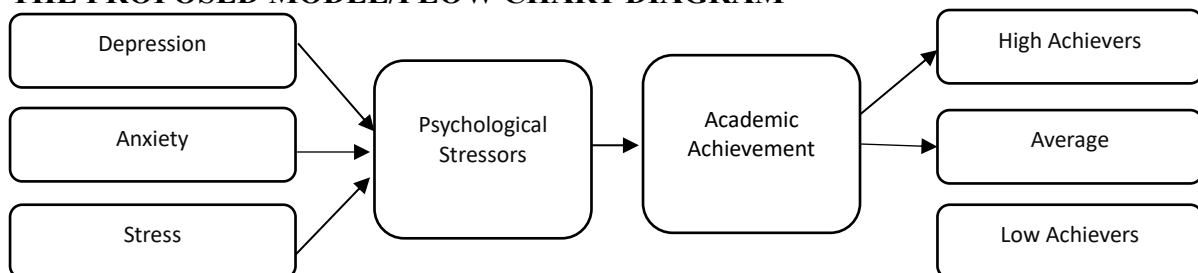


Figure 1: Showed Flow Chart Diagram of Present Study

Figure 2 illustrates that the dependent variables in the model are academic achievement while the independent variables are psychological stressors (stress, anxiety, and depression). In this model, an independent variable has a direct effect on the dependent variable. This suggests that psychological stressors have an impact on the academic achievement of university students.

1. Population of the Study

Population is considered to be the aggregates of units which the researcher studies and uses to draw conclusion (Levin & Rubin, 2000; Sekaran, 2003). The total number of public sector universities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) was 34, which includes 24 general universities and 10 specialized universities. The target population for this study consisted of 10,418 students enrolled in BS (Hons) programs across five public sector universities. Additionally, 2,788 students were enrolled in four selected departments (Education, Economics, Zoology, and Botany) in KP during the spring semester of 2024(Enrolment Report of 2023).

2. Sample of the Study

Thomas (2019) defines a sample as a subset of a larger, unbiased population chosen for research purposes. Sekaran (2003) stated that sampling is a technique to choose an adequate number of respondents in order to draw generalization about the population. In this study, multi-stage random probability sampling techniques were employed to select the sample. The study included a sample of 400 students, selected from five public sector universities. These students were from four departments—two from natural sciences and two from social sciences—in the selected universities, specifically enrolled in the BS program. This sampling method is economical, has better result and accuracy of the subjects of the study. The advantage of this multi stage random sampling is that it ensures specific groups representation even smallest groups in a population. It is used to collect the data that is considered to be valid for statistical conclusions (Gay, 2011)..

Table 3.1:

Sample Size (University Students)

S #	Name of Public Universities	Students of 4 Departments	Sample Size	Social Sciences Departments Eco& Edu				Natural Sciences Departments Zoology&Botany			
				S6	S7	S6	S7	S6	S7	S6	S7
01	Hazara University	850	80	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
02	University of Haripur	492	80	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
03	University of Malakand	202	80	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
04	Gomal university	664	80	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
05	Abdul Wali Khan university	580	80	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Total:	2788	400								

Research Instruments

For this research, an instrument was adopted under the supervision of experts to collect the data from the sampled university students. For adopting the questionnaire, the researcher consulted various research studies, carried out literature review and other materials related to the research problem. These included the Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Scale (DASS-21).

The researcher utilized the original versions of this scale, which are: DASS-21 (Lovibond & Lovibond, 1995). According to the original authors, this questionnaire is available for use by any researcher, and permission is granted for their use. To ensure better comprehension by the sampled respondents, the original scale was translated into the national language, Urdu. The translation was first carried out by language experts, after which both versions of the research instruments were presented to subject matter experts. These experts were asked to review the tools based on the research objectives, theory, and practical application within the relevant field. The feedback from these experts was then used to refine and improve the instrument.

The instrument used in the research are described in detail as follows:

DASS-21(Lovibond & Lovibond,1995): This scale is structured around three dimensions: 7 items on depression, 7 items on anxiety, and 7 items on stress, total items were 21.

Data Collection

Data for this study was collected using three types of questionnaires: DASS-21, such as 7 items for depression, 7 items for anxiety and 7 items for to examined the stress. These questionnaires were completed by 400 BS (Fall 2024) students from selected universities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The students filled out the questionnaires during their allocated free time. The students' results (GPA) were also verified with the respective departments. s to ensure a high response rate, the survey was conducted by personally visiting the universities, and in some cases, my assistant helped by visiting the universities and inviting BS students to participate. To ensure the accuracy and transparency in the process of data collection the researcher also established personal contact through telephone and postal services to speed up the collection of required data. Participants were asked to fill out the assessment measures for the study, and their consent were obtained beforehand. They were instructed to respond to each item on the questionnaire.

Data Analysis

The facts composed from the sample of multiple respondents was independently analyzed. It was grouped in different numbers of categories for their coding. The data was analyzed through Frequency, Chi square test, Correlation test and multiple regression analysis. Chi square test is also used to examine the hypothesis of no relationship between two or more groups and to know how examined distribution of data fit with predictable distribution (foreman, 2014). To achieve this objective, version 24 of the "Statistical Package for Social Sciences" (SPSS) was applied. To understand the outcomes and results, a range of descriptive and statistical methods were used, such as measures of central tendency, percentages, and the chi-square test for examining the relationship. The analysis was structured into the following five sections:

1. Descriptive Statistics Analysis for Demographic Variables: This section assessed the fundamental demographic characteristics and distinctiveness of the sample.
2. Pearson Product-Moment Correlation: This test was applied to investigate the relationship between the variables.
3. Independent Sample T-test for Gender Differences: This analysis assessed whether there were any significant gender differences in the variables.
4. Multiple Regression Analysis: This method was used to assess the strength of the relationship between the dependent variables and multiple predictor variables, while also evaluating the importance of each predictor in the relationship.

5. **Linear Regression Analysis for Prediction:** This analysis was conducted to predict the outcome (dependent variables) based on the selected predictors. The results from each of these sections were analyzed and interpreted to draw meaningful conclusions.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

The chapter of analysis and interpretation deals with obtaining of data from respondents about impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement of university students. The data was analyzed through descriptive statistics using percentage and mean score while inferential statistics like ANOVA and Pearson coefficient of correlation and regression analysis was also used. The analyzed data were presented as following:

Table 4.1:

Relationship between psychological stressors and academic achievement of the university students

Constructs	N	R	P
Depression	400	.849	.000
Anxiety	400	.554	.000
Stress	400	.109	.029
Total (Dass)	400	.849	.000

Table 4.1 shows the values of $r=.849$ and $p < .05$ shows that there was significant positive correlation between depression and the academic achievement of the students.

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Table 4.1 shows the values of $r=.849$ and $p < .05$ shows that there was significant positive correlation between DASS and academic achievement of students. The result shows that model has good predictive power and the findings are reliable and not due to chance which can be relied upon for further analysis and interpretation

Regression

Impact of total Dass (tool) on academic achievement of university students

Table 4.2:

Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.019 ^a	.000	-.002	.45696

a. Predictors: (Constant), Total DASS (tool)

b. Dependent Variable: Academic Achievement

Table 4.2 indicated that that the correlation coefficients (0.019) weak relationship between the independent variables and dependent variables. The R squared value (0.000) and adjusted R squared values indicate that the model has no explanatory power and the standard error of the estimate (0.45696) indicates the average distance between the observed values and the predicted values.

Table 4.4
Coefficients

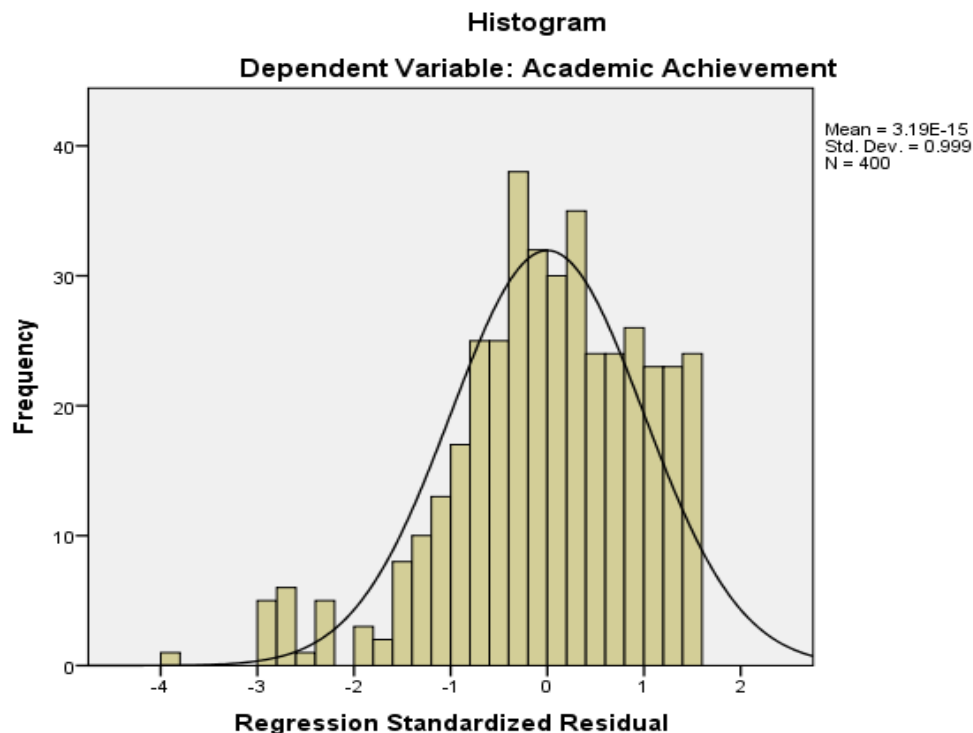
Model		Un standardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	T	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	3.281	.114		28.837	.000
	Total DASS (tool)	.001	.002	.019	.374	.709

a. Dependent Variable: Academic Achievement

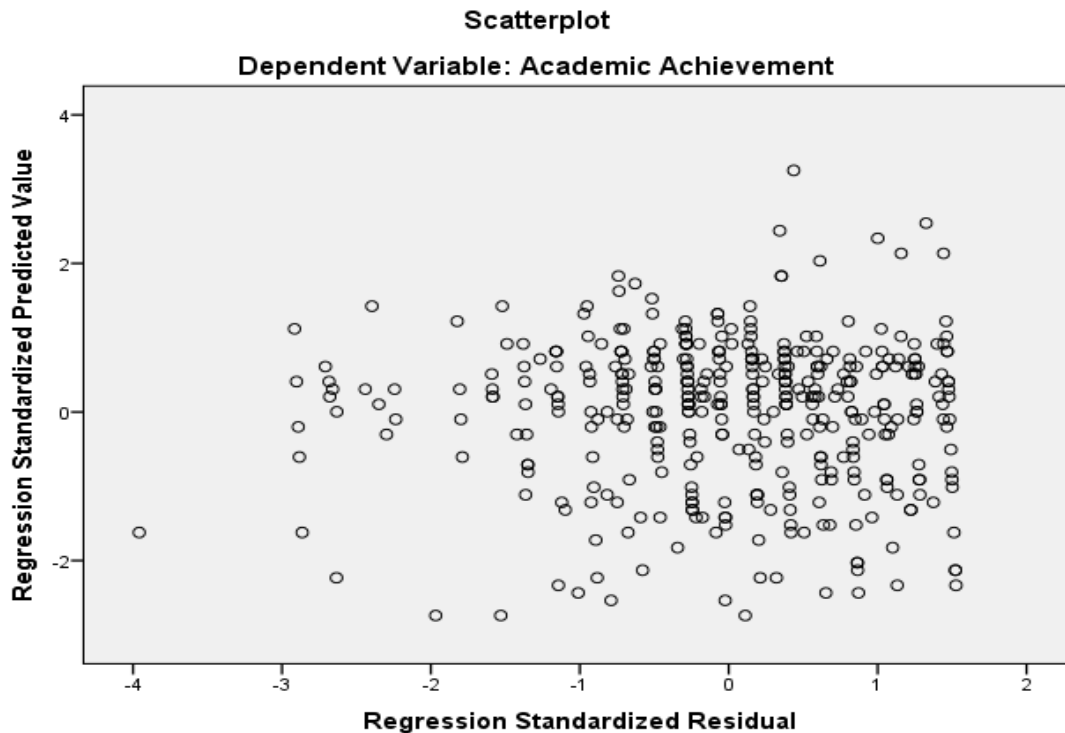
Table 4.4 indicated that p-value (.709) for total Dass tool indicates that there is no statistically significant relationship between total Dass tool and the dependent variable. The small coefficient (0.001) and standardized coefficient (0.019) suggest a weak relationship between total Dass tool and dependent variable academic achievement.

Charts

Histogram indicated that mean is approximately 0 (3.19×10^{-15}) is very close to 0) indicating that the data might be standardized or centered around 0. The standard deviation is approximately 1 (0.999) which is typical for standardized data and the sample size is 400, which is a reasonable size for statistical analysis.



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Regression analysis of psychological stress, depression and anxiety on academic achievement of university students.

Table 4.6:

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	2.496	3	.832	4.086	.007 ^b
	Residual	80.639	396	.204		
	Total	83.135	399			

Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.173 ^a	.030	.023	.45126

a. Predictors: (Constant), Total Depression, Total Stressors, Total Anxiety

b. Dependent Variable: Academic Achievement

Table 4.6 indicated that correlation coefficient (0.173) a weak positive linear relationship between the independent variables and dependent variables. R-squared value 0.030 and adjusted r squared value is 0.023 indicate that model has limited explanatory. The standard

error of the estimate (0.45126) indicates the average distance between observed values and predicted values.

Table 4.7:

ANOVA^a

a. Dependent Variable: Academic Achievement

b. Predictors: (Constant), Total Depression, Total Stressors, Total Anxiety

Table 4.7 indicated that F statistics (4.086) and p-value (0.007) indicate that the model is statistically significant and sum of squares for regression (2.496) is relatively small compared to the residual sum of squares (80.639) but the f statistic indicates that the model is explaining a significant portion of the variance. The model is performing well and suggests that the model is useful for prediction.

Table 4.8

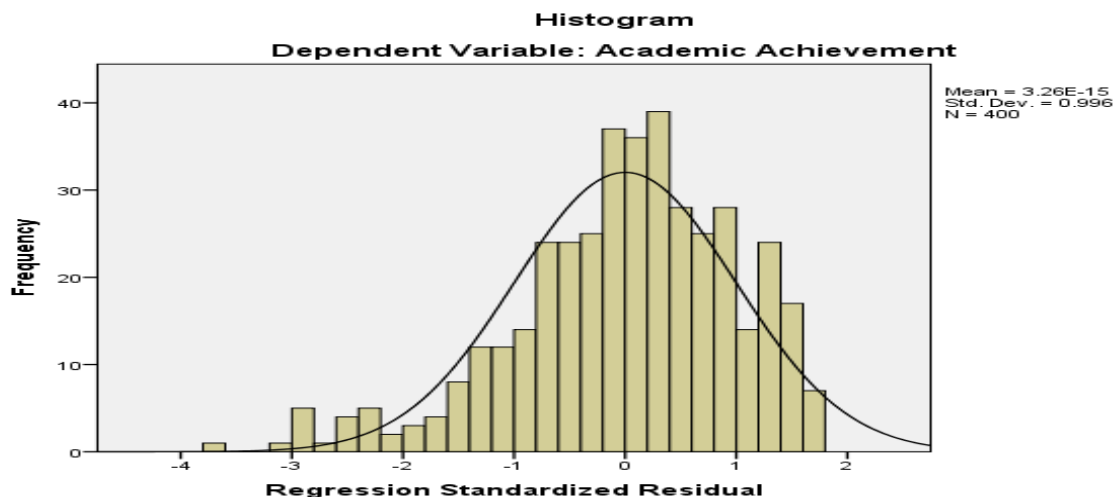
Coefficients

Model		Un standardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	T	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	3.208	.114		28.042	.000
	Total Stressors	.024	.008	.197	3.219	.001
	Total Anxiety	-.001	.007	-.008	-.130	.896
	Total Depression	-.017	.007	-.156	-2.446	.015

a. Dependent Variable: Academic Achievement

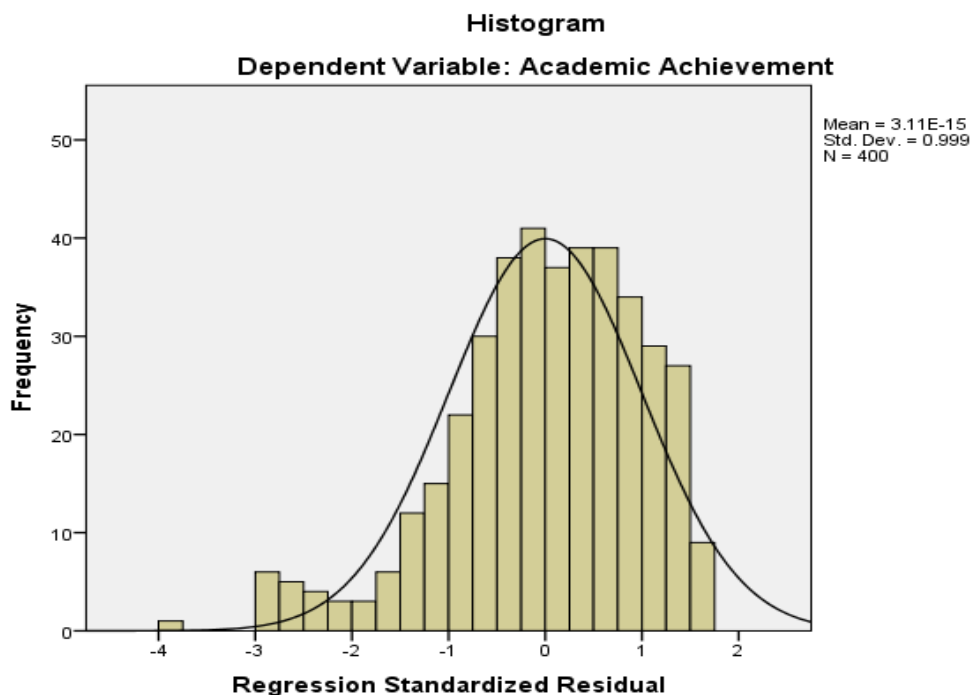
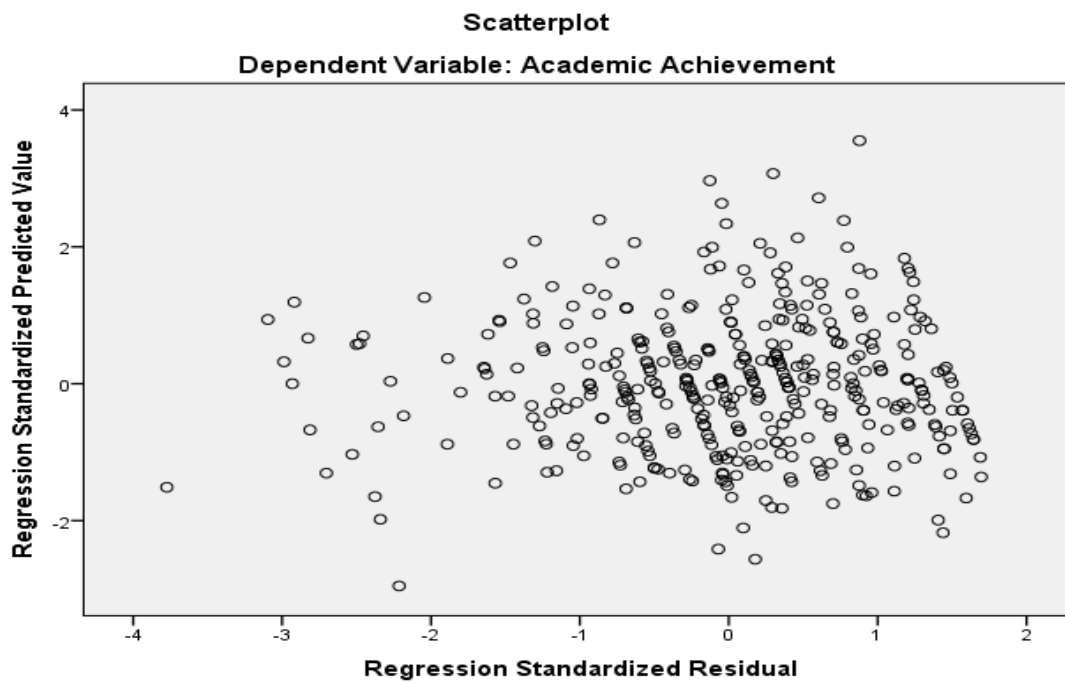
Table 4.8 indicated that total stressors and total depression are significant predictors of the dependent variable. Total stressors have positive relationship and total total depression has a negative relationship with the dependent variable and total anxiety does not have a significant relationship with the dependent variable.

Charts



Histogram indicated that the mean is approximately 0 (3.26×10^{-15} is very close to 0), indicating that the data is likely centered around 0. The standard deviation is approximately 1 (0.996), suggesting that the data might be standardized. The sample size 400 is also a reasonable size for analysis. This histogram likely shows a distribution centered around 0 with a standard deviation close to 1, possibly indicating a normal or near normal distribution. This could suggest that the data is standardized, such as z-scores or residuals.

Charts



Histogram indicated that the mean is approximately 0 (3.11×10^{-15} is very close to 0), indicating that the data is likely centered around 0. The standard deviation is approximately 1 (0.996), suggesting that the data might be standardized. The sample size 400 is also a reasonable size for analysis. This histogram likely shows a distribution centered around 0 with a standard deviation close to 1, possibly indicating a normal or near normal distribution. This could suggest that the data is standardized, such as z-scores or residuals. This suggests that the data might be transformed or standardized for analysis.

Summary

The aim of this study was to find out the impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement of university students. The present research has determined the impact of one independent variable psychological stressor on one dependent variable academic achievement of university students. The objective of the study was:

- i. To examine the impact of psychological stressors and on academic achievement of university students.

The study contained a sample of 400 university students of BS level. This research study was conducted in five public universities in KP such as Hazara university, Gomal university, Abdul Wali Khan university, Haripur university and Malakand university, moreover four departments from each university namely (economics, education, botany and zoology) were selected. The total sample size of the five public sector universities was 400 BS students was drawn by using multi stage probability random sampling technique. The questionnaire was adopted after taking expert opinions from research experts. The questionnaire had three types (depression, anxiety and stress scale, and forty-eight statements. The data from students were composed by survey questionnaire probing nominated depression, anxiety, stress, and academic achievement of university students.

The researcher personally contacted with university teachers and students in nominated universities himself afterward attaining consent from the heads of each of four nominated departments. frequency, mean score, correlation and regression were used as a statistical tool to analyze the data. The evaluated data provided basis for drawing conclusions and making recommendations and implications of study. Key findings, deductions, conclusions and recommendations have been offered in the following segments.

Findings about impact of psychological stressors, depression and anxiety on academic achievement of university students

Statistical values indicated that correlation coefficient (0.173) a weak positive linear relationship between the independent variables and dependent variables. R-squared value 0.030 and adjusted squared value is 0.023 indicate that model has limited explanatory. The standard error of the estimate (0.45126) indicates the average distance between observed values and predicted values. (Table 4.44).

Statistical values indicated that F statistics (4.086) and p-value (0.007) indicate that the model is statistically significant and sum of squares for regression (2.496) is relatively small compared to the residual sum of squares (80.639) but the f statistic indicates that the model is explaining significant portion of the variance. The model is performing well and suggests that the model is use full for prediction. Table 4.45)

Statistical values indicated that total stressors and total depression are significant predictors of the dependent variable. Total stressors have positive relationship and total depression has a negative relationship with the dependent variable and total anxiety does not have a significant relationship with the dependent variable. (Table 4.46)

Statistical values indicated that the model was performing reasonably well with some variation in the predicted values and the residuals statistic suggest that the residuals are approximately normally distributed with some potential outliers. There are no major issues with the model performance based on the residual's statistics (Table 4.47).

Discussion

The research was concentrated on findings the impact of students' psychological stressors on academic achievement of students at university level. psychological stressors were independent variable and academic achievement was the dependent variable. The researcher examined the impact of psychological stressors on academic achievement of university students. There were three constructs of psychological stressors such as depression, anxiety and stress. The study contained a sample of 400 university students of BS level. This research study was conducted in five public universities in KP such as Hazara university, Gomal university, Abdul Wali Khan university, Haripur university and Malakand university. Moreover, four departments from each university namely (economics, education, botany and zoology) were selected. The total sample size of the five public sector universities was 400 BS students was drawn by using multi stage probability random sampling technique. The questionnaire was adopted after taking expert opinions from research experts. The questionnaire had three types (depression, anxiety and stress scale, and forty-eight statements. The data from students were collected through survey questionnaire probing selected depression, anxiety, stress, and academic achievement of the university students.

The researcher personally contacted with university teachers and students in selected universities himself after getting permission from the heads of each of the four selected departments. Frequency, mean score, correlation, and regression were used as statistical tools to analyze the data. The result of the study designated that student had moderate level of psychological stressors. psychological stressors level was determined on the root of different ranges of mean score. As 3.50 to 5.00 range is considered as high mean score. All the items of questionnaire reproduced this range of mean score which obvious at this fact that students' psychological stressors were in high level which effected the academic achievement of the students at the great level. The findings are like the findings of Obilor, (2019).

The findings of result indicated that students' academic achievement is measured by GPA. In this research study it was found that students had varied GPA ranging from to 1.50 to 4.00 GPA. In the sample of 400s students, 23 students GPA remained in the range of 1.50 to 2.50 GPA which is considered as low academic achievement; likewise, 66 students' GPA was in the range of 2.5 to 2.9 which is considered as average level of academic achievement whereas 311 students' GPA keep on in the range of 3.00 to 4.00 which is considered as high level of academic achievement. The findings exposed that according to quantity of mean score, majority of students were disagreed with the statement of stress, anxiety and depression which showed that maximum students had moderate level of stress, anxiety and depression. Whereas the findings exposed that majority of students were agreed with the statements of 3 cons which designated that the students had moderate level of stress also.

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