

Abstract

Three objectives of this thesis, "Interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma: A case study of the Sangha undergraduates of Mahachula Buddhist University" are as follows: first, to study the system and curriculum of the Buddhist Hierarchy at present; second, to study the degree of interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma of the Sangha undergraduates of Mahachula Buddhist University; and third, to study factors which are related to the interests in those Sangha undergraduates. In this study, there are 217 samples from Mahachula Buddhist University. The results of this study are :

1. Most of the Sangha undergraduates interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma are in moderate degree.

2. The factors which are related to the interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma statistically significant at .05 level, are acceptance of value or utility of studying Phra Pariyattidhamma, control from abbot or Sangha ruler, encouragement from significant others, achievement motivation, degree of intensity of socialization from Sangha institution, tendency to leave the monkhood. And the factor not related to the interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma is attitude toward Phra Pariyattidhamma education system.

3. When controlling relationship between variables by age, the variables which remain related to interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma in the lower than or equal 25 age group are acceptance of value or utility of studying Phra Pariyattidhamma, control from abbot or Sangha ruler, encouragement from significant others, degree of intensity of socialization from Sangha institution. For the higher than 25 age group, tendency to leave the monkhood is still related to interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma. In the case of achievement motivation

and interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma, there is relationship between them in both age groups. When controlling the levels (grades) of Pariandhamma study, in the lower than or equal 5th level group, there is only relationship between interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma and acceptance of value or utility of studying Phra Pariyattidhamma, achievement motivation, and tendency to leave the monkhood. But in higher than 5th level group, interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma is related to control from abbot or Sangha ruler, encouragement from significant others, the degree of intensity of socialization from Sangha institution. And when analyzing the factors with the aims of entering monkhood, we find that, in the group with aim to study, control from abbot or Sangha ruler, the degree of intensity of socialization from Sangha institution remain related to interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma. In the group with other aim, acceptance of value or utility of studying Phra Pariyattidhamma and tendency to leave the monkhood are related to interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma. Encouragement from significant others, and achievement motivation are related to interests in studying Phra Pariyattidhamma in both groups.