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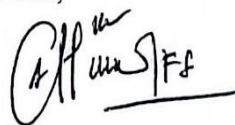
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## ABSTRACT

### COMPARISON OF LIBRARY ANXIETY LEVELS BETWEEN UNDERGRADUATE AND MASTER STUDENTS OF LIBRARY SCIENCE AT THE UIN SUNAN KALIJAGA YOGYAKARTA LIBRARY

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Library Anxiety is a negative feeling, discomfort and fear of the library that makes it difficult for users when utilizing the library. This study aims to compare the level of library anxiety of undergraduate and master of library science students at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library, which focuses on students of class 2023. The research method uses a type of comparative research with a quantitative approach. The sample used was 124 samples consisting of 95 undergraduate students using a simple random sampling technique and 29 master students using a saturated sampling technique. Data collection methods using questionnaires, observation and documentation. Based on the results of the t-test using the separated variance formula, the results obtained  $t_{count} > t_{table}$  ( $2,098 > 2,016$ ), so the hypothesis is accepted which shows that there are differences in the level of library anxiety of undergraduate students and masters of library science at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library. The results of the average scoring of library anxiety levels of undergraduate and master students are both in the low category, which amounted to 2,49 (undergraduate) and 2,32 (master). Based on the results of the calculation of the average score on each aspect of library anxiety at both levels, namely aspects of Barriers with staff, Affective Barriers and Mechanical Barriers are in the low category, while aspects of Comfort with the Library, Knowledge of the Library are in the high category.

**Keywords:** Library, Library Anxiety, Students



## ABSTRAK

### PERBANDINGAN TINGKAT *LIBRARY ANXIETY* MAHASISWA SARJANA DAN MAGISTER ILMU PERPUSTAKAAN DI PERPUSTAKAAN UIN SUNAN KALIJAGA YOGYAKARTA

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Library Anxiety merupakan suatu perasaan negatif, tidak nyaman dan ketakutan terhadap perpustakaan yang menyulitkan pemustaka ketika memanfaatkan perpustakaan. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui perbandingan tingkat *library anxiety* mahasiswa sarjana dan magister ilmu perpustakaan di Perpustakaan UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta yang berfokus pada mahasiswa angkatan 2023. Metode penelitian menggunakan jenis penelitian perbandingan dengan pendekatan kuantitatif. Sampel yang digunakan sebanyak 124 sampel yang terdiri dari 95 mahasiswa sarjana menggunakan teknik simple random sampling dan 29 mahasiswa magister menggunakan teknik sampling jenuh. Metode pengumpulan data menggunakan kuesioner, observasi dan dokumentasi. Berdasarkan hasil uji t-test menggunakan rumus separated varians diperoleh hasil  $t_{hitung} > t_{tabel}$  ( $2,098 > 2,016$ ), sehingga hipotesis diterima yang menunjukkan terdapat perbedaan tingkat *library anxiety* mahasiswa sarjana dan magister ilmu perpustakaan di Perpustakaan UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta. Hasil skoring rata-rata tingkat *library anxiety* mahasiswa sarjana dan magister keduanya berada dalam kategori rendah, yaitu sebesar 2,49 (sarjana) dan 2,32 (magister). Berdasarkan hasil perhitungan skoring rata-rata pada setiap aspek *library anxiety*, pada kedua jenjang, yaitu aspek *Barriers with staff*, *Affective Barriers* dan *Mechanical Barriers* berada pada kategori rendah, sedangkan aspek *Comfort with Library*, *Knowledge of the Library* berada pada kategori tinggi.

**Kata kunci:** Perpustakaan, Library Anxiety, Mahasiswa

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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the Issue

Talking about anxiety, it is essential to understand that this feeling can affect various aspects of one's life. Generally, a person may experience anxiety due to different factors, such as the anticipation of a competition, being in a new environment, or facing unfamiliar tasks. Anxiety is a condition caused by something unclear or unknown, resulting in feelings of unease, worry, or fear (Anuraga et al., 2021, p. 146). In this context, anxiety can also occur about the library, commonly referred to as library anxiety.

Library anxiety is a type of anxiety that is closely related to libraries. This problem has occurred for a long time and has been studied by several experts. The term library anxiety was first proposed by Constante A. Mellon in 1986. In the research conducted in 1986, several students responded to the library description using terms that indicate fear or anxiety when in the library (Mellon, 2015, p. 278).

According to Mellon, library anxiety is a feeling of discomfort, incompetence, fear of librarians, and various other negative emotions about the library that can make it difficult for users to navigate the process of searching for information within the library (Mellon, 2015). In line with Mellon's view, Fatmawati and Zulaikha (2022, p. 45) state that library anxiety is an unfavorable feeling characterized by anxiety and fear of the library arising from a lack of knowledge among library users. Based on these perspectives, it can be concluded that library anxiety is an obstacle users may experience when in the library, manifesting as feelings of anxiety, incompetence, and other negative thoughts, which can make it challenging for them to utilize the library's facilities and resources effectively.

Library anxiety does not just happen; library anxiety causes anxiety that is still general, such as feeling nervous and uncomfortable when going to utilize library resources and when doing even the simplest things, so it can also cause someone not to come to the library (Parks, 2019, p. 71). According to Mellon (2015, p. 278), several factors cause library anxiety in users, including the size of the library, a lack of knowledge about where things are located, how to start a search, and what to do in the library. Based on the results of research conducted by Ravena dan Dewi (2021, p. 539) Several factors, including the number of facilities and services available, the importance of user education activities, the intensity of visitors, barriers with staff, and a lack of information regarding online resources available in the library, cause final-year students at the Semarang State Polytechnic Library to feel anxious when in the library.

This feeling of anxiety can happen to any library user and in any library, including first-year students in a university. Previous research on library anxiety conducted by Avidiansyah at Gadjah Mada University (UGM) showed that the level of library anxiety experienced by first-year undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students fell into the weak category (Avidiansyah et al., 2021, p. 108) Based on this research, it can be said that first-year students at each level of higher education, namely undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels, still experience library anxiety even though it is in the weak category. Therefore, it is important to understand and overcome library anxiety so that students, especially first-year students, can effectively utilize the library.

UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta is one of the State Islamic Religious Universities (PTKIN), which annually accepts first-year students at various levels and study programs, among which are the undergraduate and master's levels of library science study programs. At the undergraduate level, the Library Science study program has been accredited A, while for the master's level of Library and Information Science which is under the auspices of the Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Master's Program at UIN Sunan Kalijaga has been accredited



B ([lpm.uin-suka.ac.id](http://lpm.uin-suka.ac.id), 2022). This shows that library science study programs at undergraduate and master's levels have met the quality criteria set by the National Accreditation Board for Higher Education (BAN-PT). At the undergraduate level, UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta's library science study program is under the Faculty of Adab and Cultural Sciences. In contrast, the master's and doctoral levels it is under the Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies (IIS) Study Program with a concentration in Library and Information Science (IPI), so it can be said that both levels have the same learning concentration according to their respective levels.

The undergraduate library science study program at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, as reported on the website ([ip.uin-suka.ac.id](http://ip.uin-suka.ac.id), 2023), has several objectives, one of which is to have the ability to use information and communication technology. Meanwhile, the master's level library science study program at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, as reported on the website ([pps.uin-suka.ac.id](http://pps.uin-suka.ac.id), 2023) generally has several objectives, one of which is to produce professionals with multidisciplinary and practical theoretical abilities. Based on this, it can be said that the library science study program at the undergraduate and master levels of UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta broadly has the same goal, namely that students are expected to have knowledge, understanding, and abilities regarding their majors in this case, the library science study program.

In supporting the academic activities of UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta students, UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library, as an information resource center, will provide facilities that support its users in various aspects, including first-year students. To help first-year students understand and utilize library resources effectively, UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library organizes various socialization activities, such as promotion through online media, user education activities, and so on. In its implementation, all first-year students of UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta must attend these socialization activities, including first-year students from the Library Science study program at the undergraduate and master levels.

First-year students of the library science study program at the undergraduate and master levels are expected to have new insights into the library so that they are expected to use the library optimally. In addition, the master's level regarding obstacles in the library is expected to be lower than the master's level due to their extensive experience and insight into academic libraries. However, the problem is the limitations regarding knowledge and experience about the academic library they are studying. In addition, the background of first-year students of the library science study program from both levels provides different adjustments when in a new environment, including the environment where they live, culture, and the last education taken also affects their ability to adjust to a new environment.

Therefore, it is essential to know the level of library anxiety experienced by students, especially students of the library science study program at the undergraduate and master levels at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, when coming to the library. In addition, this research is expected to be an evaluation material for libraries in the future. Based on this background, researchers feel the need to conduct research on the “Comparison of Library Anxiety Levels Between Undergraduate and Master Students of Library Science at the UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library.”

## **1.2 Research Questions**

Based on the background described above, this study's research question is How does the level of library anxiety compare between undergraduate and master's students of library science at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library?

## **1.3 Research Objectives**

Based on the research question, this study aims to compare the library anxiety level in undergraduate and master's students of library science at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library.

## **1.4 Research Limitations**

Research limitations are needed to ensure that the scope of the research remains focused and does not deviate from the subject matter to be discussed. This is so that there is no misunderstanding in interpreting the research results. This research will only focus on undergraduate and master library science students at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta in the academic year 2023.

## **1.5 Research Hypothesis**

A hypothesis is a provisional explanation that requires validation. The hypothesis used in this study is a comparative hypothesis, which provides a preliminary answer to comparative issues (Sugiyono, 2021, p. 104). The hypotheses in this study are as follows:

- 1.5.1 Ho: There is no difference in the level of library anxiety of 2023 undergraduate and master's students of library science at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library.
- 1.5.2 H1: There is a difference in the level of library anxiety of 2023 undergraduate and master's students of library science at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library.

## **1.6 Research Benefits**

### **1.6.1 Academic Benefits**

1. This research is expected to provide information and positive contributions regarding comparing library anxiety levels between undergraduate and master's library science students at the UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library. Additionally, it is hoped that the library can continuously offer optimal services and facilities, which may help reduce library anxiety among users.
2. The results of this study can serve as a basis for further research for scholars who have a similar interest in comparing the levels of library anxiety between undergraduate and master's students of library science at academic libraries.

### 1.6.2 Practical Benefits

1. The results of this study are expected to broaden understanding and provide benchmarks regarding the differences in library anxiety levels between undergraduate and master's students of library science at the UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library.
2. For students, it is hoped that this information will shed light on comparing library anxiety levels between undergraduate and master's students of library science at academic libraries, which can be used to minimize library anxiety.

### 1.7 Writing System

The writing system is used to make it easier to understand this thesis. The systematic writing of the thesis is as follows:

#### CHAPTER I Introduction

This chapter describes the background of the issue, research questions, research objectives, research limitations, research hypotheses, research benefits, and writing system.

#### CHAPTER II Literature Review and Theoretical Basis

This chapter presents the literature review, research novelty, and theoretical basis related to the title of the proposal, framework of thinking, and research hypothesis.

#### CHAPTER III Research Methods

This chapter describes the research type and approach, place and time of research, subjects and objects of research, research variables, population, sampling technique and sample, research instruments, data source, data collection technique, validity and reliability tests, data processing technique and data analysis technique.

## CHAPTER V

### CLOSING

#### 5.1 Conclusion

Based on the results of research on “Comparison of Library Anxiety Levels Between Undergraduate and Master Students of Library Science at the UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library” with a comparative quantitative method, the results of the comparison of library anxiety levels through hypothesis testing using the t-test separated variance with the results of the value of  $t_{count} > t_{table}$  ( $2.098 > 2.016$ ) which means  $H_0$  rejected and  $H_1$  accepted and it can be concluded that there are differences in the level of library anxiety of new students in the year 2023 undergraduate and master of library science at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta library. Based on the results of calculations with the grand mean formula regarding the level of library anxiety of undergraduate students in the class of 2023, it is included in the low category with an average result of 2.49, while the results for the level of library anxiety of new master's level students in the class of 2023 are in the low category with an average scoring result, which is 2.32.

In addition, based on the results of calculations on various aspects of library anxiety, it is found that the aspect of barriers with staff at the undergraduate and master's levels has a scoring average of 2,47 (undergraduate)  $>$  2,35 (master's) which means that the level of library anxiety in this aspect of the undergraduate level is higher than that of the

master's level even though both levels are in the low category. The second aspect is Affective Barriers, which is in the low category with an average score of 2.05 (undergraduate) > 1.8 (master's), which means that the level of library anxiety in this aspect is higher at the undergraduate level compared to the master's level. Comfort with the Library is the third aspect of this study, which is in the high category with an average score of 2,75 (undergraduate) < 2,89 (master's), which means that the level of library anxiety in this aspect of the master's level is higher than the undergraduate. The fourth aspect is the knowledge of the library aspect, which is in the high category with an average score of 2,98 (undergraduate) > 2,72 (master), which means that the level of library anxiety in this aspect of the undergraduate level is higher than the master's. The last aspect is Mechanical Barriers, which is in the low category. In this aspect, the average score is 2,49 (undergraduate) > 2,32 (master), which means that the level of library anxiety in this aspect of the undergraduate level is higher than the master's.

Thus, in the new students of the year 2023, both undergraduate and master's levels for aspects of Barriers with staff Affective Barriers, and Mechanical Barriers are in the low category and Comfort with the Library, and knowledge of the Library are in the high category,

## 5.2 Recommendation

Based on the research results described, the authors offer the following recommendations:



1. The UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta Library is encouraged to conduct more socialization activities, both directly and indirectly (through social media), regarding the library's facilities, tasks, and functions. Such socialization aims to increase users' awareness of the library and its resources, helping them feel more comfortable in the library, particularly in terms of accessing complete facilities and services.
2. There should be more active collaboration, both academically and non-academically, between the Library Science Study Program at both the undergraduate and master's levels and the library. This collaboration can help enhance student understanding, especially for new undergraduate and master's students in the Library Science Study Program, about the library's resources and services.
3. It is recommended for future research to conduct more in-depth research on the factors that can cause library anxiety, especially in undergraduate and master's students, where the results of the research can provide deeper knowledge and additional explanations about this library anxiety.

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