

The importance of the Indonesian Language Proficiency Test for BIPA Academic Purposes

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to describe the needs of foreign learners in the academic BIPA program for academic Indonesian language proficiency tests. This research is the initial stage of the research on the development of the Indonesian language proficiency test which is intended for BIPA students for academic purposes. This type of research in the initial stage or preliminary study is qualitative research. This study describes several things related to the need for proficiency tests for foreign students for academic purposes. Data collection was done using observation, documentation, questionnaires, and interviews. The research subjects were foreign learners, teaching lecturers in their class were foreign students, and the BIPA academic purpose's program managers. The data analysis technique used is qualitative. The validity of the data in this study uses data triangulation, in the form of source and method. The results of the study indicate that the need for an Indonesian language proficiency test is required by foreign students with academic purposes. By this test, their Indonesian language skills can be detected and addressed, so they can undergo lectures well and smoothly.

Kata Kunci: Indonesian language proficiency test, foreign learners, academic purposes