How do we know what is academic success for international students?

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Outline

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Internationalisation in Malaysia

- Malaysia aims to be recognized as an excellent international hub of higher education by the year 2020

- International students in Malaysia – 87,000 in 2010 from Middle East countries such as Iran and Yemen, and Asian nations such as Indonesia and China
Academic Success Phenomenon

- Simplistic numerical measurements
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA),
- Grade Point Average (GPA) and/or
- time taken to complete a course or degree
Research Approach

- Qualitative study
- Semi-structured interviews with 55 research participants
- Thematic analysis approach
Understanding of Academic Success in Malaysia

- Measurable Indicators
  - Numerical Indicators
- Non-measurable Indicators
  - Soft Skills
  - Research Skills
  - Contribution to Home Country
  - Experience International Life
Conclusion

- Measurable indicators and Non-measurable indicators
- Positive experiences do influence the development of attributes and capabilities of graduates
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