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INTELLECTUAL CULTURE AND PEDAGOGICAL ASPECTS OF ITS FORMATION

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Abstract

This article analyzes the key factors in the development of students' intellectual culture, viewing intellectual culture as a complex structure encompassing a person's ability to acquire knowledge, think critically, conduct independent research, and process information. The study found that pedagogical, psychological, sociocultural, and information technology factors have a complex impact on the development of students' intellectual culture.

Key words:

intellectual culture, higher education, students, critical thinking, academic competence, cognitive development, educational environment, information literacy.

INTRODUCTION

Currently, a number of scientific studies are being conducted aimed at improving the mentoring system for the development of students' intellectual culture, and defining an axiological attitude towards scientific research activities. At the same time, special attention is paid to improving technologies for the development of students' intellectual culture, improving the mechanisms for the formation of scientific and innovative thinking in students based on the priority areas and ideas of

pragmatic pedagogy. The formation of intellectual culture is a multifaceted process, carried out under the influence of pedagogical, psychological, social and personal factors. The purpose of this study is to identify the main factors influencing the formation of students' intellectual culture and to theoretically substantiate their interrelationships. Higher education institutions perform important tasks related not only to the development of professional knowledge and skills, but also to the intellectual culture of students. Today, the rapid development of information technology, globalization processes

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and rapid changes in scientific and technological achievements place new demands on the level of students' intellectual culture. In this context, students should not simply be objects receiving knowledge, but subjects capable of independently seeking, analyzing and creating new knowledge [1].

METHODOLOGY AND LITERATURE REVIEW

The research methodology is based on literature analysis and comparative and systematic approaches. The concept of intellectual culture has been widely studied in the fields of psychology, pedagogy, and philosophy. L.S. Vygotsky's cultural-historical theory emphasizes the realization of intellectual development in a sociocultural context [2]. This approach demonstrates the crucial role of the educational environment, social communication, and cultural tools in the formation of students' intellectual culture. In modern pedagogical literature, the concept of intellectual culture is interpreted broadly and includes cognitive, motivational, and moral-value components [3]. Research by Uzbek scholars separately examines issues of intellectual education in the national education system, paying attention to the harmony of intellectual development with spiritual and educational values [4].

International studies define critical thinking skills as a key component of intellectual culture. P. Faccione and other researchers characterized critical thinking as a system of cognitive skills such as analysis, evaluation, drawing conclusions, interpretation, and self-monitoring [5]. Russian scholars I.F. Isaev and E.N. Shiyanov studied intellectual culture in the context of pedagogical activity and emphasized its importance as a component of professional competence [6]. A literature review reveals that several key groups of factors influence the development of students' intellectual culture, including pedagogical-didactic, psychological-personal, sociocultural, and technological factors. Each factor exerts its influence through its own mechanisms, and they produce a comprehensive result within a single system [7].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

First, the instructor themselves should be a role model for intellectual culture, as their personal example is a powerful factor in shaping students' intellectual values. Second, psychological and personal factors are determined by students' cognitive abilities, motivation, self-confidence, and self-management skills. Developing intellectual culture as an internal human need requires an interest in knowledge, a desire for innovation, and a motivation for independent research [8]. Metacognitive skills, the ability to understand and manage one's own thought processes, are an important element of intellectual culture.

Third, sociocultural factors relate to the educational environment, the intellectual environment of the academic community, the availability of library resources, and the activities of research clubs and seminars. An environment of intellectual communication, exchange of ideas, discussion, and collaboration among students creates favorable conditions for the development of intellectual culture [9]. The university culture itself, its values, and traditions significantly influence the intellectual direction of students. Fourth, information and technological factors are becoming increasingly important in modern education.

Digital technologies, electronic educational resources, and access to online libraries and databases develop students' information literacy and independent research skills [10]. However, the overwhelming flow of information and the presence of low-quality sources require students to develop skills in critically evaluating information and the ability to distinguish reliable sources. To effectively influence these factors, their comprehensive and interconnected implementation is necessary. For example, modern pedagogical technologies should be supported by information media, and students' personal motivation should be stimulated by the social environment. Intellectual culture is not a one-time result, but a continuous process of development that takes its main directions during the student years and continues to improve throughout life.

A systematic analysis of the components of intellectual culture reveals the following structure.

The cognitive component includes the depth of knowledge acquisition, the level of systematicity, the ability to establish interdisciplinary connections, and the ability to perform intellectual operations. The operational component refers to the skills of applying mental operations, such as analysis, synthesis, generalization, abstraction, and modeling. The motivational-value component includes an interest in knowledge, a propensity for intellectual activity, conscientiousness, and a sense of responsibility [11]. The reflective component represents the ability to assess one's level of knowledge, analyze errors and shortcomings, and exercise self-control. The balanced development of these components is a prerequisite for the development of a student's holistic intellectual culture. Each component of intellectual culture is influenced by several factors, and these factors, being interconnected, form a complex system. The cognitive component develops primarily through the content and technologies of the pedagogical process, while the operational component is refined through practical exercises and problem-solving.

The influence of these factors varies depending on the stage of a student's education. At the initial stage, psychological and personal factors play a significant role, while sociocultural and information technology factors become increasingly important in subsequent stages. Pedagogical and didactic factors are a constant and highly influential foundation at all stages.

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The university's academic environment and the organization of research activities are of particular importance in the development of intellectual culture. Students' active participation in scientific conferences, seminars, and research projects provides the opportunity to practically test and develop their intellectual abilities. Direct interaction with academic supervisors, observing the work of experienced researchers, and learning from them are important pedagogical tools for enhancing students' intellectual development. Organizing scientific discussions and debates among students also develops critical thinking, logical reasoning, and the ability to support their opinions with scientific evidence. An interdisciplinary approach—the ability to see connections between different disciplines and solve complex problems comprehensively—is an integral part of modern intellectual culture. This is fostered not only in lectures but also through specially organized practical seminars, collaboration on project work, and collective research.

CONCLUSION

Developing students' intellectual culture is a priority task in modern higher education. According to the study, this process is driven by the complex influence of a combination of pedagogical, didactic, psychological, personal, sociocultural, and information technology factors. In the teaching process, it is important to create problematic situations, stimulate independent research, and use methods that develop critical thinking. Psychologically, it is essential to foster students' intrinsic motivation, develop metacognitive skills, and foster a need for self-improvement. Creating an intellectual atmosphere within the university environment, supporting research activities, and providing modern information resources determine the external conditions for developing intellectual culture. In the future, practical research in this area and the development of specific pedagogical models and technologies will contribute to further enhancing students' intellectual culture.

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