An Analysis on the Factors Affecting the Satisfaction Degree of the System of the Ideological and Political Curriculum in General Education in Chinese Junior Colleges of Science and Technology

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Abstract. This paper first briefly analyzes the status of the system of the ideological and political curriculum (SIPC) in Chinese junior colleges of science and technology, then analyzes the factors affecting the satisfaction degree of SIPC in general education in Chinese junior colleges of science and technology based on 5 dimensions consisting of the philosophy of the ideological and political curriculum (PIPC), the content of the ideological and political curriculum (CIPC), the teachers of the ideological and political curriculum (TIPC), the achievements of the ideological and political curriculum (AIPC) and the relevant investigation of the ideological and political curriculum (RIPC). Through the descriptive statistic analysis, the correlation analysis and the regression analysis on the questionnaire survey, it is found that CIPC, TIPC and PIPC are the 3 factors affecting the satisfaction degree of SIPC from the least to the greatest influence degree respectively. Therefore, not only should be the importance of CIPC attached to general education in Chinese junior colleges of science and technology but also should be TIPC and PIPC focused on, what’s more, the other dimensions should be further applied to the analysis on SIPC, in order to improve the satisfaction degree of SIPC in general education of Chinese junior colleges of science and technology.

1 Introduction

In general education in Chinese junior colleges of science and technology, the ideological and political curriculum is an integrated part which plays an irreplaceable role for which other curricula can’t substitute in the ideological and moral education and in the political education. In terms of the hierarchy compared with the undergraduate colleges and in terms of the classification compared with the arts colleges, the system of the ideological and political curriculum (SIPC) in general education in Chinese colleges of science and technology shows the lowest status. This paper is to analyze the factors affecting the satisfaction degree of SIPC based on 5 dimensions --- PIPC, CIPC, TIPC, AIPC and RIPC and through the analysis of descriptive statistics, correlation and regression. Finally, this paper makes some conclusions from these analyses.

2 The status of SIPC in general education in Chinese junior colleges of science and technology

From the empirical analysis, for the hierarchy, undergraduate colleges more stress the comprehensive qualities and for the classification, arts colleges more focus on humane qualities. Subjectively, although the importance of the ideological and political curriculum is the same to all the Chinese colleges in which the ideological and political curriculum is set as the compulsory subject, objectively, the difference of hierarchy and classification leads to the different status of SIPC in general education in different colleges.

In Figure 1, the horizontal axis representing the hierarchy of colleges and the vertical axis representing the classification of colleges divide Chinese colleges into 4 combinations --- junior colleges of science technology I, undergraduate colleges of science technology II, junior colleges of arts III, undergraduate colleges of arts IV. On the whole, the status of the ideological and political curriculum in general education is combinedly determined by the hierarchy and the classification generally with the improving trend from junior colleges to undergraduate colleges and from the colleges of science and technology to the arts colleges. The trend of the dotted line with arrow shows the improving status of SIPC in general education in Chinese colleges of different hierarchy and different classification.

It is found that generally the status of SIPC in the 4 kinds of colleges is that the status of undergraduate is higher than junior colleges, arts colleges higher than the colleges of science and technology. The status is the highest for...
In this paper, the questionnaire setting of SIPC in general education in Chinese colleges of science and technology, reflects the degree of approval of SIPC in general education in the colleges of science and technology can with the arts colleges, the status of SIPC in general education of Chinese colleges of science and technology.

3 The regression analysis on the satisfaction degree of SIPC in general education in Chinese colleges of science and technology

In priori, compared with the undergraduate colleges and with the arts colleges, the status of SIPC in general education in the colleges of science and technology can reflect the degree of approval of SIPC in general education in the colleges of science and technology, which can be analyzed by the satisfaction degree of SIPC in general education in Chinese colleges of science and technology.

3.1 Questionnaire survey

3.1.1 Questionnaire setting

In this paper, the questionnaire setting of SIPC in general education in Chinese colleges of science and technology is composed of 5 dimensions --- PIPC, CIPC, TIPC, AIPC and RIPC. Every dimension includes several questions which are seen in Table 1.

Table 1. 5 Dimensions of the ideological and political curriculum.

| Dimensions | Questions |
|------------|-----------|
| A          | A1 you have a clear understanding of the ideological and political curriculum. |
|            | A2 the ideological and political curriculum helps to enrich your knowledge structure and improve yourself. |
|            | A3 the ideological and political curriculum is quite necessary. |
|            | A4 the ideological and political curriculum is popularized in your college. |
|            | A5 the philosophy of the ideological and political curriculum is introduced and advertised in your college. |
|            | A6 your college attach great importance to the students’ understanding of the objective and the role of the ideological and political education. |
| B          | B1 the title of the ideological and political curriculum agrees with the actual teaching content. |
|            | B2 the ideological and political curriculum is related to the public concerns. |
|            | B3 there are no time conflicts between the ideological and political curriculum and the specialized courses. |
|            | B4 you have the opportunity to practice through the ideological and political curriculum. |
|            | B5 you have learned the cross-disciplinary courses through the ideological and political curriculum. |

3.1.2 The selections of the questionnaire survey respondents

The selections of the questionnaire survey respondents include the selection of the colleges and the students. Firstly, 9 colleges are selected according to the Wu Shulian’s research on the classification of Chinese colleges as follows: Sichuan Post and Telecommunication College, Sichuan Water Conservancy Vocational College, Sichuan Vocational and Technical College of Communications, Sichuan Electromechanical Institute of Vocation and Technology, Sichuan College of Architectural Technology, Sichuan Engineering Technical College, Sichuan Electric Vocational and Technical College, Chengdu Textile College, Chengdu Agricultural College. Secondly, the college students from class of 2015 to Class of 2018 are selected.

3.1.3 Information of the questionnaires

The information of the questionnaires is seen in Table 2. 2,900 questionnaires are issued. 836 are returned and 64 are missed. So the proportion of valid questionnaires is 92.9% and the missing proportion is 7.1%. The freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the returned questionnaires are respectively 239, 206 and 391, which respectively account for 26.6%, 23.2% and 43.4%.

Table 2. Information of the questionnaires.
3.1.4 Sampling method of the questionnaires

The sampling methods of the questionnaires are random sampling method and stratified sampling method. Because the juniors have more experiences of attending the classes than the freshmen and the sophomores, the juniors can give more adequate answer in the questionnaires. Therefore, the proportion of the juniors in the questionnaires is the largest in order to improve the reliability of the data analyses.

3.2 Statistical analysis

3.2.1 The tool and method of the statistical analysis

This paper uses SPSS18.0 as the tool of the statistical analysis. The descriptive statistical analysis, the correlation analysis and the regression analysis are applied to analyze the questionnaires data.

3.2.2 The reliability of the questionnaires

The results of the questionnaires reliability adopting the testing method of statistical homogeneity reliability and using Cronbach α coefficient as the testing standard can be seen in Table 3.

As seen in Table 3, the whole reliability of the questionnaires is 0.906 which means very good; the reliability of TIPC and the reliability of CIPC are respectively 0.891 and 0.853 both of which mean good; the reliability of RIPC and the reliability of AIPC are respectively 0.748 and 0.725 both of which mean normal; the reliability of PIPC is 0.616 which means acceptable.

Table 3. The reliability of the questionnaires.

| Measuremen\t: Cronbach Alpha(α) | The whole reliability of the questionnaires | 0.906 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------|
| Philosophy of the ideological and political curriculum (PIPC) | 0.616 |
| Content of the ideological and political curriculum (CIPC) | 0.853 |
| Teachers of the ideological and political curriculum (TIPC) | 0.891 |
| Achievements of the ideological and political curriculum (AIPC) | 0.725 |
| The relevant investigation of the ideological and political curriculum (RIPC) | 0.748 |

Note: α ∈ [0, 0.59], α ∈ [0.60, 0.69], α ∈ [0.70, 0.79], α ∈ [0.80, 0.89] and α ∈ [0.90,1] respectively means a very bad reliability, an acceptable reliability, a normal reliability, a good reliability and a very good reliability.

3.2.3 Correlation analysis

As seen in Table 4, it is found that the correlation of the satisfaction degree of SIPC respectively between PIPC, CIPC, TIPC, AIPC and RIPC are all significant on the 1% significance level, which means that all the correlation are very strong.

Table 4. The Correlation between the Satisfaction Degree and PIPC, CIPC, TIPC, AIPC and RIPC.

| Degree of Satisfaction | PIPC | CIPC | TIPC | AIPC | RIPC |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Pearson Correlation    | 0.426| 0.493| 0.462| 0.391| 0.433|
| Significance            | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  |

Note: *** shows the 1% significance level.

3.2.4 Regression analysis

The satisfaction degree of SIPC is set as the dependent variable and PIPC, CIPC, TIPC, AIPC and RIPC are set as the independent variable.

Firstly, as seen in Table 5, the results of the satisfaction degree of SIPC shows that when the proportion of unclear is removed, the proportion of very satisfied and satisfied is very low accounting for only 26.2%, the proportion of very unsatisfied and unsatisfied is very high accounting for more than 62%.

Table 5. The Satisfaction Degree of the System of the Ideological and Political Curriculum (SIPC).

| Degree of Satisfaction | No. | Proportion |
|------------------------|-----|------------|
| very satisfied         | 56  | 6.7%       |
| satisfied              | 163 | 19.5%      |
| unclear                | 97  | 11.6%      |
| unsatisfied            | 317 | 37.9%      |
| very unsatisfied        | 203 | 24.3%      |
| missing/valid questionnaires | 64/836 |

Secondly, as seen in Table 6 which shows the results of the analysis on the linear regression relationship between the satisfaction degree of the ideological and political curriculum and PIPC, CIPC, TIPC, AIPC and RIPC.As for the dependent variables, the P value of the coefficient of AIPC in model II and the P values of the coefficients of AIPC and RIPC in model III don’t pass the significance test, so the coefficients are all removed from the final linear regression equation which finally includes the dependent variables of PIPC, CIPC and TIPC.

Table 6. The excluded variables in the linear regression equation.

| Model | Dependent Variable | Independent Variables | t   | Sig. |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----|------|
| I     | The Satisfaction of the Ideological and Political Curriculum (SIPC) | PIPC | 4.053 | 0.000*** |
|       |                    | RIPC                  | 3.078 | 0.002*** |
|       |                    | TIPC                  | 3.292 | 0.001*** |
|       |                    | AIPC                  | 2.113 | 0.035** |
|       |                    | RIPC                  | 2.463 | 0.014** |
|       |                    | TIPC                  | 2.277 | 0.023** |
|       |                    | AIPC                  | 1.585 | 0.113 |
|       |                    | RIPC                  | 1.143 | 0.253 |
|       |                    |                       | 0.814 | 0.416 |

Note: *** and** respectively shows the 1% and the 5% significance level.
Lastly, as seen in Table 7, the final linear regression equation is as follow:

\[ \text{SIPC} = 0.176 + 0.226 \text{CIPC} + 0.185 \text{TIPC} + 0.104 \text{PIPC} \]

It is concluded from the equation that the three variables \( \text{PIPC} \), \( \text{CIPC} \) and \( \text{TIPC} \) are the factors affecting the satisfaction degree of the ideological and political curriculum. It is known from the final linear regression equation in which the coefficients of \( \text{CIPC} \), \( \text{TIPC} \) and \( \text{PIPC} \) are respectively 0.226, 0.185 and 0.104 that among the affecting degree of the factors affecting the satisfaction degree, \( \text{CIPC} \) is the greatest followed by \( \text{TIPC} \) and \( \text{PIPC} \) is the least.

**Table 7. The Final Linear Regression Equation.**

| Model | Variables | Coefficient | t | Sig. |
|-------|-----------|-------------|---|------|
| I The Satisfaction of the Ideological and Political Curriculum (SIPC) | Constant | 0.527 | 2.596 | 0.001*** |
| | CIPC | 0.318 | 8.371 | 0.000*** |
| II Constant | 0.163 | 1.147 | 0.252 |
| | CIPC | 0.247 | 6.353 | 0.000*** |
| | PIPC | 0.115 | 4.206 | 0.001*** |
| III Constant | 0.176 | 1.082 | 0.280 |
| | CIPC | 0.226 | 4.737 | 0.000*** |
| | PIPC | 0.104 | 3.869 | 0.000*** |
| | TIPC | 0.185 | 2.372 | 0.018** |

Note: *** and ** respectively shows the 1% and the 5% significance level.

4 Conclusion

Because of the characteristics of the hierarchy and classification of Chinese colleges, the status of SIPC in general education in Chinese colleges of science and technology is the lowest. Through the analysis on the questionnaire survey, it is found that the 3 factors --- CIPC, TIPC and PIPC affecting SIPC in the colleges of science and technology pass the significance test with the affecting degree from the least to the greatest. This means that besides the focus on the most essential factor --- CIPC, the importance of the role of TIPC should be stressed and the introduction of PIPC should be enhanced and the publicity of PIPC should be strengthened. Furthermore, the reasons why the 2 factors --- AIPC and RIPC don’t show the significant influence on SIPC should be thought about. Moreover, the setting of the ideological and political curriculum should be improved by other dimensions besides the 5 dimensions mentioned in this paper in order that the satisfaction degree of SIPC will be possibly improved and the role of SIPC in general education will be better played.

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