

## Abstract

Although English Education Department of Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (EED UMY) has clearly aimed to make its graduates as professional English teachers, the researcher found that not all students want to work as English teachers. Based on this phenomenon, the researcher conducted this research. This research aimed to know about (1) The students' main reasons to choose EED UMY as their major, (2) find out the students' main factors in choosing job, and (3) find out the students' job preference after graduation. This research used quantitative research approach with survey design. Questionnaire was used as the instrument of the research. The data were gathered from 110 students of English Education Departments of UMY by distributing the created questionnaire with open ended question about students' job preferences after graduation. The data analysis from SPSS 21 revealed that 40% students chose EED UMY as their major because they wanted to master the English language and grammar. In the next question, there were 29.1% of participants who chose their future dreams as the factors in choosing job. The last question was about the students' job preferences after graduation. There were 40.9% respondents who have the desire to become an English teacher. From this study the researchers hopes that the result is be useful for the stake holders and other parties.

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