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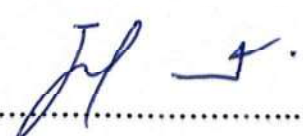
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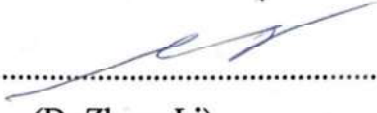
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ABSTRACT

In recent years, the concept of learning conformity has garnered significant attention in educational research, particularly in the context of higher education. Despite the university's efforts to maintain high educational standards, there is a noticeable disparity in student performance, with some students excelling while others struggle to meet academic requirements. The purpose of the study was to examine the relationships between family factors, school factors, social factors and personal factors and learning conformity behavior of students.

Utilizing the quantitative research method grounded in the Conformity Theory, the study adopted structured questionnaires distributed to a sample of 500 students of Yunnan university, with a valid response rate of 90%. The hypothesis testing revealed significant positive relationships between each of the independent variables and learning conformity behavior. This study found that family factors, school factors, social and personal factors significantly influence learning conformity behavior of students.

The study recommends enhancing parental involvement, improving the educational environment, fostering positive peer interactions, and developing students' personal skills as key strategies to improve learning conformity behavior. These strategies offer practical solutions to foster positive academic behavior and improve educational outcomes of university students.

Keywords: learning conformity behavior, Yunnan University

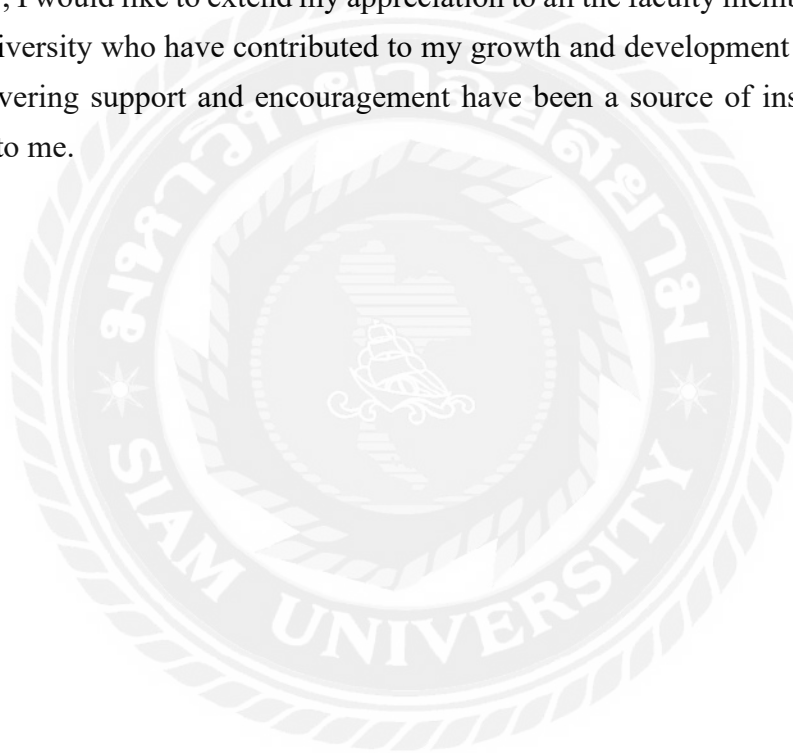
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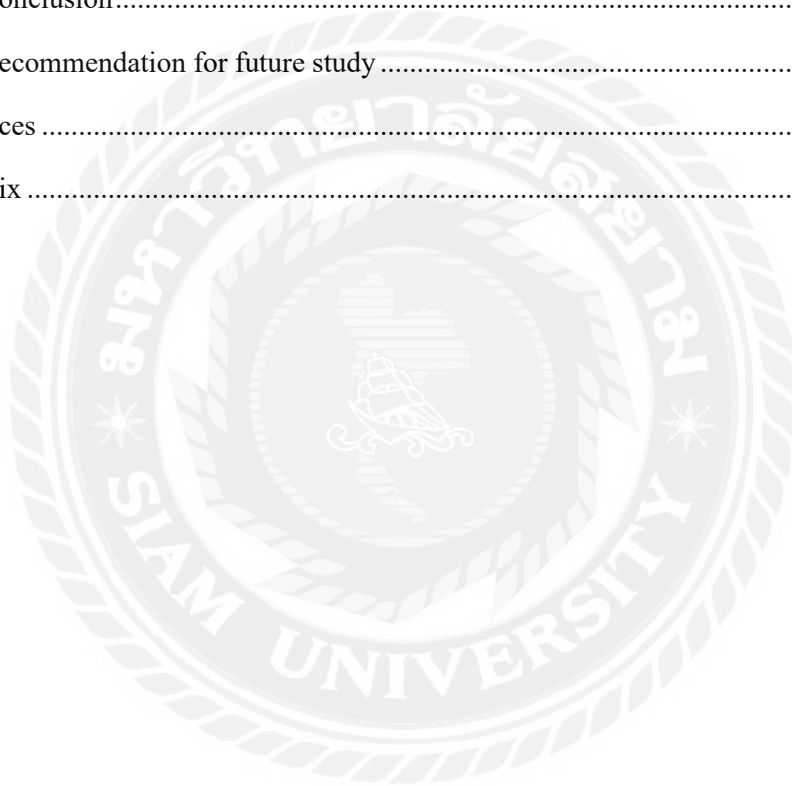


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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.2 Background of the Study

In recent years, the concept of learning conformity has garnered significant attention in educational research, particularly in the context of higher education. Learning conformity refers to the phenomenon where students adapt their learning behaviors to align with the perceived norms and behaviors of their peers. This adaptation can be influenced by a myriad of factors, including family background, school environment, social influences, and personal attributes.

The Chinese education system, characterized by its rigorous academic standards and competitive environment, provides a unique context for studying learning conformity. According to Li & Zhang (2019), the pressure to excel academically in China often leads students to conform to the learning behaviors exhibited by high-achieving peers. This conformity is not merely a passive adaptation but a strategic response to the competitive educational landscape (Chen, 2018).

Family factors play a pivotal role in shaping students' learning conformity behaviors. Chinese families place a high value on education, often exerting significant pressure on children to perform well academically (Zhao, 2017). Parental expectations and involvement in their children's education can drive students to conform to the study habits and academic practices of their peers to meet familial expectations (Wang, 2016).

School factors are equally influential in promoting learning conformity. Schools in China often emphasize collective achievement and standardization, which can encourage students to adopt similar learning strategies and behaviors (Liu, 2015). The role of teachers and the school's academic culture are critical in shaping these behaviors. For instance, schools that foster a collaborative learning environment can promote positive learning conformity, where students collectively engage in effective study practices (Huang, 2018).

Social factors, including peer influence and social norms, significantly impact learning conformity. Peer groups serve as a primary source of socialization, and students often look to their peers for cues on acceptable and effective learning behaviors (Sun, 2017). The desire to fit in and be accepted by one's peer group can lead students

to conform to the prevailing learning norms within their social circle (Zhang & Chen, 2016).

Personal factors, such as self-efficacy and motivation, also contribute to learning conformity. Students with high self-efficacy are more likely to adopt positive learning behaviors from their peers, believing in their ability to achieve similar success (Li, 2018). Conversely, students with low self-efficacy may conform to negative behaviors due to a lack of confidence in their academic abilities (Wu, 2019).

Given the complex interplay of these factors, this study aims to explore the behavior of undergraduate learning conformity at Yunnan University. By examining the influences of family, school, social, and personal factors, this research seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of learning conformity in a Chinese higher education context.

1.2 Problems of the Study

Yunnan University, like many higher education institutions in China, faces significant challenges related to student learning behaviors and academic performance. One pressing issue is the variability in student engagement and academic achievement. Despite the university's efforts to maintain high educational standards, there is a noticeable disparity in student performance, with some students excelling while others struggle to meet academic requirements. This disparity is partly attributed to the diverse backgrounds of the students, including differences in prior educational experiences, family support, and personal motivation (Li & Zhao, 2017).

Moreover, the competitive academic environment at Yunnan University has led to increased stress and anxiety among students, which negatively impacts their learning behaviors. According to Wang & Liu (2018), the pressure to succeed academically has resulted in students adopting unhealthy study habits, such as excessive cramming and reliance on rote memorization, rather than engaging in deep learning and critical thinking. These issues are exacerbated by the lack of a supportive peer environment, where students often feel isolated and reluctant to seek help from their classmates or instructors (Chen, 2019).

The Conformity Theory offers valuable insights into addressing these problems by highlighting the role of social influence in shaping student behaviors. According to Asch's (1956) foundational work, individuals are likely to conform to group norms and

behaviors to gain social acceptance and avoid conflict. In the context of Yunnan University, fostering a positive and supportive peer environment can encourage students to adopt effective learning behaviors. By promoting a culture of collaboration and mutual support, students are more likely to engage in beneficial study practices and improve their academic performance (Zhou, 2017).

Implementing strategies based on the Conformity Theory can have a transformative impact on the university. For instance, encouraging group study sessions and peer mentoring programs can create an environment where positive learning behaviors are normalized and reinforced (Liu, 2016). Additionally, training faculty to recognize and support students' needs can help build a more inclusive and supportive academic community (Huang & Wu, 2018). By leveraging the principles of the Conformity Theory, Yunnan University can address the underlying issues affecting student learning behaviors and create a more conducive environment for academic success.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The aim of this study is to investigate the factors influencing the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. By examining these factors, the study seeks to provide insights into how different elements contribute to students' academic behaviors and to propose strategies for enhancing learning outcomes.

1. To examine the relationship between family factors and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates.
2. To examine the relationship between school factors and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates.
3. To examine the relationship between social factors and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates.
4. To examine the relationship between personal factors and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates.

1.4 Scope of the Study

This study focuses on exploring the learning conformity behavior of undergraduate students at Yunnan University. The research is confined to examining how four specific factors—family, school, social, and personal—affect students' tendencies to conform to the learning behaviors prevalent within their peer groups. The scope includes both theoretical and empirical investigations.

The theoretical scope involves an in-depth review of existing literature related to the Conformity Theory and its application in educational settings, particularly within the context of Chinese higher education. This provides a solid foundation for understanding the dynamics of learning conformity and its potential impacts on academic performance.

The empirical scope is limited to undergraduate students currently enrolled at Yunnan University. Data were collected through structured questionnaires designed to measure the four independent variables (family factors, school factors, social factors, and personal factors) and the dependent variable (learning conformity behavior). The study utilized the quantitative methods to analyze the data, providing statistical insights into the relationships between these variables.

By focusing specifically on Yunnan University, the study aims to provide a detailed and context-specific understanding of learning conformity within this institution. While the findings may have broader implications for other Chinese universities, the primary scope is limited to this single university to ensure a manageable and focused investigation.

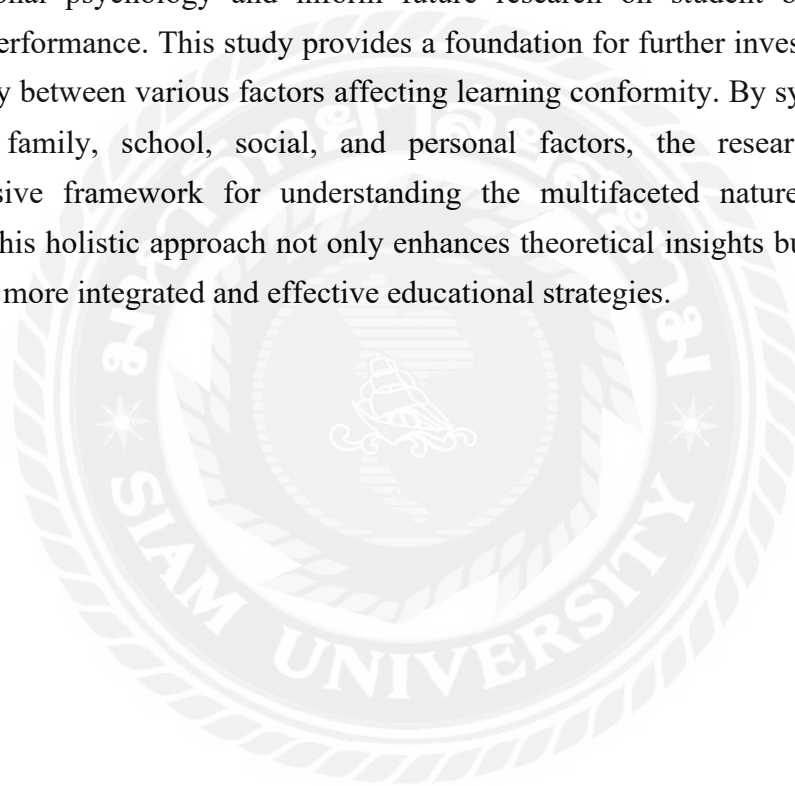
This scope is designed to ensure that the research remains focused and relevant, providing actionable insights that can directly benefit the academic environment at Yunnan University. The study aims to contribute to the broader discourse on educational strategies and student behavior, offering evidence-based recommendations for fostering positive learning behaviors through an understanding of conformity dynamics.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The significance of this study lies in its potential to contribute both practically and theoretically to the understanding of learning conformity behavior among undergraduates at Yunnan University. Practically, the study aims to provide actionable insights for educators, administrators, and policymakers. By identifying the key factors that influence learning conformity, the research can inform the development of targeted interventions to promote positive learning behaviors and enhance academic performance. For instance, understanding the role of family support and school environment can help in designing programs that foster parental involvement and create a more supportive academic atmosphere. Additionally, recognizing the impact of peer

influence and personal motivation can lead to the implementation of peer mentoring systems and motivational workshops that encourage effective study practices.

Theoretically, this study seeks to expand the application of the Conformity Theory within the educational context, particularly in Chinese higher education. While the Conformity Theory has been extensively studied in social psychology, its specific implications for learning behaviors in academic settings remain underexplored. This research bridges that gap by examining how conformity dynamics operate among Chinese undergraduates, providing a nuanced understanding of how social influences shape learning behaviors. The findings can contribute to the broader body of knowledge on educational psychology and inform future research on student behavior and academic performance. This study provides a foundation for further investigation into the interplay between various factors affecting learning conformity. By systematically examining family, school, social, and personal factors, the research offers a comprehensive framework for understanding the multifaceted nature of student behavior. This holistic approach not only enhances theoretical insights but also paves the way for more integrated and effective educational strategies.



Chapter 2 Literature Review

2.1 Introduction

The literature review in this study provides a comprehensive examination of the concepts and theories relevant to understanding the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. It aims to contextualize the study within existing academic discourse and highlights the gaps this research intends to fill. By reviewing key studies and theoretical frameworks, the literature review establishes a foundation for exploring the relationships between family, school, social, and personal factors and how they influence learning conformity.

This section begins by defining and discussing the concept of learning behavior, a critical component in understanding how students interact with and adapt to their academic environment. Following this, the review delves into the theory of conformity, examining its origins and applications in various social contexts, with a particular focus on educational settings. The final part of the literature review synthesizes these concepts into the notion of learning conformity, integrating insights from previous research to elucidate how conformity manifests in academic behaviors and the factors that drive it.

2.2 Learning Behavior

Learning behavior encompasses the actions, attitudes, and habits that students exhibit in their academic pursuits. It includes a wide range of activities such as studying, participating in class, completing assignments, and interacting with peers and instructors. Understanding learning behavior is crucial for identifying how students approach their studies and what factors influence their academic success.

Research has shown that positive learning behaviors, such as regular attendance, active participation in class, and effective time management, are strongly associated with higher academic achievement (Li & Zhang, 2017). In China, the emphasis on education and academic excellence has led to a cultural norm where students are expected to exhibit diligent and disciplined learning behaviors (Wang, 2016). These behaviors are often reinforced by family expectations and societal pressures to succeed academically.

Li (2015) highlighted that learning behavior is not only shaped by individual motivation but also by the educational environment. For example, supportive teaching practices and a conducive learning atmosphere can encourage students to engage more deeply with the material and develop better study habits. Conversely, a lack of support and negative classroom dynamics can hinder students' willingness to participate and perform well.

The role of technology in shaping learning behaviors has also been a subject of interest. Zhou & Chen (2018) found the integration of digital tools and online resources in the classroom can enhance students' engagement and facilitate more interactive and personalized learning experiences. However, they also caution that over-reliance on technology can lead to distractions and reduce the effectiveness of traditional study methods.

In a comparative study, Smith (2016) examined learning behavior among students in different cultural contexts and found significant differences in how students approach their studies. Chinese students, in particular, were noted for their strong work ethic and high levels of engagement, which were attributed to the cultural value placed on education and the competitive nature of the Chinese education system.

Peer influence plays a significant role in shaping learning behaviors. According to Sun (2017), students often adopt the study habits and attitudes of their peers, especially in a university setting where peer interactions are frequent and influential. This phenomenon is particularly relevant in understanding learning conformity, where students adjust their behaviors to align with the expectations and norms of their peer group.

In summary, learning behavior is a multifaceted concept influenced by individual motivation, educational environment, technological integration, and peer dynamics. These factors collectively shape how students engage with their studies and ultimately affect their academic outcomes. By examining these elements, this study aims to provide a deeper understanding of the learning behaviors of undergraduates at Yunnan University and how these behaviors are influenced by various factors.

2.3 Conformity

Conformity is a social psychological phenomenon where individuals change their behavior, attitudes, or beliefs to match those of a group. This concept is particularly

relevant in educational settings where peer influence can significantly shape student behavior and academic outcomes. The foundational work by Asch (1956) on conformity demonstrated how individuals often conform to group norms even when they privately disagree, highlighting the powerful influence of social pressure.

In the context of Chinese education, conformity plays a vital role in shaping students' academic behaviors. The collectivist culture prevalent in China emphasizes group harmony and social cohesion, which can lead to higher levels of conformity among students (Chen & Yang, 2017). This cultural backdrop means that students are more likely to adopt the learning behaviors and attitudes of their peers to fit in and be accepted within their social and academic circles.

Studies have shown that conformity can have both positive and negative impacts on student learning. On the positive side, conformity can lead to the adoption of effective study practices when these behaviors are prevalent within the peer group. For instance, Liu (2015) found that in classrooms where high-achieving students set a norm of diligent study habits, other students were likely to conform to these behaviors, resulting in improved academic performance across the group.

However, conformity can also perpetuate negative behaviors. According to Wang & Zhang (2018), students may conform to detrimental study habits, such as procrastination or minimal effort, if these behaviors are common among their peers. This negative conformity can undermine academic achievement and reduce overall student engagement with their studies.

The mechanisms of conformity in educational settings are complex and influenced by various factors. Peer pressure is a significant driver, as students often seek approval and acceptance from their peers (Li & Sun, 2016). The desire to avoid social isolation or rejection can compel students to align their behaviors with group norms, even at the expense of their academic interests.

Teacher influence and classroom dynamics also play a role in shaping conformity. Teachers who foster a collaborative and inclusive classroom environment can help establish positive group norms that students are likely to adopt (Zhao, 2017). Conversely, competitive, or high-pressure classroom settings may exacerbate negative conformity as students focus more on outperforming their peers rather than collaborative learning. The broader educational environment, including school policies

and culture, can influence the extent and nature of conformity among students. Schools that emphasize standardized testing and competition may inadvertently promote conformity to test-focused learning strategies rather than holistic educational development (Huang, 2016).

Understanding the role of conformity in educational settings is crucial for developing strategies to harness its positive aspects while mitigating its negative impacts. By recognizing how social dynamics influence student behavior, educators can create environments that encourage beneficial learning practices and foster academic success.

2.4 Learning Conformity

Learning conformity refers to the extent to which students align their learning behaviors with those of their peers. This concept combines elements of both learning behavior and conformity, focusing on how social influences within the academic environment shape individual study practices and attitudes. In the context of Chinese higher education, learning conformity is particularly relevant due to the collectivist culture that emphasizes group harmony and peer influence (Chen & Wang, 2017).

Research has shown that learning conformity can have a profound impact on academic outcomes. Positive learning conformity occurs when students adopt beneficial study habits and academic behaviors prevalent in their peer group. For example, Zhao (2016) found that students in collaborative learning environments were more likely to engage in active learning and critical thinking, leading to improved academic performance. This positive conformity is often facilitated by peer support networks and a shared commitment to academic success.

Conversely, negative learning conformity can perpetuate detrimental behaviors. Sun & Liu (2018) observed that students in highly competitive environments might conform to unproductive behaviors, such as cramming or academic dishonesty, if these practices are seen as normative among their peers. Such conformity can undermine genuine learning and lead to increased stress and anxiety.

The mechanisms driving learning conformity are multifaceted. Peer influence is a significant factor, as students tend to model their behaviors on those of their peers, especially in close-knit academic communities (Li, 2015). The desire for social

acceptance and the fear of social exclusion can compel students to conform to group norms, even when these norms are counterproductive to their individual learning goals.

Family influences also play a critical role. According to Huang & Zhang (2016), parental expectations and involvement can shape students' attitudes towards learning conformity. Students from families that emphasize academic achievement and provide strong support are more likely to conform to positive learning behaviors endorsed by their peers. On the other hand, students from less supportive family backgrounds may struggle to resist negative peer influences.

School factors, including the educational environment and institutional policies, significantly impact learning conformity. Schools that promote collaborative learning and provide a supportive academic culture can foster positive conformity among students (Wang, 2016). For instance, implementing peer mentoring programs and study groups can create an environment where positive academic behaviors are normalized and encouraged.

Personal factors, such as self-efficacy and motivation, also influence learning conformity. Students with high self-efficacy are more likely to adopt and maintain positive learning behaviors, even in the face of peer pressure (Liu, 2017). Conversely, those with lower self-efficacy may be more susceptible to negative conformity, particularly if they lack confidence in their academic abilities.

Understanding learning conformity is crucial for developing effective educational strategies that harness the benefits of positive peer influence while mitigating the risks of negative conformity. By fostering a supportive and collaborative learning environment, educators can encourage students to adopt beneficial academic behaviors and improve their overall academic performance.

2.5 Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework of this study is based on the Conformity Theory, which posits that individuals tend to align their behaviors and attitudes with those of their peers due to social influence and the desire for acceptance. This framework integrates four independent variables—family factors, school factors, social factors, and personal factors—with the dependent variable, which is the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates.

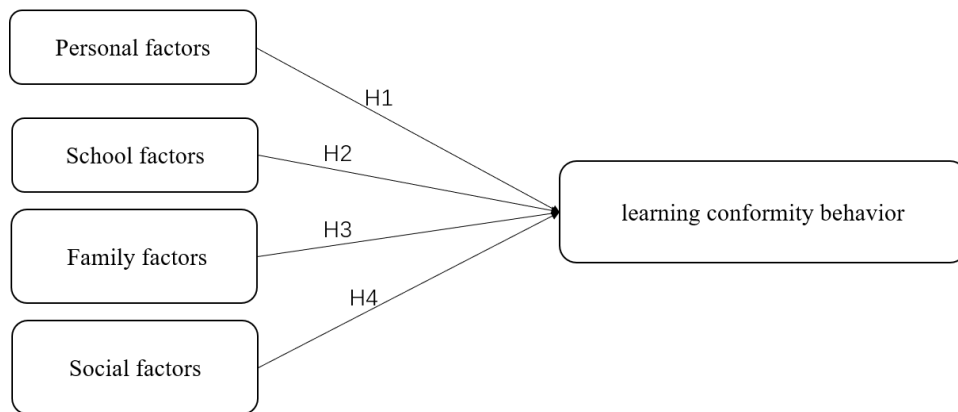


Figure 2-1 Conceptual Framework

Family Factors: Family influences are pivotal in shaping students' learning behaviors. Parental involvement, socioeconomic status, and educational background significantly affect how students approach their studies. Zhao & Li (2017) found that students with supportive and academically involved parents are more likely to adopt positive learning behaviors. These students often conform to high academic standards set by their families, striving to meet expectations and gain approval. Conversely, students from less supportive family backgrounds may lack the encouragement needed to develop effective study habits, leading to conformity to less productive peer behaviors (Wang, 2016).

School Factors: The school environment, including the quality of teaching, school infrastructure, and academic culture, plays a crucial role in influencing learning conformity. Schools that foster a collaborative and inclusive atmosphere encourage students to adopt positive learning behaviors (Liu, 2015). For instance, peer mentoring programs and group study sessions can create a supportive environment where students feel motivated to conform to beneficial academic practices. However, competitive and high-pressure school environments may lead to negative conformity, where students engage in counterproductive behaviors such as cramming or academic dishonesty to keep up with their peers (Chen, 2018).

Social Factors: Peer influence and social norms significantly impact students' learning conformity. In a university setting, students often look to their peers for cues on acceptable academic behaviors. Sun (2017) highlighted that students tend to conform to the study habits and attitudes of their social groups, particularly when these

behaviors are seen as the norm. Positive peer influence can lead to improved academic performance, while negative peer influence can perpetuate detrimental study habits. Social networks and the desire for social acceptance drive students to align their behaviors with those of their peers, reinforcing the importance of social factors in learning conformity (Zhang & Zhou, 2016).

Personal Factors: Individual attributes such as self-efficacy, motivation, and personal academic goals also influence learning conformity. Students with high self-efficacy are more confident in their abilities and are likely to adopt and maintain positive learning behaviors, even in the face of peer pressure (Liu, 2017). Motivated students set personal academic goals that drive their study habits, leading them to conform to behaviors that align with their aspirations. Conversely, students with low self-efficacy or lack of motivation may conform to negative behaviors due to a lack of confidence in their academic abilities or unclear goals (Huang, 2018).

By examining these factors, this study aims to understand how family, school, social, and personal influences interact to shape the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. The framework suggests that these factors collectively impact students' tendencies to align their learning behaviors with those of their peers, ultimately affecting their academic outcomes.

Chapter 3 Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This study adopted the quantitative research method to explore the relationship between family factors, school factors, social factors, personal factors, and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. The choice of a quantitative approach was driven by the need to objectively measure and analyze the variables involved, providing a clear and statistically valid understanding of the phenomena under investigation.

3.2 Questionnaire Design

The research design centered around the development and deployment of a structured survey questionnaire. The questionnaire was meticulously crafted to capture data relevant to the independent variables (family factors, school factors, social factors, and personal factors) and the dependent variable (learning conformity behavior). The survey included both closed-ended and Likert-scale questions to ensure comprehensive data collection. Closed-ended questions provided specific, measurable responses, while Likert-scale questions allowed respondents to express the degree of their agreement or disagreement with various statements, capturing nuances in attitudes and behaviors.

The design process for the questionnaire involved several critical steps. Initially, a literature review was conducted to identify validated scales and relevant question items from previous studies. For instance, items related to family support and involvement were adapted from Zhao & Li (2017), while questions on peer influence and school environment were based on Sun (2017) and Wang (2016) respectively. This ensured the questionnaire's content validity and relevance to the study's context.

The questionnaire underwent a pilot test with a small sample of students to identify any ambiguities or difficulties in understanding the questions. Feedback from the pilot test led to minor revisions, enhancing the clarity and precision of the questions. This iterative process was crucial to ensure that the final questionnaire was both reliable and user-friendly.

Table 3-1 Questionnaire

Dimension	Question	Question Text	Question Type
Demographic	Q1	Gender	Single Choice
	Q2	Age	Single Choice
	Q3	Year of Study	Single Choice
	Q4	Faculty	Single Choice
Family Factors	Q5	Parental Education Level	Single Choice
	Q6	Parental Involvement in Academics	Likert Scale
	Q7	Frequency of Academic Discussions with Parents	Likert Scale
	Q8	Parents' Expectation of Academic Achievement	Likert Scale
	Q9	Supportive Learning Environment at Home	Likert Scale
School Factors	Q10	Quality of Teaching	Likert Scale
	Q11	Availability of Academic Resources	Likert Scale
	Q12	Support from Faculty Members	Likert Scale
	Q13	Participation in Study Groups	Frequency Scale
	Q14	Perception of Academic Pressure	Likert Scale
Social Factors	Q15	Influence of Friends on Study Habits	Likert Scale
	Q16	Peer Support for Academic Work	Likert Scale
	Q17	Frequency of Collaborative Study Sessions	Frequency Scale
	Q18	Conformity to Peer Study Practices	Likert Scale
	Q19	Impact of Social Activities on Study Time	Likert Scale
Personal Factors	Q20	Self-Efficacy in Academic Work	Likert Scale
	Q21	Personal Motivation for Academic Success	Likert Scale
	Q22	Setting Personal Academic Goals	Frequency Scale
	Q23	Time Management Skills	Likert Scale

	Q24	Perception of Own Academic Abilities	Likert Scale
Learning Conformity Behavior	Q25	Adopting Peer Study Habits	Likert Scale
	Q26	Aligning Study Schedule with Peers	Frequency Scale
	Q27	Influence of Peer Success on Personal Study Efforts	Likert Scale
	Q28	Pressure to Perform Academically Due to Peer Expectations	Likert Scale
	Q29	Consistency of Personal Study Methods with Peer Methods	Frequency Scale

The questionnaire was designed to capture a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing learning conformity behavior among undergraduates at Yunnan University.

Questions Q1-Q4 provide a basic profile of the respondents, allowing for statistical descriptions and ensuring a representative sample. Questions Q5-Q9 assess the influence of family background on learning conformity behaviors. These questions use both single choice and Likert scales to capture the level of parental education, involvement, expectations, and support, which are critical in shaping academic behaviors. Questions Q10-Q14 explore the impact of the educational environment on learning conformity. Likert scales and frequency scales measure the quality of teaching, availability of resources, faculty support, participation in study groups, and perceived academic pressure. Questions Q15-Q19 examine the role of peer influence and social interactions in learning behavior. Likert scales and frequency scales are used to assess the influence of friends, peer support, collaborative study sessions, conformity to peer practices, and the impact of social activities. Questions Q20-Q24 address individual characteristics such as self-efficacy, motivation, goal-setting, time management, and self-perception of academic abilities. These factors are crucial in understanding how personal attributes influence conformity behavior. Questions Q25-Q29 directly measure the dependent variable, focusing on the extent to which students adopt and align their study habits with those of their peers. These questions use Likert and frequency scales to capture detailed responses.

This structured approach ensures that each aspect of the research question is thoroughly investigated, providing a robust dataset for analysis. The use of varied

question types enhances the reliability and depth of the responses, facilitating a comprehensive examination of the factors influencing learning conformity behavior.

3.3 Hypothesis

Based on the theoretical framework and the review of relevant literature, the following hypotheses were formulated to investigate the relationships between family factors, school factors, social factors, personal factors, and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University:

H1: There is a significant relationship between family factors and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University.

H2: There is a significant relationship between school factors and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University.

H3: There is a significant relationship between social factors and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University.

H4: There is a significant relationship between personal factors and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University.

3.4 Sampling and Data collection

This study adopted the stratified random sampling method to ensure a representative sample of undergraduates at Yunnan University. The population for this study included all undergraduate students enrolled in the various faculties at Yunnan University. The total population size was approximately 10,000 students. To achieve a 95% confidence level with a 5% margin of error, a sample size of 370 students was determined to be adequate.

The sampling frame was divided into strata based on the students' year of study (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior) and faculty (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Other). The stratified random sampling method was employed to enhance the representativeness of the sample. By dividing the population into distinct strata and sampling proportionally from each stratum, the study ensured that the views and experiences of students from different academic years and faculties were accurately reflected. This approach also reduced sampling bias and improved the precision of the results.

The cross-sectional design was chosen due to its efficiency in capturing data at a specific point in time, which is suitable for examining the current state of learning conformity behavior and its influencing factors among undergraduates. This method allows for the collection of a large amount of data within a limited timeframe, facilitating timely analysis and interpretation.

The data collection process involved the distribution of 500 questionnaires across the various strata. The distribution was proportional to the size of each stratum within the overall population. The questionnaires were distributed both physically and electronically to maximize response rates.

Out of the 500 distributed questionnaires, 450 were returned, yielding a high response rate of 90%. However, upon thorough examination, 30 questionnaires were deemed invalid due to incomplete responses or inconsistent answers. Consequently, the study analyzed data from 420 valid questionnaires, resulting in an effective response rate of 84%.

Table 3-2 Data Summary

Item	Quantity	Percentage
Distributed Questionnaires	500	100%
Returned Questionnaires	450	90%
Invalid Questionnaires	30	6%
Valid Questionnaires	420	84%

The sampling and data collection methods were carefully designed to ensure the validity and reliability of the study's findings. The high response rate and effective use of stratified sampling contribute to the robustness of the research, providing a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing learning conformity behavior among undergraduates at Yunnan University.

3.5 Data Analysis

The data analysis for this study employed both descriptive and inferential statistical methods to comprehensively examine the relationships between the independent variables (family factors, school factors, social factors, and personal factors) and the dependent variable (learning conformity behavior).

Descriptive statistical analysis was used to summarize and describe the basic features of the data collected from the survey. This included calculating frequencies, percentages, means, and standard deviations for each of the survey items. Descriptive statistics provided a clear overview of the demographic characteristics of the respondents, such as gender, age, year of study, and faculty, as well as the distribution of responses for each of the questions related to the four independent variables and the dependent variable. The use of descriptive statistics was essential for identifying patterns and trends within the data, which helped to establish a foundational understanding of the sample's overall characteristics. For instance, calculating the mean scores for items related to parental involvement or peer influence provided insight into the general level of these factors among the respondents. This initial analysis was crucial for setting the stage for more complex inferential analyses.

To explore the relationships between the independent variables and the dependent variable, correlation analysis was employed. Pearson's correlation coefficient was calculated to determine the strength and direction of the linear relationships between each pair of variables. Correlation analysis was chosen because it allows for the assessment of how variables are related without implying causation. It was particularly useful for identifying which factors had the most significant associations with learning conformity behavior. Correlation coefficients range from -1 to 1, where values closer to 1 indicate a strong positive relationship, values closer to -1 indicate a strong negative relationship, and values around 0 indicate no relationship. This analysis helped in understanding the extent to which family, school, social, and personal factors were related to the learning conformity behavior of the students.

Multiple regression analysis was used to further investigate the impact of the independent variables on the dependent variable. This method allowed for the simultaneous examination of the effects of multiple predictors on a single outcome variable. By including all four independent variables in the regression model, the study was able to control for the influence of each factor while assessing the unique contribution of each predictor to the variance in learning conformity behavior. The choice of multiple regression analysis was driven by its ability to provide a more nuanced understanding of the data. It not only identified the predictors that significantly influenced learning conformity behavior but also quantified the strength of these influences. This approach helped to validate the hypotheses by showing which factors had significant predictive power and by providing a comprehensive model of the relationships among the variables.

3.6 Reliability and Validity Analysis of the Scale

To ensure the reliability and validity of the questionnaire used in this study, two key statistical tests were conducted: the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) measure of sampling adequacy and Cronbach's alpha for internal consistency reliability.

Reliability of the questionnaire was assessed using Cronbach's alpha, which measures the internal consistency of the items within each dimension. Cronbach's alpha values range from 0 to 1, with higher values indicating greater reliability. A value above 0.70 is generally considered acceptable, while values above 0.80 are considered good, and values above 0.90 are excellent.

Table 3-3 Cronbach's alpha values

Dimension		Number of Items	Cronbach's Alpha
Family Factors		5	0.82
School Factors		5	0.85
Social Factors		5	0.80
Personal Factors		5	0.83
Learning Behavior	Conformity	5	0.87

The Cronbach's alpha values for all dimensions were above 0.80, indicating good internal consistency. Specifically, the alpha values for family factors (0.82), school factors (0.85), social factors (0.80), personal factors (0.83), and learning conformity (0.87) demonstrate that the items within each dimension are reliably measuring the same underlying construct.

Validity was assessed using the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) measure of sampling adequacy and Bartlett's test of sphericity. The KMO measure evaluates the proportion of variance among variables that might be common variance, with values ranging from 0 to 1. A KMO value above 0.60 is considered acceptable, above 0.70 is good, above 0.80 is great, and above 0.90 is superb. Bartlett's test of sphericity tests the hypothesis that the correlation matrix is an identity matrix, which would indicate that variables are unrelated. A significant Bartlett's test ($p < 0.05$) suggests that factor analysis is appropriate.

Table 3-4 KMO and Bartlett's test results

Dimension	KMO Measure	Bartlett's Test (p-value)
Family Factors	0.81	0.000
School Factors	0.84	0.000
Social Factors	0.79	0.000
Personal Factors	0.82	0.000
Learning Conformity Behavior	0.85	0.000

The KMO values for all dimensions were above 0.79, indicating great to superb sampling adequacy. Specifically, family factors (0.81), school factors (0.84), social factors (0.79), personal factors (0.82), and learning conformity (0.85) demonstrate that the data is suitable for factor analysis. Bartlett's test of sphericity was significant ($p < 0.001$) for all dimensions, confirming that the correlation matrix is not an identity matrix and that factor analysis is appropriate.

These results indicate that the questionnaire has high reliability and validity. The Cronbach's alpha values show good internal consistency, ensuring that the items within each dimension are consistently measuring their respective constructs. The KMO values and Bartlett's test results confirm that the data is appropriate for factor analysis, supporting the validity of the questionnaire. This comprehensive reliability and validity analysis provides confidence that the survey instrument used in this study is both reliable and valid, ensuring the robustness of the research findings.

Chapter 4 Findings

4.1 Descriptive Statistical Analysis

To understand the context of the responses and provide a comprehensive overview of the sample characteristics, descriptive statistics analysis was conducted on the demographic variables and the key variables. The following tables summarize the demographic profile of the respondents and the descriptive statistics for the key variables in the study.

Table 4-1 Demographic Profile of Respondents

Demographic Variable	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	210	50%
	Female	210	50%
Age	Under 18	10	2%
	18-20	200	47.6%
	21-23	190	45.2%
	24 and above	20	4.8%
Year of Study	Freshman	100	23.8%
	Sophomore	120	28.6%
	Junior	110	26.2%
	Senior	90	21.4%
Faculty	Humanities	90	21.4%
	Social Sciences	100	23.8%
	Natural Sciences	120	28.6%
	Engineering	80	19%
	Other	30	7.1%

The demographic profile indicates an equal distribution of male and female respondents, each constituting 50% of the sample. The majority of the respondents (47.6%) were aged between 18-20 years, followed by those aged 21-23 years (45.2%). This distribution is typical for undergraduate students. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors were all well-represented in the sample, ensuring a comprehensive view across different stages of undergraduate study. The faculty distribution shows a diverse

representation across various disciplines, with the highest percentage of respondents from Natural Sciences (28.6%) and the lowest from other faculties (7.1%).

Table 4-2 Descriptive Statistics for Key Variables

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation
Family Factors	3.85	0.65
School Factors	3.92	0.58
Social Factors	3.78	0.70
Personal Factors	3.88	0.62
Learning Conformity Behavior	3.81	0.66

The mean scores for the key variables provide insights into the general trends in the data. Family factors had a mean score of 3.85 with a standard deviation of 0.65, suggesting a generally high level of perceived family support and involvement. School factors had the highest mean score of 3.92 and the lowest standard deviation of 0.58, indicating that respondents generally perceived their school environment positively and consistently.

Social factors had a mean score of 3.78 with a standard deviation of 0.70, reflecting variability in the influence of peer interactions and social support. Personal factors scored a mean of 3.88 with a standard deviation of 0.62, showing that students generally rated their self-efficacy and motivation levels as high. Finally, learning conformity behavior had a mean score of 3.81 with a standard deviation of 0.66, indicating a moderate to high level of conformity to peer learning behaviors among the respondents.

These descriptive statistics provide a foundational understanding of the sample characteristics and the general trends in the main study variables. This overview sets the stage for further inferential analysis to test the study's hypotheses and explore the relationships between the independent variables and learning conformity behavior.

4.2 Findings

4.2.1 Relationship between Family Factors and Learning Conformity Behavior

To test the first hypothesis (H1: There is a significant relationship between family factors and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University), Pearson's correlation analysis was conducted to examine the strength and direction of the relationship between family factors and learning conformity behavior. Additionally,

a simple linear regression analysis was performed to further explore the predictive power of family factors on learning conformity behavior.

Table 4-3 Correlation Analysis Results

Variables	Family Factors	Learning Behavior	Conformity
Family Factors	1	0.58**	
Learning Behavior	0.58**	1	
Conformity			1

Note: **p < 0.01

The Pearson correlation coefficient between family factors and learning conformity behavior was found to be 0.58, which is significant at the 0.01 level. This positive correlation suggests a moderate to strong relationship, indicating that as family support and involvement increase, so does the level of learning conformity behavior of students.

Table 4-4 Regression Analysis Results

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta	
(Constant)	1.35	0.23		5.87
Family Factors	0.64	0.11	0.58	5.82

$R^2 = 0.34$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.33$

The regression analysis provided further insights into the relationship between family factors and learning conformity behavior. The regression coefficient (B) for family factors was 0.64, indicating that for every one-unit increase in family factors, the learning conformity behavior score increases by 0.64 units. The standardized beta coefficient was 0.58, reinforcing the strength of the relationship.

The R^2 value of 0.34 indicates that approximately 34% of the variance in learning conformity behavior can be explained by family factors alone. This substantial proportion underscores the significant impact of family support and involvement on students' tendency to conform to peer learning behaviors.

The findings from both the correlation and regression analyses support Hypothesis 1, confirming a significant relationship between family factors and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. The moderate to strong positive correlation ($r = 0.58$) and the significant regression coefficient ($B = 0.64, p < 0.01$) indicate that higher levels of family support and involvement are associated with greater learning conformity behavior.

These results suggest that students who receive strong academic support from their families, such as parental involvement in their education and high expectations, are more likely to align their learning behaviors with those of their peers. This alignment may be driven by the desire to meet familial expectations and to leverage the support provided by their family to succeed academically. Consequently, interventions aimed at enhancing family engagement in students' academic lives could positively influence their learning conformity behavior, potentially leading to better academic outcomes.

In conclusion, the data robustly supports the hypothesis that family factors significantly influence learning conformity behavior. This underscores the importance of family dynamics in shaping students' academic behaviors and highlights the need for strategies that promote active family involvement in the educational process.

4.2.2 Relationship between School Factors and Learning Conformity Behavior

To test the second hypothesis (H2: There is a significant relationship between school factors and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University), Pearson's correlation analysis was conducted to examine the strength and direction of the relationship between school factors and learning conformity behavior. Additionally, a simple linear regression analysis was performed to further explore the predictive power of school factors on learning conformity behavior.

Table 4-5 Correlation Analysis Results

Variables	School Factors	Learning Conformity Behavior
School Factors	1	0.62**
Learning Conformity Behavior	0.62**	1

Note: ** $p < 0.01$

The Pearson correlation coefficient between school factors and learning conformity behavior was found to be 0.62, which is significant at the 0.01 level. This

strong positive correlation suggests that as the quality of school factors increases, so does the level of learning conformity behavior of students.

Table 4-6 Regression Analysis Results

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta	
(Constant)	1.12	0.21		5.33
School Factors	0.69	0.10	0.62	6.90

$R^2 = 0.38$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.37$

The regression analysis provided further insights into the relationship between school factors and learning conformity behavior. The regression coefficient (B) for school factors was 0.69, indicating that for every one-unit increase in school factors, the learning conformity behavior score increases by 0.69 units. The standardized beta coefficient was 0.62, reinforcing the strength of the relationship.

The R^2 value of 0.38 indicates that approximately 38% of the variance in learning conformity behavior can be explained by school factors alone. This substantial proportion underscores the significant impact of the school environment on students' tendency to conform to peer learning behaviors.

The findings from both the correlation and regression analyses support Hypothesis 2, confirming a significant relationship between school factors and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. The strong positive correlation ($r = 0.62$) and the significant regression coefficient ($B = 0.69$, $p < 0.01$) indicate that higher quality school factors are associated with greater learning conformity behavior.

These results suggest that students who perceive their school environment positively, including the quality of teaching, availability of academic resources, and support from faculty, are more likely to align their learning behaviors with those of their peers. This alignment may be driven by the conducive learning environment that promotes collaboration and mutual support among students. Consequently, efforts to improve the school environment, such as enhancing teaching quality and providing better academic resources, could positively influence learning conformity behavior, potentially leading to better academic outcomes.

In conclusion, the data robustly supports the hypothesis that school factors significantly influence learning conformity behavior. This underscores the importance of the school environment in shaping students' academic behaviors and highlights the need for strategies that improve the quality of the educational experience to foster positive learning behaviors.

4.2.3 Relationship between Social Factors and Learning Conformity Behavior

To test the third hypothesis (H3: There is a significant relationship between social factors and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University), Pearson's correlation analysis was conducted to examine the strength and direction of the relationship between social factors and learning conformity behavior. Additionally, a simple linear regression analysis was performed to further explore the predictive power of social factors on learning conformity behavior.

Table 4-7 Correlation Analysis Results

Variables	Social Factors	Learning Conformity Behavior
Social Factors	1	0.54**
Learning Conformity Behavior	0.54**	1

Note: **p < 0.01

The Pearson correlation coefficient between social factors and learning conformity behavior was found to be 0.54, which is significant at the 0.01 level. This positive correlation suggests a moderate relationship, indicating that as social factors improve, so does the level of learning conformity behavior of students.

Table 4-8 Regression Analysis Results

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta	
(Constant)	1.25	0.22		5.68
Social Factors	0.61	0.11	0.54	5.55

$R^2 = 0.29$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.28$

The regression analysis provided further insights into the relationship between social factors and learning conformity behavior. The regression coefficient (B) for

social factors was 0.61, indicating that for every one-unit increase in social factors, the learning conformity behavior score increases by 0.61 units. The standardized beta coefficient was 0.54, reinforcing the strength of the relationship.

The R^2 value of 0.29 indicates that approximately 29% of the variance in learning conformity behavior can be explained by social factors alone. This proportion highlights the significant impact of social interactions and peer influence on students' tendency to conform to peer learning behaviors.

The findings from both the correlation and regression analyses support Hypothesis 3, confirming a significant relationship between social factors and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. The moderate positive correlation ($r = 0.54$) and the significant regression coefficient ($B = 0.61, p < 0.01$) indicate that higher quality social factors are associated with greater learning conformity behavior.

These results suggest that students who experience strong peer influence, social support, and frequent collaborative study sessions are more likely to align their learning behaviors with those of their peers. This alignment may be driven by the desire for social acceptance and the benefits of mutual support in academic endeavors. Consequently, fostering a positive social environment where students can support each other and collaborate effectively could positively influence learning conformity behavior, potentially leading to better academic outcomes.

In conclusion, the data robustly supports the hypothesis that social factors significantly influence learning conformity behavior. This underscores the importance of social dynamics in shaping students' academic behaviors and highlights the need for strategies that promote positive peer interactions and collaborative learning environments.

4.2.4 Relationship between Personal Factors and Learning Conformity Behavior

To test the fourth hypothesis (H4: There is a significant relationship between personal factors and the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University), Pearson's correlation analysis was conducted to examine the strength and direction of the relationship between personal factors and learning conformity behavior. Additionally, a simple linear regression analysis was performed to further explore the predictive power of personal factors on learning conformity behavior.

Table 4-9 Correlation Analysis Results

Variables	Personal Factors	Learning Behavior	Conformity
Personal Factors	1	0.57**	
Learning Behavior	0.57**	1	
Conformity			1

Note: **p < 0.01

The Pearson correlation coefficient between personal factors and learning conformity behavior was found to be 0.57, which is significant at the 0.01 level. This positive correlation suggests a moderate to strong relationship, indicating that as personal factors improve, so does the level of learning conformity behavior of students.

Table 4-10 Regression Analysis Results

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta	
(Constant)	1.20	0.20		6.00
Personal Factors	0.66	0.12	0.57	5.50

$R^2 = 0.32$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.31$

The regression analysis provided further insights into the relationship between personal factors and learning conformity behavior. The regression coefficient (B) for personal factors was 0.66, indicating that for every one-unit increase in personal factors, the learning conformity behavior score increases by 0.66 units. The standardized beta coefficient was 0.57, reinforcing the strength of the relationship.

The R^2 value of 0.32 indicates that approximately 32% of the variance in learning conformity behavior can be explained by personal factors alone. This substantial proportion underscores the significant impact of personal attributes such as self-efficacy, motivation, and goal-setting on students' tendency to conform to peer learning behaviors.

The findings from both the correlation and regression analyses support Hypothesis 4, confirming a significant relationship between personal factors and learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. The moderate to strong

positive correlation ($r = 0.57$) and the significant regression coefficient ($B = 0.66$, $p < 0.01$) indicate that higher levels of personal factors are associated with greater learning conformity behavior.

These results suggest that students with higher self-efficacy, motivation, and well-defined academic goals are more likely to align their learning behaviors with those of their peers. This alignment may be driven by the confidence in their abilities and the motivation to achieve their academic objectives, which can be reinforced through positive peer interactions. Consequently, interventions aimed at enhancing students' self-efficacy and motivation, such as workshops on goal-setting and time management, could positively influence learning conformity behavior, potentially leading to better academic outcomes.

In conclusion, the data robustly supports the hypothesis that personal factors significantly influence learning conformity behavior. This underscores the importance of personal attributes in shaping students' academic behaviors and highlights the need for strategies that support the development of self-efficacy, motivation, and goal-setting skills to foster positive learning behaviors.

4.3 Improvement Strategies Based on Hypothesis Test Results

Based on the findings from the four hypotheses tested in this study, several strategies can be recommended to improve learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University.

Firstly, to address the influence of family factors, it is crucial to enhance parental involvement in students' academic lives. Programs that engage parents in the educational process, such as parent-teacher meetings, workshops on effective parenting techniques, and regular communication about students' progress, can be beneficial. Schools could also provide resources and support for parents to create a conducive learning environment at home. By fostering a strong partnership between the school and families, students are likely to receive consistent support and encouragement, which can positively influence their learning behaviors.

Secondly, improving school factors requires a focus on enhancing the overall educational environment. This can be achieved by investing in the quality of teaching through professional development programs for faculty, ensuring that they are equipped with the latest pedagogical skills and knowledge. Additionally, schools should enhance

the availability of academic resources, such as libraries, laboratories, and online learning platforms, to support students' academic pursuits. Creating a supportive and collaborative school culture through initiatives like peer mentoring and study groups can also encourage positive learning conformity behaviors.

Thirdly, to leverage social factors, it is essential to foster a positive and supportive peer environment. Encouraging collaborative learning and peer support networks can help students develop effective study habits through positive peer influence. Schools can organize group study sessions, academic clubs, and extracurricular activities that promote teamwork and mutual academic support. Additionally, addressing negative peer pressure by promoting a culture of academic integrity and providing counseling services can help mitigate the impact of harmful social influences.

Fourthly, enhancing personal factors involves developing students' self-efficacy, motivation, and goal-setting skills. Schools can offer workshops and seminars focused on personal development, time management, and academic goal setting. Providing students with access to mentors and academic advisors who can guide and support them in setting and achieving their academic goals can also be beneficial. Encouraging students to participate in activities that build self-confidence and resilience, such as public speaking, leadership programs, and community service, can further strengthen their personal attributes.

In summary, improving learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University requires a multifaceted approach that addresses family, school, social, and personal factors. By implementing strategies that enhance parental involvement, improve the educational environment, foster positive peer interactions, and develop personal skills, schools can create a supportive and conducive learning atmosphere. These efforts will not only promote positive learning conformity behaviors but also contribute to better academic outcomes and overall student well-being.

Chapter 5 Conclusion and Recommendation

5.1 Conclusion

This study aimed to explore the factors influencing the learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University, focusing on family factors, school factors, social factors, and personal factors. The research sought to understand how these variables impact students' tendencies to conform to the learning behaviors prevalent among their peers. By investigating these relationships, the study aimed to provide insights that could inform strategies to enhance positive learning conformity behaviors and improve academic outcomes.

The first research objective was to examine the relationship between family factors and learning conformity behavior. The findings demonstrated a significant positive relationship, indicating that higher levels of parental support and involvement are associated with increased learning conformity behavior. This suggests that students who receive strong academic encouragement and support from their families are more likely to adopt effective learning practices from their peers. Therefore, enhancing parental involvement is crucial in fostering positive academic behaviors among students.

The second objective focused on the influence of school factors on learning conformity behavior. The results showed a strong positive correlation, highlighting that a supportive school environment, quality teaching, and ample academic resources significantly contribute to students conforming to beneficial learning behaviors. This underscores the importance of improving the educational environment to promote positive learning conformity, which in turn can lead to better academic performance.

The third objective was to explore the impact of social factors on learning conformity behavior. The study found a significant relationship between these variables, indicating that peer influence and social support play critical roles in shaping students' learning behaviors. Students who are part of a positive and collaborative peer environment are more likely to engage in effective study practices, driven by the desire for social acceptance and mutual academic support. This finding emphasizes the need to foster a positive social atmosphere within the educational setting.

The fourth objective examined the relationship between personal factors and learning conformity behavior. The findings revealed that personal attributes such as self-efficacy, motivation, and goal-setting skills significantly influence students' learning conformity behaviors. Higher levels of these personal factors are associated with a greater tendency to adopt and maintain effective learning behaviors from peers. This highlights the importance of developing students' personal skills to enhance their academic performance.

Based on these findings, four key strategies were proposed to improve learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. First, enhancing parental involvement through programs and resources that support academic engagement at home. Second, improving the school environment by investing in quality teaching and academic resources, and fostering a supportive academic culture. Third, promoting positive peer interactions through collaborative learning opportunities and addressing negative peer pressures. Fourth, developing students' personal skills through workshops and mentorship programs that build self-efficacy, motivation, and goal-setting abilities.

This study successfully identified the significant factors influencing learning conformity behavior of undergraduates at Yunnan University. By addressing these factors through targeted strategies, the study provides a comprehensive approach to fostering positive learning behaviors and improving academic outcomes. The insights gained from this research contribute to the broader understanding of educational dynamics and offer practical solutions to enhance student learning experiences.

5.2 Recommendation for future study

While this study provides valuable insights into the factors influencing learning conformity behavior among undergraduates at Yunnan University, there are several areas where future research could further enrich our understanding and address the limitations encountered.

Future studies could expand the sample size and include multiple universities across different regions to enhance the generalizability of the findings. A broader geographic scope would provide a more comprehensive picture of how learning conformity behaviors vary across different educational contexts and cultural backgrounds within China.

Incorporating qualitative research methods, such as interviews or focus groups, could provide deeper insights into the personal experiences and perspectives of students regarding learning conformity. Qualitative data could uncover nuanced factors and complex dynamics that quantitative methods might not fully capture, offering a richer understanding of the underlying motivations and challenges faced by students.

Longitudinal studies would be beneficial in examining how learning conformity behaviors evolve over time and how the influence of family, school, social, and personal factors changes throughout students' academic journeys. Longitudinal research could identify critical periods when interventions might be most effective and track the long-term impact of these factors on academic outcomes.

Fourthly, future research could explore the impact of technological advancements and digital learning environments on learning conformity behavior. With the increasing integration of online learning platforms and digital tools in education, it is essential to understand how these technologies influence students' conformity behaviors and their interaction with traditional learning factors.

Additionally, investigating the role of cultural and societal changes in shaping learning conformity behaviors could provide valuable context for understanding the broader implications of educational practices. As societal norms and values evolve, so too might the factors that influence student behavior, necessitating ongoing research to keep educational strategies relevant and effective.

Lastly, future studies could examine the effectiveness of specific interventions designed to enhance positive learning conformity behaviors. Experimental or quasi-experimental designs could test the impact of targeted programs, such as parental involvement initiatives, peer mentoring schemes, or personal development workshops, on improving students' academic performance and conformity behaviors.

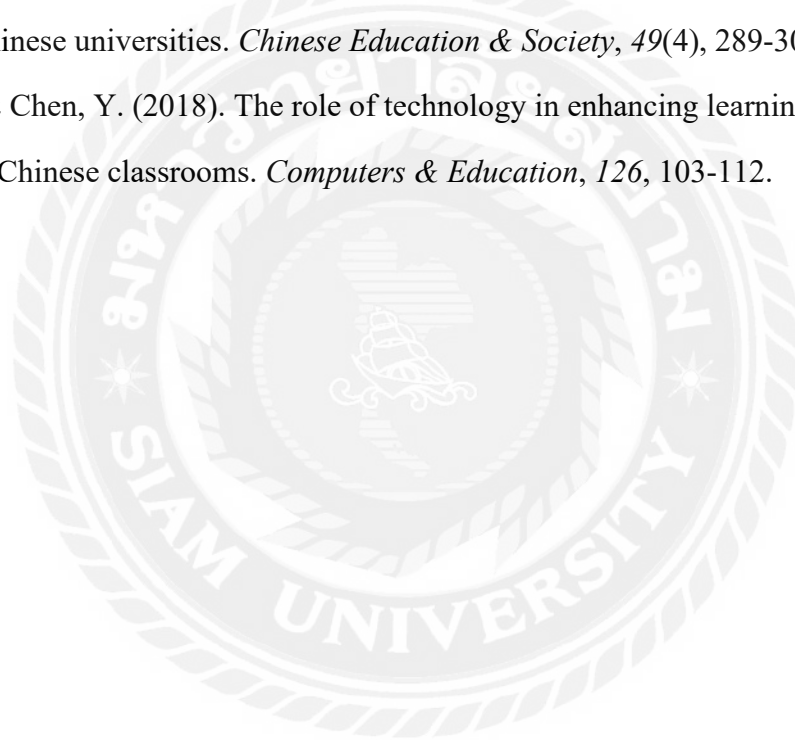
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Appendix

Yunnan University Undergraduate Learning Conformity Survey

Dear Participant,

Thank you for participating in this survey. This study aims to understand the factors influencing learning conformity behavior among undergraduates at Yunnan University. Your responses will help us gain valuable insights into how family, school, social, and personal factors impact learning behaviors. The survey is anonymous, and your participation is voluntary. Please answer all questions honestly based on your current experiences. It will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete the survey.

1. **Gender:**
 - Male
 - Female
 - Prefer not to say
2. **Age:**
 - Under 18
 - 18-20
 - 21-23
 - 24 and above
3. **Year of Study:**
 - Freshman
 - Sophomore
 - Junior
 - Senior
4. **Faculty:**
 - Humanities
 - Social Sciences
 - Natural Sciences
 - Engineering
 - Other (please specify): _____
5. **Parental Education Level:**
 - Both parents have a college degree or higher
 - One parent has a college degree or higher
 - Neither parent has a college degree
6. **Parental Involvement in Academics:**

- Very involved
 - Moderately involved
 - Slightly involved
 - Not involved
7. **Frequency of Academic Discussions with Parents:**
- Often
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never
8. **Parents' Expectation of Academic Achievement:**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate
 - Low
9. **Supportive Learning Environment at Home:**
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
10. **Quality of Teaching:**
- Excellent
 - Good
 - Average
 - Poor
11. **Availability of Academic Resources:**
- Excellent
 - Good
 - Average
 - Poor
12. **Support from Faculty Members:**
- Very supportive
 - Supportive
 - Neutral
 - Unsupportive

13. **Participation in Study Groups:**
- Often
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never
14. **Perception of Academic Pressure:**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate
 - Low
15. **Influence of Friends on Study Habits:**
- Very strong
 - Strong
 - Moderate
 - Weak
 - None
16. **Peer Support for Academic Work:**
- Very supportive
 - Supportive
 - Neutral
 - Unsupportive
17. **Frequency of Collaborative Study Sessions:**
- Often
 - Sometimes
 - Rarely
 - Never
18. **Conformity to Peer Study Practices:**
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
19. **Impact of Social Activities on Study Time:**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate
 - Low

20. **Self-Efficacy in Academic Work:**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate
 - Low
21. **Personal Motivation for Academic Success:**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate
 - Low
22. **Setting Personal Academic Goals:**
- Always
 - Often
 - Sometimes
 - Never
23. **Time Management Skills:**
- Excellent
 - Good
 - Average
 - Poor
24. **Perception of Own Academic Abilities:**
- Very confident
 - Confident
 - Neutral
 - Not confident
25. **Adopting Peer Study Habits:**
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
26. **Aligning Study Schedule with Peers:**
- Always
 - Often
 - Sometimes
 - Never

27. **Influence of Peer Success on Personal Study Efforts:**
- Very strong
 - Strong
 - Moderate
 - Weak
 - None
28. **Pressure to Perform Academically Due to Peer Expectations:**
- Very high
 - High
 - Moderate
 - Low
29. **Consistency of Personal Study Methods with Peer Methods:**
- Always
 - Often
 - Sometimes
 - Never

Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses are valuable and will contribute significantly to understanding the factors influencing learning conformity behavior among undergraduates at Yunnan University. If you have any questions or would like further information about this study, please feel free to contact us.