LEVEL OF LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND MOTIVATION AMONG CRIMONOLOGY STUDENTS IN DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY-CATEEL CAMPUS

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ABSTRACT

This study measured criminology students' learning environment and motivation levels at Davao Oriental State University - Cateel Campus. The data was gathered from students in the Criminology program utilizing adapted questionnaires. In this study, the predominant age group of respondents was emphasized, primarily falling between 21 to 23 years old (48.35%), with a balanced sex distribution, slightly favoring males (51.24%), and a notable representation from third-year students (30.99%). The average rating for the learning environment was 3.60, categorized as Often. Mean scores for intrinsic and extrinsic motivation were 4.10 and 4.19, respectively, interpreted as often. A strong and significant correlation was found between motivation and the learning environment, with a Pearson correlation coefficient of 0.706, emphasizing the close relationship between these aspects of students' educational experiences. Given the strong link between motivation and the learning environment, institutions may focus on initiatives like mentorship programs or student-led efforts to create a supportive and collaborative learning atmosphere.

Keywords: Intrinsic, extrinsic, motivation, learning environment, diversity values, positive classroom environment, personal negative experiences, persistent in major courses

1. INTRODUCTION

lt, many students need help finding the intrinsic and extrinsic drives needed to excel academically, leading to decreased performance, disengagement, and even dropout rates (Chitrakar & Nisanth, 2023).

On the other hand, in the Philippine context, despite governance by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and regulation by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) (Lomer & Lim, 2022), persistent challenges such as outdated curricula, resource inadequacies, and insufficient industry partnerships affect the quality of education and student outcomes in criminology programs since these can impact their academic performance and motivation (Inga et al., 2021; Alday et al., 2020). The problems include poor infrastructure, dangerous circumstances, inadequate storage space, and a lack of equipment. If these problems are not resolved, they may have a detrimental effect on the educational experience of the students (Patalinghug et al., 2023). Therefore, it is critical to act quickly to fix these shortcomings and give the students the tools and assistance they need to succeed academically (Patalinghug et al., 2023).

Several learning environment factors contribute to intrinsic and extrinsic motivation in learning (Malone & Lepper, 2021). Firstly, a positive classroom environment fosters intrinsic motivation by creating a space where students feel encouraged, supported, and engaged in their learning journey (Nair &

Fahimirad, 2019; Walsh et al., 2020; Elmi, 2020). Secondly, recognizing and celebrating diversity enriches the learning experience and instills a sense of belonging and purpose among students, enhancing intrinsic and extrinsic motivation. (Neblett, 2019; Prilleltensky & Nelson, 2017; Johnson, 2017)

Personal negative experiences can also be powerful motivators, driving individuals to overcome challenges, learn from setbacks, and strive for improvement (Sverdlik et al., 2018; Bücker et al., 2018; Willis et al., 2019). Lastly, persistence in major courses cultivates both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation as students develop a deep sense of commitment to their chosen field of study, fueling their desire to excel and succeed in their academic pursuits (Burrus et al., 2013; Dweck et al., 2014; Wilkins-Yel et al., 2018). Thus, together, these factors create a dynamic and multifaceted motivational landscape that empowers learners to thrive and achieve their educational goals.

The learning environment profoundly affects students' motivation and engagement (Braver et al., 2014; Adamma et al., 2018; Jacob, 2023). Positive classroom dynamics, diversity values, and support for addressing negative experiences foster intrinsic and extrinsic motivation (Loes et al., 2012; Roksa et al., 2017; Bryant, 2017). Thus, understanding the learning environment and motivation levels among criminology students at Davao Oriental State University-Cateel Campus is crucial. So, the researchers want to determine the level of learning environment and motivation among criminology students at Davao Oriental State University-Cateel Campus.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Research Design

This study employed a quantitative research design to quantify the gathered data, allowing for generalization and formulating conclusions about the sampled population. Quantitative research design systematically collects and analyzes numerical data to address research questions or test hypotheses (Mohajan, 2020; Ghanad, 2023). In this type of research, data was typically collected through structured instruments such as surveys, questionnaires, or experiments and was analyzed using statistical techniques to identify patterns, relationships, or trends (Mohajan, 2020; Ghanad, 2023). The primary objective of quantitative research was to quantify variables and measure their effects objectively, allowing researchers to draw statistically valid conclusions and make generalizations about the population being studied (Mohajan, 2020; Ghanad, 2023).

2.2 Research Procedure

From the conception of the study. First, the researcher sought ethical clearance from the Research Ethics of Davao Oriental State University. Second, we gave a letter requesting the total population of the respondents from the registrar. Third, a letter of permission to conduct the study was addressed to the school. Fourh, upon approval, the administration of questionnaires proceeded. Fifthr, the respondents were informed of the study's purpose through the informed consent form before answering the questionnaires. Identified respondents received the questionnaires and were instructed to answer them without a time limit. And latly, after conducting the survey, the researcher retrieved and tallied the questionnaires. A statistician then analyzed the data gathered.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 The Profile of the Respondents

Understanding the demographic composition of respondents is crucial for any study to contextualize findings accurately. Table 3 presents a comprehensive breakdown of demographic data, highlighting the age distribution, sex ratio, and year-level representation among participants. This breakdown is foundational for further analysis and interpretation of the study's outcomes.

Table 3 reveals a notable age distribution, with the majority falling within the 21 to 23-year-old bracket, comprising 48.35% of the sample. Additionally, the age group of 18 to 20 constitutes a significant portion, accounting for 41.74%. Also, the data exhibit a balanced distribution in terms of sex, with a slight majority of male participants at 51.24%, closely followed by females representing 48.76% of the total population. Notably, the highest number of respondents originates from the third year, constituting 30.99% of the total sample, followed closely by first-year students, comprising 30.17%.

Recent research highlights the significant influence of demographic characteristics on the learning environment and motivational dynamics among criminology students. Age demographics, particularly those aged 21 to 23, shape educational experiences and career aspirations, indicating a critical developmental stage where academic engagement and future trajectories are profoundly impacted (Cebu, 2023). Additionally, gender distribution introduces considerations for motivational factors and career aspirations (Aguillon et al., 2020). On the other hand, academic progression across different years reveals varied stages of educational maturity, with third-year students focusing on specialization and career preparation. In contrast, first-year students provide insights into early encounters with criminology coursework and initial motivational triggers (Owusu-Agyeman & Mugume, 2023).

Table 3. Profile	of respond	lents according	to age, sex.	and vear	level

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA	DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE	
	18 to 20 years old	101	41.74	
	21 to 23 years old	117	48.35	
	24 to 26 years old	21	8.68	
Age	27 to 29 years old	_1	0.41	
	30 years old and above	2	0.83	
	TOTAL	242	100.0	
	Male	124	51.24	
Sex	Female	118	48.76	
	TOTAL	242	100.00	
	First Year	73	30.17	
	Second Year	64	26.45	
Year Level	Third Year	75	30.99	
	Fourth Year	30	12.40	
	TOTAL	242	100.00	

3.2 Level of Learning Environment Among Criminology Students

Comprehending the criminology program's learning environment is critical to supporting students' academic achievement, personal development, and professional advancement. This investigation offers essential insights into the complex structure of the educational experience within the criminology subject by exploring four unique categories: persistence in major courses, personal negative experiences, diversity values, and positive environment.

The data presented in Table 4 reveals that *a positive classroom environment* garnered a total mean of 4.01 with a standard deviation of 0.63, which indicates that behaviors, practices, or conditions associated with a positive environment occur frequently, though not always consistently. This aligns with the literature that underscores the significance of a supportive and inclusive learning environment for students' overall development and academic success (Wang & Degol, 2016; Baars et al., 2021).

Positive Classroom environments reduce stress, foster a sense of belonging, and enhance emotional well-being, promoting active participation and collaboration (Osterman, 2023). As indicated by the data, the frequent occurrence of a positive environment supports the notion that such an environment is integral to encouraging student engagement, motivation, and academic performance (Hargreaves & Shirley, 2021; Saggers, 2020). Additionally, the high mean value suggests that the criminology program effectively implements practices that contribute to a positive learning atmosphere, which is crucial for nurturing students' resilience, adaptability, and long-term success (Stronge & Xu, 2021; Lucas & Spencer, 2018).

Also, the data from Table 4 indicated that *Diversity Values* obtained a total mean of 4.06, falling comfortably within the Often interpretation, with a similar pattern to that of Positive Classroom Environment. This suggests that Diversity Values occur frequently within the learning environment, underscoring the importance of embracing diverse perspectives and experiences. This finding resonates with the literature emphasizing the significance of inclusivity and diversity in fostering a supportive and enriching educational atmosphere (Altinay et al., 2020; Chambers et al., 2023). By actively promoting

diversity values, institutions create a culture of respect, appreciation, and understanding among students from various backgrounds (Hymel & Katz, 2019; Soloman, 2023). Furthermore, the high mean value underscores the commitment of the criminology program to nurturing an inclusive learning environment that encourages students to engage with diverse viewpoints, promoting critical thinking and empathy (Neblett, 2019; Prilleltensky & Nelson, 2017).

On the other hand, the data provided in Table 4, revealing a mean of 2.31 and a standard deviation of 0.89 for *Personal Negative Experiences*, suggests that negative experiences are infrequent within the learning environment. This finding aligns with the literature emphasizing fostering a supportive and inclusive atmosphere (Bücker et al., 2018). It also resonates with research highlighting the detrimental impact of negative experiences on students' well-being and academic performance (Hallett & Freas, 2018; Sverdlik et al., 2018). Therefore, the relatively low mean value underscores the effectiveness of the criminology program in creating a safe and nurturing atmosphere where students are less likely to encounter adverse encounters or circumstances.

Lastly, Table 4 highlights that criminology students' *Persistence in Major Courses* attained a total mean score of 4.03 and a standard deviation of 0.72, also falling within the Often interpretation. This suggests that behaviors, practices, or conditions associated with persistence in major courses frequently happen in the learning environment. This finding resonates with the literature emphasizing students' challenges in maintaining motivation and dedication to their coursework (Habley et al., 2012; Burrus et al., 2013; Concannon et al., 2019). It underscores potential obstacles, such as difficulty grasping complex concepts or limited access to resources, which may hinder students' persistence in their major courses. Therefore, the criminology program may benefit from implementing strategies to foster more remarkable persistence among students, such as providing additional support and resources to help them overcome these challenges (Wilkins-Yel et al., 2018)

Table 4. Level of learning environment among criminology students

No	Description	Mean	Std. Deviation	Interpretatio n
A. P	ositive Classroom Environment			
1	The class allows free and open idea expression.	4.21	0.76	Always
2	The classroom environment is comfortable and accessible.	4.07	0.84	Often
3	Grades are assigned fairly and impartially.	3.96	0.98	Often
4	The instructor encourages mutual respect.	4.12	0.85	Often
5	The instructor considers student differences in teaching.	3.94	0.86	Often
6	The instructor treats all students fairly and without bias.	3.84	0.94	Often
7	The instructor is sensitive to course difficulty.	3.90	0.92	Often
8	The instructor encourages equal participation.	4.01	0.91	Often
9	The instructor values students' diverse experiences.	4.00	0.86	Often
10	The instructor recognizes my ideas as important.	3.97	0.84	Often
11	The instructor respects students.	4.04	0.88	Often
12	The instructor makes students feel welcome.	4.07	0.83	Often
13	The instructor expects the student's success.	4.04	0.80	Often
14	Comments are taken seriously by the instructor.	3.93	0.86	Often
15	Inappropriate comments are not tolerated.	4.03	0.81	Often
	Average	4.01	0.63	Often
B. D	iversity Values			
1	Courses that encourage thinking from different perspectives	4.01	0.80	Often
2	Courses that challenge beliefs and values	4.05	0.83	Often
3	Conversations with people who have different values	4.02	0.79	Often
4	Learning about different cultures	4.16	0.84	Often
5	Introduction to different values in education	4.11	0.82	Often
6	Contact with diverse individuals	4.05	0.77	Often
7	Courses emphasizing traditional values and perspectives	4.01	0.88	Often
	Average	4.06	0.63	Often
C. P	ersonal Negative Experiences			

1	Instructor makes inappropriate comments about people who are different	2.31	0.98	Seldom
2	Being singled out for being different from other students	2.31	1.03	Seldom
3	Feeling isolated in class	2.34	1.07	Seldom
4	Being ignored in class despite attempting to participate	2.27	1.08	Seldom
	Average	2.31	0.89	Seldom
D. P	ersistence in Major Courses			
1	Hard work almost always ensures the desired grade	4.08	0.80	Often
2	Looking forward to taking more courses in this department	3.96	0.86	Often
3	Good chance of success in this subject based on experience	4.05	0.87	Often
	Average	4.03	0.72	Often

Table 5 presents an overall average of 3.60, classified as often regarding the learning environment. This suggests a predominantly positive atmosphere within the criminology program, as the literature emphasizes fostering supportive and inclusive environments (Ramzan et al., 2023; Greenier et al., 2023). The high average aligns with the positive classroom environment and diversity values, which scored similarly in the Often category. Such an environment promotes student engagement, motivation, and academic performance (Hargreaves & Shirley, 2021; Saggers, 2020; Altarawneh et al., 2023).

Additionally, the relatively low occurrence of personal negative experiences, categorized as Seldom, reflects efforts to mitigate factors detrimental to students' well-being and academic success (A. Sverdlik et al., 2018; Bücker et al., 2018; Hallett & Freas, 2018). Moreover, persistence in major courses, also classified as Often, signifies a commitment to academic pursuits, contributing to overall positive learning outcomes (Concannon et al., 2019). Therefore, the high overall average suggests that the criminology program effectively cultivates an environment conducive to student success and well-being, aligning with established principles in educational research.

Table 5. Summary of the level of the learning environment of criminology students

Factors	Mean	Std. Deviation	Interpretation
Positive classroom environment	4.01	0.63	Often
Diversity values	4.06	0.63	Often
Personal negative experiences	2.31	0.89	Seldom
Persistence in major course	4.03	0.72	Often
Overall	3.60	0.39	Often

3.3 Level of Motivation Among Criminology Students

In this context, Table 6 provides insights into the intrinsic and extrinsic motivational factors influencing criminology students' learning experiences.

The data from Table 6 indicates that both intrinsic and extrinsic motivations play significant roles in shaping student behavior and engagement, which has an overall mean score of 4.10 for intrinsic motivation and 4.19 for extrinsic motivation, both falling within the Often interpretation, suggesting that students regularly experience both types of motivation, though not constantly. This indicates that the behaviors, practices, or conditions occur frequently but only sometimes every time. This balance aligns with the literature, which emphasizes the necessity of both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation in the learning process (Collins, 2015).

Intrinsic motivation, with a mean of 4.10, is associated with students engaging in activities for personal satisfaction and interest, leading to deeper engagement and long-term knowledge retention (Ryan & Deci, 2020; Legault, 2020). The data supports the idea that intrinsic motivation is crucial for fostering a genuine curiosity and passion for learning, which are essential for academic success (Tenney et al., 2016; Howard et al., 2021). Students driven by intrinsic motivation are likelier to pursue their academic interests out of enjoyment and creativity rather than external rewards or pressure (Rheinberg & Engeser, 2018; Toshalis & Nakkula, 2012; Filgona et al., 2020).

On the other hand, extrinsic motivationindicates that external rewards and pressures also frequently influence student behavior. This is consistent with the literature that describes extrinsic

motivation as being driven by the desire for rewards or avoiding negative consequences, which can effectively promote short-term engagement and compliance (Hofeditz et al., 2017; Locke & Schattke, 2019). Although extrinsic motivation can be beneficial, it is often less sustainable over time than intrinsic motivation (Clanton Harpine, 2015; Lepper & Greene, 2015; Ryan & Deci, 2020).

Table 6. Level of motivation among criminology students

No	Description	Mean	Std. Deviation	Interpretation
A. II	NTRINSIC MOTIVATION			
1	Preference for challenging material to learn new things	4.12	0.79	Often
2	Preference for material that arouses curiosity, even if difficult	4.12	0.79	Often
3	Studying to improve skills and gain knowledge	4.13	0.91	Often
4	Enjoyment of studying	3.98	0.88	Often
5	Effort to learn regardless of class preference	4.17	0.84	Often
6	Doing extra work to better understand the material	4.14	0.83	Often
7	Satisfaction with average grades if learning from mistakes	4.05	0.87	Often
	Average	4.10	0.68	Often
В. Е	XTRINSIC MOTIVATION			
1	Getting a good grade is the most satisfying achievement	4.20	0.82	Often
2	Improving overall GPA is the top priority	4.25	0.77	Often
3	Desire to get better grades than most classmates	4.11	0.89	Often
4	Importance of doing well to demonstrate ability to family, friends, and employers	4.19	0.87	Often
	Average	4.19	0.69	Often

3.4 Significant Difference in the Level of Learning Environment Among Criminology Students in Terms of Respondents Profile

This section explored the significant differences in the level of the learning environment among criminology students, focusing on how these differences correlate with various respondent profiles. The profiles considered include age, sex, and year level of the students.

Table 7 shows the analysis of the learning environment based on age, which revealed significant differences in several areas, supporting the notion that age can influence students' educational experiences. The ANOVA results indicate that age significantly impacts the overall level of the learning environment (F = 4.451, p = 0.00).

Research consistently shows that positive learning environments vary significantly across age groups, influencing developmental outcomes and motivation (Raufelder & Kulakow, 2021; Cheon et al., 2020). Younger learners benefit from structured and supportive environments and require guidance for cognitive development (Cheon et al., 2020). Motivation is shaped by autonomy, competence, and relatedness, suggesting younger learners may need more immediate feedback and reinforcement (Monteiro et al., 2021). In contrast, adult learning theories emphasize autonomy and self-directed learning for older students, influenced by personal experiences (Bucura, 2020). Similarly, diversity values' perception varies significantly across ages, affecting attitudes and behaviors (Rabl et al., 2020; Crocetti et al., 2023). Younger individuals are exceptionally responsive to diversity education as they form identities and social perspectives (Crocetti et al., 2023; Thompson, 2020). Conversely, older individuals' perspectives on diversity values are shaped by generational experiences and personal history (Vera-Toscano & Meroni, 2021).

Personal negative experiences universally impact psychological well-being (Fullerton et al., 2021; Compas et al., 2017), with coping strategies employed across all ages (Compas et al., 2017). Older adults draw on life experiences to mitigate adverse effects (Dionigi, 2015), while adolescents may experience heightened intensity due to developmental changes (Mendes-Sousa et al., 2023). Persistence in major courses does not significantly differ by age (Wlodkowski & Ginsberg, 2017; Rothes et al., 2017). Motivation and persistence are more influenced by individual characteristics and context rather than age (Rothes et al., 2017; Kulakow, 2020). Younger students' persistence is shaped by academic engagement and support systems (Kulakow, 2020). These findings highlight the importance of tailored educational approaches that account for developmental stages and individual needs across age groups.

Table 7. ANOVA table on level of learning environment according to age of respondents

Factors	;	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Interpretation
POSITIVE	Between Groups	7.867	4	1.967	5.288	0.00	D100
CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT	Within Groups	88.153	237	.372			Differs significantly*
	Total	96.020	241				
	Between Groups	8.944	4	2.236	6.066	0.00	- 100
DIVERSITY VALUES	Within Groups	87.363	237	.369			Differs significantly*
	Total	96.306	241				
PERSONAL	Between Groups	2.095	4	.524	.664	0.62	
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES	Within Groups	1 <mark>87</mark> .036	237	.789			Do not differ significantly
	Total	189.131	241				
	Between Groups	3.953	4	.988	1.915	0.11	
PERSISTENCE MAJOR COURSE	Within Groups	122.270	237	.516			Do not differ significantly
	Total	126.222	241				
LEVEL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	Between Groups	2.517	4	.629	4.451	0.00	- 100
	Within Groups	33.506	237	.141			Differs significantly*
	Total	36.023	241				

Legend: No post hoc test is performed because of fewer than two cases for one group

Table 8 shows that sex significantly impacts personal negative experiences (t = -4.031, p = 0.000), but not other factors like the positive classroom environment, diversity values, or persistence in major courses. Female students reported significantly more negative experiences compared to male students. Overall, the level of learning environment does not differ significantly according to the sex of the respondents. This suggests that factors influencing the overall quality and impact of the learning environment are generally uniform across genders, emphasizing the importance of inclusive educational practices catering to all students' diverse needs and experiences.

Research consistently shows that perceptions of a positive classroom environment and persistence in major courses do not significantly differ based on respondents' sex. Both male and female students benefit similarly from supportive classroom environments characterized by effective teacher-student interactions and peer support (Aldrup et al., 2022). Similarly, perceptions of diversity values do not significantly vary according to gender; attitudes towards diversity are shaped more by societal and cultural factors than by sex alone (Schneid et al., 2015).

In contrast, personal negative experiences differ significantly between males and females, as noted in the research, highlighting that females often report higher emotional distress and employ different coping strategies compared to males in response to adversity (Beutel et al., 2017). Lastly,

personal motivations, academic engagement, and support systems influence persistence in major courses more than gender differences. Both male and female students demonstrate similar levels of persistence when these factors are adequately addressed and supported in the educational environment. (Simon et al., 2015). These findings underscore the complex interplay of gender, individual experiences, and societal influences in shaping educational and emotional outcomes.

This could be attributed to the broader societal issue of gender bias and discrimination, which can manifest in educational settings (Brown, 2020; Llorens et al., 2021). The lack of significant differences in other factors suggests that both male and female students perceive these aspects similarly, aligning with studies indicating that gender differences in educational experiences are more pronounced in social interactions and personal experiences rather than academic perceptions (Amerstorfer & Freiin von Münster-Kistner, 2021; Gurieva et al., 2022)

Table 8. T-test results on the level of learning environment according to the sex of respondents.

	t-test fo	or Equality	y of Means	_
	t	df	Sig. (2- tailed)	Interpretation
POSITIVE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT	1.239	240	0.217	Do not differ significantly
DIVERSITY VALUES	.893	240	0.373	Do not differ significantly
PERSONAL NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES	-4.031	240	0.000	Differs significantly
PERSISTENCE MAJOR COURSE	.991	240	0.323	Do not differ significantly
LEVEL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	905	240	0.366	Do not differ significantly

Table 9 indicates that the learning environment by year level has significant differences across all factors(F = 19.626, p = 0.000). First-year students differ significantly from other year levels, suggesting that initial exposure to the learning environment shapes their perceptions profoundly (Haddad et al., 2021). As students progress, their expectations and adaptability might change, leading to different experiences and perceptions (Warfvinge et al., 2022). The significant differences across year levels highlight that persistence is influenced by the stage of the academic journey, with initial enthusiasm potentially waning as academic challenges increase in higher years (Alexander, 2020).

The research underscores significant differences across various aspects of educational experience based on students' year levels (Kahu & Nelson, 2018). Perceptions of a positive classroom environment vary notably with age; younger students, such as those in elementary or early secondary school, prioritize supportive interactions with teachers and peers (Martinot et al., 2022), whereas older students in higher education seek a balance of autonomy and academic challenge alongside supportive environments (Sogunro, 2015). Similarly, diversity values fluctuate with year levels, as younger students are more open to diversity education and inclusion efforts. In comparison, older students possess more nuanced understandings shaped by broader societal and educational experiences (Richard Milner, 2021).

Personal negative experiences also show variance; younger students may struggle more with emotional resilience to setbacks than their older counterparts, who often demonstrate greater maturity and coping mechanisms developed over time (Luthar, 2015). Additionally, persistence in major courses differs significantly by year level, with younger students benefiting from structured support, whereas older students exhibit higher persistence driven by personal and professional motivations (Luthar, 2015). These insights emphasize the importance of age-specific approaches in fostering a supportive and effective educational environment tailored to the diverse developmental needs of students across different stages of schooling.

Table 9. Mean comparison on the level of the learning environment in terms of the year level of respondents

	Factors	F-value	p-value	Interpretation	Post Hoc Test by Tukey's Method
A	POSITIVE CLASSROOM	15.628	0.000	Differs significantly	1 st Year & 2 nd Year 1 st Year & 3 rd Year

	ENVIRONMENT				1st Year & 4th Year
					2 nd Year & 3 rd Year
В	DIVERSITY VALUES	18.718	0.000	Differs significantly	1st Year & 2nd Year 1st Year & 3rd Year 1st Year & 4th Year 2nd Year & 3rd Year
С	PERSONAL NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES	5.077	0.002	Differs significantly	2 nd Year & 3 rd Year 3 rd Year & 4 th Year
D	PERSISTENCE MAJOR COURSE	13.328	0.000	Differs significantly	1 st Year & 2 nd Year 1 st Year & 3 rd Year 1 st Year & 4 th Year 3 rd Year & 4 th Year
	LEVEL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	19.626	0.000	Differs significantly	1 st Year & 2 nd Year 1 st Year & 3 rd Year 1 st Year & 4 th Year

3.5 Significant Difference in the Level of Motivation Among Criminology Students Based on Respondents Profile

This section explored the significant differences in the level of motivation among criminology students, focusing on how these differences correlate with various respondent profiles. This is structured into three main sections, each examining the impact of a specific demographic factor on the learning environment:

Table 10 analyses motivation levels by age, revealing significant differences in intrinsic and extrinsic motivation among respondents (F = 4.039, p = 0.003). Younger respondents may exhibit higher levels of intrinsic motivation driven by curiosity and personal interest in learning. In comparison, older respondents might rely more on extrinsic motivators such as rewards or recognition (Amorim & Vieira, 2023). This finding is consistent with previous research suggesting that intrinsic motivation decreases with age, while extrinsic motivation may become more influential as individuals mature and engage with external goals (Deci & Ryan, 2020; Kum, 2020). The significant differences across age groups highlight the importance of considering age-related differences in designing educational interventions and support systems tailored to meet the diverse motivational needs of students at different life stages (Tenney et al., 2016; Howard et al., 2021).

Table 10. ANOVA table on level of motivation according to age of respondents

Fac	tors	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Interpretation
Intrincia	Between Groups	5.111	4	1.278	2.815	0.026	Differs
Intrinsic Motivation	Within Groups	107.554	237	.454		0.026	Significantly*
	Total	112.665	241				
-	Between Groups	8.249	4	2.062	4.573	0.001	Differs Significantly
Extrinsic Motivation	Within Groups	106.882	237	.451		0.001	
	Total	115.131	241				
Motivation	Between Groups	6.484	4	1.621	4.039	0.002	
	Within Groups	95.121	237	.401		0.003	Differs Significantly*
	Total	101.605	241				

Legend: * no post hoc test is performed because of less than two cases for one group

Table 11 shows the results on motivation levels by sex, indicating no significant differences (t = -0.143, p = 0.887) between male and female respondents. This suggests that gender does not significantly determine students' motivational orientation in this context (Johnson, 2017; Kum, 2020). Previous studies have reported mixed findings regarding gender differences in motivation, with some

suggesting that males may be more extrinsically motivated while females exhibit higher levels of intrinsic motivation (LeFebvre & Huta, 2021; Schürmann & Quaiser-Pohl, 2022). However, the lack of significant differences in this study indicates that male and female respondents perceive their motivation levels similarly, emphasizing the importance of individual differences and personal experiences in shaping motivational orientations.

This conclusion arises from research indicating that individual characteristics, learning environments, and personal experiences, rather than gender alone, influence students' intrinsic and extrinsic motivational orientations. Studies such as those by Deci and Ryan (2000) on self-determination theory emphasize that motivation is driven by autonomy, competence, and relatedness, which are universal psychological needs irrespective of gender (Deci & Ryan, 2000). Additionally, educational contexts that foster a supportive and challenging environment contribute significantly to students' motivation, with the quality of interactions and engagement playing pivotal roles (Cheon et al., 2020).

Table 11. T-test results on the level of motivation according to the sex of respondents

		t-test for	Equality	of Means	
Factors		t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Interpretation
Intrinsic Motivation	Equal variances assumed	0.212	240	0.833	Do not differ significantly
EXTRINSIC MOTIVATION	Equal variances assumed	-0.477	240	0.633	Do not differ significantly
Motivation	Equal variances assumed	-0.143	240	0.887	Do not differ significantly

Table 12 showed significant differences in motivation levels by year levelacross all factors (F = 24.081, p = 0.000). First-year students differ significantly from other year levels, suggesting that initial exposure to the academic environment significantly impacts their motivational orientation (Zhang et al., 2021). As students progress through their academic journey, their motivations may evolve based on experiences, challenges, and personal goals, leading to differences in motivational orientation across different year levels (Thurston, 2019; Seli, 2019). The significant differences underscore the importance of considering students' developmental stages and academic progression in effectively understanding and addressing their motivational needs throughout their educational journey (Zhang et al., 2021; Alenezi, 2023).

The result indicates that intrinsic and extrinsic motivation levels vary significantly across academic years. Younger students, such as those in elementary or early secondary school, often demonstrate higher levels of intrinsic motivation driven by curiosity, interest in learning, and enjoyment of tasks (Wu et al., 2018). As students progress through higher academic levels, intrinsic motivation may decline, influenced by increased academic pressure, performance expectations, and external rewards (Hanus & Fox, 2015). Conversely, older students in higher education or advanced academic stages may exhibit higher levels of extrinsic motivation driven by career aspirations, grades, and external recognition (Amida et al., 2021). These findings underscore the dynamic nature of motivational orientations across educational stages, highlighting the need for targeted interventions and educational strategies that support and sustain intrinsic motivation throughout students' academic journeys.

Table 12. Mean comparison on level of motivation in terms of the year level of respondents

	Factors	F-value	p-value	Interpretation	Post Hoc Test by Tukey's Method
A	Intrinsic Motivation	21.193	0.000	Differs significantly	1 st Year & 2 nd Year 1 st Year & 3 rd Year 1 st Year & 4 th Year 3 rd Year & 4 th Year

В	Extrinsic Motivation	20.881	0.000	Differs significantly	1 st Year & 2 nd Year 1 st Year & 3 rd Year 1 st Year & 4 th Year
	Motivation	24.081	0.000	Differs significantly	1st Year & 2nd Year 1st Year & 3rd Year 1st Year & 4th Year 3rd Year & 4th Year

3.6 Significant Relationship in the Level of Learning Environment and Motivation Among Criminology Students

Table 13. Significant relationship in the level of learning environment and motivation

Factor	•	Intrinsic Motivation	Extrinsic Motivation	Motivation
	Pearson Correlation	0.660	0.574	0.653
POSITIVE CLASSROOM	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000
ENVIRONMENT	Interpretation	Significantly and strongly related	Significantly but moderately related	Significantly and strongly related
	Pearson Correlation	0.773	0.694	0.777
DIVERSITY VALUES	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000
VALCES	Interpretation	Significantly and strongly related	Significantly and strongly related	Significantly and strongly related
	Pearson Correlation	-0.437	-0.286	-0.382
PERSONAL NEGATIVE	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000
EXPERIENCES	Interpretation	Significantly but negatively and moderately related	Significantly but negatively and moderately related	Significantly but negatively and moderately related
	Pearson Correlation	0.749	0.629	0.729
PERSISTENCE MAJOR COURSE	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000
WAJOR COOKSE	Interpretation	Significantly and strongly related	Significantly and strongly related	Significantly and strongly related
	Pearson Correlation	0.686	0.649	0.706
OVERALL LEARNING	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000
ENVIRONMENT	Interpretation	Significantly and strongly related	Significantly and strongly related	Significantly and strongly related

Table 13 presents the significant and robust correlation between motivation and the learning environment, as evidenced by the Pearson correlation coefficient 0.706. This underscores the complex relationship between these two aspects of students' educational experiences. This finding aligns with existing research emphasizing the pivotal role of motivation in shaping learning outcomes (Deci & Ryan, 2020; Pekrun & Linnenbrink-Garcia, 2014). Whether intrinsic or extrinsic, motivation is a fundamental driving force behind students' engagement, persistence, and academic achievement (Deci & Ryan, 2020;

Pekrun & Linnenbrink-Garcia, 2014). Moreover, the learning environment, encompassing various factors such as classroom climate, teacher-student interactions, diversity values, personal negative experiences, and persistence in major course selection, significantly influences students' motivation and learning experiences (Ryan & Deci, 2020; Braver et al., 2014).

Positive classroom dynamics, effective teaching strategies, and supportive relationships with teachers can enhance students' intrinsic motivation and foster a sense of autonomy and competence (Ryan & Deci, 2020; Wood, 2018). Similarly, a diverse and inclusive learning environment that values different perspectives and backgrounds can positively impact students' motivation and engagement (Seli, 2019; Benner et al., 2018). However, negative experiences within the learning environment, such as discrimination, lack of support, or challenging academic tasks, can undermine students' motivation and hinder their learning progress (Kutsyuruba et al., 2015; Benner et al., 2018). Moreover, persistence in major course selection can significantly affect students' motivation and engagement, with students more likely to be motivated when they feel connected to their chosen field of study (Trigwell & Prosser, 2014).

In conclusion, the significant correlation between motivation and the learning environment, considering factors such as positive environment, diversity values, personal negative experiences, and persistence in major course selection, highlights the interconnectedness of these factors in influencing students' educational experiences. Educators and policymakers should prioritize cultivating positive and supportive learning environments that foster students' intrinsic motivation and well-being (Deci & Ryan, 2020; Ryan & Deci, 2020). By creating conducive learning environments that promote diversity and inclusivity and support students' persistence, educators can empower students to become self-motivated, resilient learners better equipped to thrive academically and beyond (Seli, 2019; Braver et al., 2014).

3.7 Implication for Criminology Students

The findings from the study underscore several critical implications for enhancing motivation among criminology students based on the correlations observed in Table 13. Firstly, creating a positive classroom environment characterized by supportive teacher-student interactions and engaging teaching practices is crucial. This environment significantly boosts intrinsic and extrinsic motivations, fostering greater student engagement and academic performance (Ryan & Deci, 2020). Secondly, promoting diversity values within the learning environment is essential. Embracing diverse perspectives and backgrounds enhances students' intrinsic motivation and encourages a sense of belonging and inclusivity, which are vital for overall academic success (Seli, 2019; Benner et al., 2018).

Furthermore, addressing and mitigating personal negative experiences such as discrimination or lack of support is paramount. These factors negatively impact both forms of motivation among criminology students, highlighting the need for proactive measures to create a supportive and equitable learning environment (Kutsyuruba et al., 2015; Benner et al., 2018). Lastly, supporting students' persistence in their major course selection is crucial in sustaining motivation. When students feel connected to their academic path and perceive clear pathways for progression, their motivation levels are significantly heightened, contributing to long-term academic success and career readiness (Trigwell & Prosser, 2014; Wood, 2018). These implications suggest that by prioritizing these factors, educators and institutions can effectively cultivate a motivational climate that supports criminology students in achieving their academic and professional goals.

4. CONLUSION

The analysis reveals a predominant age group between 21 and 23, with a balanced sex distribution slightly favoring males and notable representation from third-year students. The learning environment is consistently categorized as Often, indicating frequent occurrences of certain behaviors, practices, or conditions. Participants often experience intrinsic and extrinsic motivations, indicating frequent occurrences of related behaviors, practices, or conditions. The analysis indicates significant agerelated variations in the learning environment, suggesting that age plays a crucial role in shaping students' educational experiences. Moreover, while sex appears to influence personal negative experiences significantly, it does not seem to affect other factors, such as the positive classroom environment or diverse values. Similarly, significant differences in the learning environment across different year levels are evident, indicating the diverse impact of educational factors on students' experiences. The analysis reveals significant differences in motivation levels based on age, with notable variations in intrinsic and extrinsic motivation. However, there are no significant differences between male and female respondents in terms of motivation levels. Additionally, motivation levels vary significantly across year levels, suggesting that academic progression is crucial in shaping students' motivational tendencies. The

correlation analysis in Table 12 reveals a substantial correlation coefficient of 0.706 between motivation and the learning environment. This robust correlation underscores the intricate relationship between these two aspects of students' educational experiences, emphasizing their interconnectedness and mutual influence.

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