

ABSTRACT

The main purposes of this study were to investigate some factors influencing the confidence in speaking English of senior Thai undergraduate students at Srinakharinwirot. The sub objectives are to find out the degree of senior Thai undergraduate students' confidence in speaking English and to survey the attitude of the students toward English speaking. The samples are senior Thai graduate students at Srinakharinwirot. This study uses a cross sectional design. The questionnaire composed of Likert scale questions was employed as the research instrument. In order to collect the data, the questionnaires were distributed to 100 students. The data obtained were analyzed by SPSS program version 11.5 in order to calculate the frequency, percentage and mean.

Since the results of this case study will show the factors influencing confidence as well as the students' attitudes toward English speaking. The findings can be a guideline for Srinakharinwirot to acknowledge the factors influencing confidence and the attitudes of the students towards English speaking. Also, the university can obtain an idea for extra English courses or activities to strengthen the students' confidence in English speaking.