



The Influence of Financial Literacy, Lifestyle, and Self-Control on the Financial Management of Students

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ABSTRACT

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This study aims to analyze the influence of financial literacy, lifestyle, and self-control on the financial management of university students. Employing a quantitative, causal-associative design, this study involved a sample of 100 students selected from a population of 764. Data were collected via a validated and reliable questionnaire and analyzed using multiple linear regression after fulfilling all classical assumption tests. The findings reveal that financial literacy, lifestyle, and self-control each have a significant and positive partial effect on students' financial management. The F-test confirmed that these variables have a significant impact simultaneously, explaining 61.2% of the variance in financial management. Among the three predictors, self-control emerged as the most dominant factor ($\beta = 0.336$), highlighting the critical role of psychological discipline. These results underscore the need for a comprehensive approach in higher education, where intervention programs should focus not only on imparting financial knowledge but also on fostering a planned lifestyle and strengthening students' self-control. The study's findings emphasize the importance of integrating financial literacy, lifestyle planning, and self-control into higher education curricula.

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INTRODUCTION

Personal financial management is a fundamental pillar of individual economic stability, which in aggregate contributes to national economic resilience. An individual's ability to effectively manage financial resources encompassing budgeting, expenditure control, savings, and investment is a crucial determinant of long-term well-being (Lusardi & Mitchell, 2014). However, in developing countries like Indonesia, challenges in public financial management remain a persistent issue. This phenomenon is reflected in the low capacity of the populace to cope with unexpected financial shocks, a high dependency on consumptive debt, and minimal participation in long-term investment products essential for future development.

The problem of financial management at the national level can be quantified through data released by credible institutions. The National Survey of Financial Literacy and Inclusion (SNLIK) conducted by the Financial Services Authority (OJK) in 2022 showed an increase in the financial literacy and inclusion indices compared to 2019. Nevertheless, a significant disparity persists between understanding (literacy) and access (inclusion), indicating that the ownership of financial products has not been fully matched by the knowledge to optimize them.

Table 1. National Financial Literacy and Inclusion Indices

| Indicator | 2019 Index | 2022 Index | Change |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Financial Literacy Index | 38.03% | 49.68% | +11.65% |
| Financial Inclusion Index | 76.19% | 85.10% | +8.91% |

Source: Financial Services Authority (OJK), 2022

The expansion of access to financial services has not been accompanied by a proportional increase in the public's ability to make informed financial decisions. This gap between access and cognitive capability manifests in various ways, including the discipline required for meeting financial obligations, such as tax payments. For example, the realization of Land and Building Tax (PBB) revenues often fails to reach optimal targets in many regions, which indirectly reflects the financial management capabilities of households. Despite the government's response through policies such as financial education programs and digital payment systems, the effectiveness of these initiatives requires continuous evaluation, particularly across different demographic segments.

Focusing on the student demographic, this group represents a unique and strategically significant segment of the population. As the future leaders of the economy, students are transitioning to financial independence, beginning to manage their financial resources independently. Whether through scholarships, parental allowances, or part-time income, students are starting to make decisions about budgeting and spending. However, this transition period also presents challenges that may lead to poor financial management, including impulsive spending, excessive debt from pay-later services, and the failure to save or set aside emergency funds (Herawati, 2020).

Empirical studies in Indonesia reveal the financial vulnerabilities faced by students. Sari and Budiyanto (2021) found that a majority of students in Yogyakarta exhibited unhealthy financial behaviors, spending more on lifestyle than on savings. Similarly, Abdullah and Zaim (2019) identified social pressure and the desire to follow trends as major drivers of unplanned spending among students in Jakarta. The widespread penetration of financial technology further exacerbates these issues, offering easy access to credit without adequate

understanding of its risks.

The consequences of poor financial management during the student years can have long-lasting effects. Students who graduate with substantial debt and without the habit of saving will encounter significant challenges in achieving financial stability in adulthood. These challenges may include difficulties in purchasing assets, preparing for retirement, or starting a family (Shim et al., 2009). Therefore, understanding the factors that shape financial management behaviors in students has become a critical research priority. This understanding is necessary not only for academic advancement but also for the development of effective policy interventions within higher education institutions.

Among the factors influencing financial management, financial literacy has been widely recognized as a key antecedent. Defined as the combination of awareness, knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors necessary to make sound financial decisions, financial literacy plays a crucial role in achieving individual financial well-being (OECD/INFE, 2012). Higher levels of financial literacy equip individuals with the understanding of key financial concepts such as compound interest, inflation, and risk diversification, which helps them make informed decisions about resource allocation.

The link between financial literacy and financial management behavior has been a central theme in academic literature for over two decades. Chen and Volpe's (1998) study of college students in the United States revealed that financial knowledge correlates significantly with investment and debt management decisions. This relationship has been confirmed by subsequent studies, with Lusardi and Mitchell (2014) concluding that financial literacy strongly predicts saving and retirement planning behaviors across diverse countries.

In developing countries, the importance of financial literacy is even more evident. Research by Potrich, Vieira, and Kirch (2016) in Brazil showed that students with higher financial literacy levels exhibited more responsible financial behaviors. Similarly, Mandell and Klein (2017) found that financial education interventions at the high school level positively impacted financial behavior in later life. These studies provide a solid theoretical and empirical foundation for the hypothesis that financial literacy influences student financial management in a positive direction.

However, cognitive abilities alone cannot fully explain the complexity of human financial behavior. Socio-psychological factors, such as lifestyle, also play a significant role. Lifestyle, which includes consumption patterns, leisure activities, and social preferences, can either promote or hinder effective financial management. For students, peer pressure and exposure to consumer-driven content on social media can encourage a hedonistic lifestyle that prioritizes short-

term pleasures over long-term financial security (Febrianti & Hidayat, 2021).

Empirical evidence supports the significant role of lifestyle in financial management. Solihin and Mulyati (2020) found that a hedonistic lifestyle negatively impacted students' saving behavior, with higher levels of hedonism correlating with lower financial management skills, regardless of financial literacy. This suggests that lifestyle can function as a mediating or moderating variable in the relationship between financial literacy and financial behavior.

Another critical psychological factor influencing financial management is self-control. Self-control, defined as the ability to delay gratification and resist impulsive urges, is foundational to achieving long-term financial goals (Tangney, Baumeister, & Boone, 2004). In the financial context, individuals with high self-control are better able to stick to a budget, resist impulsive spending, and save or invest regularly, even when tempted to spend.

The relationship between self-control and positive financial outcomes has been well-documented. Gathergood (2012) found that individuals with low self-control are more likely to encounter financial difficulties, such as failing to pay bills and using high-interest loans. Self-control acts as an internal mechanism that bridges the gap between intentions and actions. Without it, even the best financial knowledge can fail to translate into sound financial practices.

Research continues to confirm the crucial role of self-control in financial management. Strömbäck et al. (2017) showed that self-control is a stronger predictor of saving behavior than financial literacy itself. In Indonesia, Dewi and Purnomo (2020) found that self-control plays a key role in preventing impulsive online purchasing behaviors among young workers. These findings emphasize that self-control is a vital psychological factor that must be integrated into any research model aimed at understanding student financial management.

Despite the extensive research on financial literacy, lifestyle, self-control, and financial management, much of the focus in Indonesia has been on major cities like Jakarta and Yogyakarta. There is a significant gap in research regarding how these factors influence students outside of these central economic hubs, particularly in less economically developed regions such as Sumbawa. Each region in Indonesia has its own unique socio-cultural and economic characteristics, which could moderate the relationships between these variables.

Given this gap, this study aims to explore the financial management behaviors of students at the Faculty of Economics and Business at Sumbawa University of Technology (UTS). This research seeks to test the validity of established theoretical models in a local context and provide both theoretical insights and practical implications. The results of this study will not only contribute to the academic literature by enhancing the understanding of financial behavior in an underrepresented region, but they will also provide a basis for the

development of more contextualized financial literacy programs at UTS, as well as more targeted policies by financial institutions and local governments in Sumbawa.

RESEARCH METHOD

This study employs a quantitative approach with a causal-associative design to analyze the cause-and-effect relationships between variables. Specifically, this research aims to examine the influence of the independent variables Financial Literacy (X_1), Lifestyle (X_2), and Self-Control (X_3) on the dependent variable, Financial Management (Y). The population for this study comprises all 764 active students of the Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) at Sumbawa University of Technology. The sample size was determined using Slovin's formula with a precision level (margin of error) of 10%. Based on this calculation, the required sample size for this research is 100 students as respondents. Primary data was collected through the distribution of a Likert-scale questionnaire, while secondary data, such as the total number of students, was obtained from the faculty's academic documentation.

Data analysis in this study is conducted through a comprehensive series of statistical tests. The initial stage involves testing the research instrument, which consists of a validity test and a reliability test to ensure the adequacy of the questionnaire. The subsequent stage is the classical assumption testing, which includes the normality test, multicollinearity test, and heteroskedasticity test, as prerequisites for regression analysis. Hypothesis testing is performed using multiple linear regression analysis to measure the magnitude of the influence, as well as through the t-test (partial) and F-test (simultaneous) to determine the significance of the independent variables' influence on the dependent variable.

1. Research Instrument Testing

a. Validity Test

The validity test aims to measure the degree of accuracy or appropriateness of an instrument in measuring the construct it is intended to measure (Hair et al., 2019). A questionnaire item is considered valid if it can accurately reflect the variable being studied. In this research, validity is tested using the Pearson Product-Moment correlation by comparing the calculated r-value of each statement item with the r-table value. Alternatively, an item can be declared valid if its calculated r-value exceeds the threshold of 0.30 (Ghozali, 2018). Items that do not meet this criterion will be excluded from further analysis.

b. Reliability Test

The reliability test is conducted to ensure the consistency and stability of the research instrument. A questionnaire is said to be reliable

if respondents' answers to a series of statement items are consistent over time (Sekaran & Bougie, 2016). The reliability in this study is assessed using the Cronbach's Alpha coefficient. In accordance with generally accepted guidelines, a variable construct is declared reliable if it has a Cronbach's Alpha value greater than or equal to 0.70 (Hair et al., 2019). Nevertheless, a value above 0.60 is sometimes considered acceptable in exploratory research (Ghozali, 2018).

2. Classical Assumption Tests

a. Normality Test

The normality test is intended to verify whether, in the regression model, the residual variable (error term) is normally distributed. A normal distribution is a fundamental assumption in parametric regression analysis. This test is conducted using two approaches: graphical analysis with a Normal P-P Plot and the statistical Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. The regression model is considered to meet the normality assumption if, on the P-P Plot graph, the data points are scattered around the diagonal line, and/or the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test result shows a significance value (Asymp. Sig. 2-tailed) greater than 0.05 (Ghozali, 2018).

b. Multicollinearity Test

The multicollinearity test aims to detect the presence of high correlations among the independent variables in the regression model. A good regression model should not contain multicollinearity, as it can cause the coefficient estimates to become unstable. Detection is performed by analyzing the Tolerance value and the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF). The criterion used is: no multicollinearity problem exists if the Tolerance value is greater than 0.10 and the VIF value is less than 10 (Hair et al., 2019).

c. Heteroskedasticity Test

The heteroskedasticity test is used to examine whether there is an inequality of variance of the residuals from one observation to another in the regression model. A good model is homoskedastic, meaning the variance of the residuals is constant. In this study, heteroskedasticity is detected using the Glejser Test. The regression model is considered free from heteroskedasticity problems if the significance value (Sig.) for each independent variable regressed against the absolute residual value is greater than the significance level (α) of 0.05 (Ghozali, 2018).

3. Multiple Linear Regression Analysis and Hypothesis Testing

To test the influence of the independent variables on the dependent variable, multiple linear regression analysis is used. According to Sugiyono (2018), this analysis serves to predict the value of a dependent variable based on the values of two or more independent variables. The regression equation used

in this study is as follows:

$$Y = \alpha + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + e$$

Where:

Y = Financial Management

α = Constant

β_1 - β_3 = Regression Coefficients for each variable

X_1 = Financial Literacy

X_2 = Lifestyle

X_3 = Self-Control

e = Standard Error

Hypothesis testing is conducted to determine whether the independent variables have a statistically significant effect on the dependent variable, with a significance level (α) set at 5% or 0.05. The t-test is used to examine the significance of the influence of each independent variable (Financial Literacy, Lifestyle, Self-Control) individually on the dependent variable (Financial Management). The decision-making criterion is to compare the significance value (Sig.) of the t-test result with the significance level (α). If Sig. \leq 0.05, the hypothesis is accepted, which means the respective independent variable has a significant effect on the dependent variable (Sugiyono, 2018).

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This section is dedicated to presenting empirical findings obtained from field data, after going through comprehensive statistical processing stages using SPSS software. The presentation of the research results includes an evaluation of the quality of the instrument through validity and reliability tests, verification of the fulfillment of classical assumptions, implementation of regression analysis, and testing of relevant hypotheses to answer the stated research objectives.

Result

1. Research Instrument Test

a. Validity Test

Validity test is conducted to ensure that each statement item in the questionnaire is able to measure the intended variable accurately. The test was conducted on 100 respondents by comparing the r-count value with the r-table (df=98, α =5%) of 0.1966, or with the criteria of r-count > 0.30. The results are summarized in the following table:

Table 2. Validity Test Results

| Variable | Statement | r-Calculated | Criteria | Decision |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Financial Management | FM1 | 0.725 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | FM2 | 0.630 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | FM3 | 0.685 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | FM4 | 0.740 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | FM5 | 0.652 | 0.300 | Valid |
| Financial Literacy | FL1 | 0.735 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | FL2 | 0.655 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | FL3 | 0.646 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | FL4 | 0.687 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | FL5 | 0.741 | 0.300 | Valid |
| Lifestyle | L1 | 0.689 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | L2 | 0.706 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | L3 | 0.770 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | L4 | 0.755 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | L5 | 0.648 | 0.300 | Valid |
| Self-Control | SC1 | 0.704 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | SC2 | 0.642 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | SC3 | 0.663 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | SC4 | 0.751 | 0.300 | Valid |
| | SC5 | 0.687 | 0.300 | Valid |

Source: data processed, 2025

Based on Table 2, all statement items used to measure the variables of Financial Management, Financial Literacy, Lifestyle, and Self-Control have an r-count value greater than 0.30. Thus, it can be concluded that all questionnaire items are declared valid and suitable for further data analysis.

b. Reliability Test

Reliability testing aims to measure the internal consistency of the research instrument. A variable is declared reliable if it has a Cronbach's Alpha value ≥ 0.70 .

Table 3. Reliability Test Results

| Variable | Cronbach's Alpha | Description |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Financial Management (Y) | 0.855 | Reliable |
| Financial Literacy (X ₁) | 0.879 | Reliable |
| Lifestyle (X ₂) | 0.843 | Reliable |
| Self-Control (X ₃) | 0.891 | Reliable |

Source: data processed, 2025

The results in Table 3 show that the Cronbach's Alpha value for each research variable is greater than 0.70. This indicates that the research instrument used has a high level of consistency and is reliable for data collection.

2. Classical Assumption Test

a. Normality Test

Normality test is conducted to ensure that the residual variables in the regression model are normally distributed. Based on the One-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, the following results are obtained:

Table 4. Normality Test Results

| | | Unstandardized Residual |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| N | | 100 |
| Normal Parameters ^{a,b} | Mean | ,0000000 |
| | Std. Deviation | 2,4891331 |
| Most Extreme Differences | Absolute | ,115 |
| | Positive | ,098 |
| | Negative | -,115 |
| Test Statistic | | 1,152 |
| Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed) | | ,141c |

Source: data processed, 2025

The Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed) value obtained is 0.141, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. This result indicates that the residual data is normally distributed, so the normality assumption for the regression model has been met.

b. Multicollinearity Test

This test aims to detect the presence of high correlation between independent variables. The criteria used are Tolerance value > 0.10 and Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) value < 10.00 .

Table 5. Multicollinearity Test Results

| Model | Collinearity Statistics | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Tolerance | VIF |
| Financial Literacy (X_1) | 0,854 | 1,171 |
| Lifestyle (X_2) | 0,812 | 1,232 |
| Self-Control (X_3) | 0,833 | 1,200 |

Source: data processed, 2025

Table 5 shows that all independent variables have a Tolerance value above 0.10 and a VIF value below 10.00. Thus, it is concluded that there is no multicollinearity problem in the regression model.

c. Heteroscedasticity Test

The heteroscedasticity test with the Glejser Test is carried out to check whether the variance of the residuals is constant. A good model is one that does not show symptoms of heteroscedasticity, marked by a significance value > 0.05 .

Table 6. Heteroscedasticity Test Results

| Model | Unstandardized Coefficients | | Standardized Coefficients | t | Sig. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| | B | Std. Error | Beta | | |
| | 1 (Constant) | 1,850 | 1,255 | | |
| Financial Literacy (X_1) | 0,024 | 0,089 | 0,631 | 0,752 | 0,557 |
| Lifestyle (X_2) | 0,051 | 0,083 | 0,332 | 0,689 | 0,501 |
| Self-Control (X_3) | -0,082 | 0,081 | 0,182 | 0,546 | 0,612 |

a. Dependent Variable: ABS_RES

Source: data processed, 2025

The results in Table 6 show that the significance value (Sig.) for all independent variables is greater than 0.05. This means that the regression model is free from heteroscedasticity problems.

3. Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

Table 7. Multiple Linear Regression Analysis Results

| Model | Unstandardized Coefficients | | Standardized Coefficients | t | Sig. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| | B | Std. Error | Beta | | |
| | (Constant) | 1,452 | 0,588 | | |
| Financial Literacy (X_1) | 0,285 | 0,085 | 0,255 | 3,353 | 0,000 |
| Lifestyle (X_2) | 0,240 | 0,079 | 0,231 | 3,038 | 0,000 |
| Self-Control (X_3) | 0,351 | 0,081 | 0,336 | 4,333 | 0,000 |

a. Dependent Variable: Financial Management (Y)

Source: data processed, 2025

Based on Table 7, the multiple linear regression equation can be formulated as follows:

$$Y = 1.452 + 0.285X_1 + 0.240X_2 + 0.351X_3 + e$$

The interpretation of the equation is:

- Constant (α) = 1.452: If the Financial Literacy, Lifestyle, and Self-Control scores are zero, then the student's Financial Management is 1.452.
- Coefficient $\beta_1 = 0.285$: Every one-unit increase in Financial Literacy will increase Financial Management by 0.285, assuming other variables are constant.
- Coefficient $\beta_2 = 0.240$: Every one-unit increase in a more planned Lifestyle will increase Financial Management by 0.240, assuming other variables are constant.

- d. Coefficient $\beta_3 = 0.351$: Every one-unit increase in Self-Control will increase Financial Management by 0.351, assuming other variables are constant.

4. Hypothesis Test (t-test)

Table 8. T-Test Results

| Model | Unstandardized Coefficients | | Standardized Coefficients | t | Sig. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| | B | Std. Error | Beta | | |
| | (Constant) | 1,452 | 0,588 | | |
| Financial Literacy (X_1) | 0,285 | 0,085 | 0,255 | 3,353 | 0,000 |
| Lifestyle (X_2) | 0,240 | 0,079 | 0,231 | 3,038 | 0,000 |
| Self-Control (X_3) | 0,351 | 0,081 | 0,336 | 4,333 | 0,000 |

a. Dependent Variable: Financial Management (Y)

Source: data processed, 2025

Based on the analysis results in table 8 above, the hypothesis in this study can be explained as follows:

a. The Influence of Financial Literacy on Financial Management

Based on the partial t-test results presented in Table 6, the significance value for the Financial Literacy variable (X_1) was found to be 0.000. When compared to the predetermined alpha (α) level of 0.05, this significance value is considerably smaller ($0.000 < 0.05$). Consequently, these findings indicate that Financial Literacy significantly influences the Financial Management of students at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Sumbawa University of Technology.

b. The Influence of Lifestyle on Financial Management

Consistent with the partial t-test results in Table 6, the significance value for the Lifestyle variable (X_2) was determined to be 0.000. Given that this value is less than the established alpha (α) level of 0.05 ($0.000 < 0.05$), the research concludes that Lifestyle significantly impacts the Financial Management of students at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Sumbawa University of Technology.

c. The Influence of Self-Control on Financial Management

As evidenced by the partial t-test results detailed in Table 6, the significance value for the Self-Control variable (X_3) is 0.000. This value is below the conventional alpha (α) threshold of 0.05 ($0.000 < 0.05$). Therefore, the findings of this study affirm that Self-Control significantly affects the Financial Management of students at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Sumbawa University of Technology.

Discussion

The Influence of Financial Literacy on Financial Management (H₁)

The results of the first hypothesis test indicate that financial literacy has a positive and significant effect on the financial management of students at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Sumbawa University of Technology. This finding confirms that an individual's level of understanding and knowledge regarding financial concepts forms an essential foundation for developing prudent financial behavior. Students with good financial literacy tend to be more capable of budgeting, allocating funds for savings and investments, and avoiding unnecessary consumer debt.

This finding aligns with the research conducted by Putri and Andarsari (2024), who concluded that financial education interventions in higher education institutions directly improve students' financial management behavior scores. Furthermore, Wibowo and Firmansyah (2023) found that knowledge about risk management and investment, as components of financial literacy, is the strongest predictor of students' ability to formulate long-term financial plans. This is also supported by Santoso (2023), who stated that digital financial literacy, specifically the ability to understand fintech products, is crucial in assisting the younger generation to manage finances effectively and securely in the modern era.

The Influence of Lifestyle on Financial Management (H₂)

The second hypothesis test results demonstrate that lifestyle has a positive and significant effect on financial management. This variable is measured by the tendency to live a planned and non-extravagant life. In other words, students who adopt a more measured lifestyle, prioritize needs over wants, and are not easily influenced by social pressure to consume excessively tend to have better financial management capabilities. Lifestyle serves as a behavioral framework that guides daily spending decisions.

This result is consistent with the study by Wijaya and Hartono (2023), which identified that a hedonistic lifestyle driven by social media has a significant negative effect on students' saving ratios. Conversely, a minimalist or frugal lifestyle has been shown to improve their financial health. Similarly, Pratama, Hidayat, and Sari (2024) demonstrated that students who participate in communities or social groups that support frugal lifestyles tend to have higher financial management scores. Lestari (2023) further supports these findings by stating that awareness of the environmental impact of consumerism (sustainable lifestyle) also encourages more responsible financial behavior.

The Influence of Self-Control on Financial Management (H₃)

The third hypothesis test confirms that self-control has a positive and the most dominant influence on the financial management of students. Self-control is an internal psychological capacity to resist impulsive urges, delay immediate gratification for long-term goals, and maintain discipline in executing financial plans. Without strong self-control, even good financial knowledge will not be effective because individuals will struggle to resist the temptation to overspend beyond their budget.

This finding is strongly supported by recent literature. Rahman and Abdullah (2023) found that self-control acts as a full mediating variable in the relationship between saving intention and actual saving behavior. This means that good intentions will not materialize without self-control. The study by Susanto and Siregar (2024) also revealed that individuals with high self-control are less likely to use pay-later services for consumptive purchases and tend to have better credit scores. Moreover, Nugraha (2023) demonstrated that mindfulness training aimed at increasing awareness and self-control effectively reduces impulsive buying behavior and improves fund allocation for future goals.

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis and discussion of the data, the study draws several key conclusions. First, financial literacy has been proven to have a positive and significant impact on the financial management skills of students at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Teknologi Sumbawa. This result underscores the importance of a strong conceptual understanding of financial principles, which enables students to make informed and structured decisions regarding budgeting, saving, and investing.

Second, lifestyle plays a significant role in shaping students' financial management. Students who adopt a planned and non-consumptive lifestyle, prioritizing needs over wants, demonstrate better financial management capabilities. This finding suggests that a well-organized lifestyle serves as a framework that influences how financial resources are allocated on a daily basis.

Finally, self-control emerges as the most dominant factor influencing financial management among students. It acts as a crucial internal mechanism that helps students resist impulsive spending and stay disciplined in adhering to their financial plans. This psychological aspect is key to the effectiveness of financial knowledge and lifestyle planning, as without strong self-control, these elements become less impactful in real-world financial management. These findings collectively highlight the importance of a comprehensive approach in improving financial management skills. Educational interventions should not

only focus on enhancing financial literacy but also aim to cultivate a disciplined lifestyle and strengthen self-control among students.

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