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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

LLS: Language Learning Strategy

LLSs: Language Learning Strategies

EFL: English as a Foreign Language

TNUE: Thai Nguyen University of Education

TNU: Thai Nguyen University

SILL: Strategy Inventory for Language Learning

L2: Second Language

M: Mean score

S.D.: Standard Deviation

SLA: Second Language Acquisition

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ABSTRACT

The present research focused on identifying language learning strategies used by a group of 380 non-English major students studying English at Thai Nguyen University of Education, TNU. The Vietnamese version of Oxford's (1990) Strategy Inventory for Language Learning SILL (version 7.0) was used as the main tool to collect data. The SPSS (version 20) was employed to analyse the data. The descriptive study conducted demonstrated that students used all the learning strategies, but at different frequency rates. This result shows that non-English major students use language learning strategies at the moderate level in all six categories proposed by Oxford's (1990) and there are no particular preferences in students' utilization of LLSs, since they drew on the entire set of strategy types. The overall analysis of the participants' SILL scores did not take into consideration student's gender, major field of study and language learning experience. There are some correlations between student's language learning experience and LLS in metacognitive strategies category but these correlations are not statistically different. From the findings of the present investigation, some implications was drawn for language learners, educators and language teachers.