

Abstract

The relationship among perceptions of personality, roommate interpersonal behaviours and strength of friendship in Chinese roommates were investigated. Eighty-nine undergraduates who were living in university dormitories participated in the study. A friendship scale focusing on relationship items and a scale for roommate interpersonal behaviours in Chinese were developed in this study. The results revealed that participants' personality self-perceptions of Helpfulness and Intellect significantly predicted the strength of communion with their roommates. In addition to this perceiver effect, beneficence by both members of the dyad, restraint from harming by the roommate, and extroversion in the other also predicted the level of communion. Altogether, 73.2% of the communion variance was explained. A model showing the linkages among perceptions of personality, social behaviour, and social relationship was provided.