CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of background of study, research questions, limitation of the study, purpose of the study, scope of study, and significance of the study.

1.1   Background of the Study

Writing *skripsi* is the challenging requirement for students of university to complete their bachelor degree, since writing skripsi effectively with academic setting is not easy. The university students need to consider the norms, standards, and convention. In addition, in writing skripsi, the writer also needs to use other people's ideas in order to support and to strenghten his or her ideas and arguments. To convince readers and accept the arguments of the writer's writing, he or she needs to state clearly where the source of information is taken. This leads students to use quotations and parapharases. Nevertheless, paraphrasing and quoting are not easy regarding what to quote is other people's ideas. As an academician, it is important to give respect and honour to the people whose works and ideas used in skripsi. Lipson (2011) stated that when using other people's words, using both quotation marks and citations is needed to give the writer credit. Using and claiming others people's idea without using citations properly as the source documentation may lead to the plagiarism.

The act of plagiarizing has been a big issue . In academic writing, stating and claiming ideas of others ideas are considered as a crime. Plagiarism was found in English Department students' *skripsi* of State University of Jakarta. Based on the study done by Santoso in 2010, it shows that 57,21 % accidental plagiarism, and 21, 98 % deliberate plagiarism done by students of English Department in their skripsi. Thus, to avoid the act of plagiarizing, students of English Department are required to use citation everytime they cite other's works, or ideas in their writing.

Citation is a technique of documenting of other people's ideas, and works. Gilworth (2006) stated that citation is the patches of parenthetical references and superscripts which is considered and concentrated way of telling that somebody other than the present writer has said something. In using citation, being consistent is required. The consistency of using styles of citation is an important aspect in writing (Lipson, 2006) . The writer needs to use the same citation style from the first chapter to the last chapter of skripsi. There are a lot of citation styles used for writing. Lipson (2011) states that there are 3 majors citation styles: Chicago (or Turabian) used in Art History, Computing Science, Criminology, History, Music, and Philosopy, MLA (Modern Language Association) used in Literature, Communication, Linguistics, Philosopy, and APA (American Psychological Association) used in social sciences, education, and business. The writer chose the citation style based on the field they are in. APA and MLA are the citation styles that are relevant for the program study in English Department .

Every university has its own rules for writing skripsi. Based on Panduan Kegiatan Penulisan Tugas Akhir made by Fakultas Bahasa dan Seni, students of languages and arts should follow the systematic of writing skripsi including report writing, comprehensive papers, paragraph writing, documentation writing, bibliography writing, and pictures and tables writing based on three references;

1) *A Manual for writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate L. Turabian

2) *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* by Joseph Gibaldi

3) *Publication Manual of The American Psychological Association* by American Psychological Association

Students of Languages and Arts Faculty may choose and use one of the books above consistency as the reference for writing skripsi. According to the previous research related to the citation in English Department of UNJ, there was no fixed rules in writing citation styles for English Department students, in fact Faculty of Languages and Arts has made the fixed rules which refering to three kinds of citation styles; Chicago style, MLA style, and APA style.

From the explanation above, the researcher is interested to conduct study about citation styles used in English Department students' skripsi**.** It will focus on analazying the styles of citation used by the English Department students in their skripsi.

1.2 Research Questions

1. What is the most common citation style used English Department students' skripsi?

2. How consistent is the use of citation styles by English Department students among other skripsi?

1.3   The Purpose of Study

Based on the research questions above, this study aims at investigating the most common citation style used in English Department students' skripsi and the consistency of the use of the citation style.

1.4   Significance of the Study

This study serves the real data of the use of citation styles in English Department students' skripsi which analyzing the use of citation format in English Department students' skripsi. The result of this study will hopefully help English Department students to be consistent in using the citation styles they choose in their skripsi with the correct format of the citation style they choose, with reference based on the skripsi writing standards made by Faculty Languages and Arts.