Research on the Development Strategy of Ideological and Political Education in Chinese Universities based on SWOT Analysis

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Abstract: Based on the method of SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis, this paper aims to explore the current development situation of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities, and to study in-depth the development strategy of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities. Through a comprehensive assessment of internal and external factors of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities, it will reveal the current problems and challenges and propose innovative strategic solutions to better meet the needs of contemporary Chinese society and students. The study will highlight key strategies for optimizing existing strengths, compensating for weaknesses, seizing opportunities, and responding to threats, so as to provide actionable guidance for decision-makers in Chinese universities as well as frontline student workers, and to promote the sustainable development of ideological and political education in China.

Keywords: Ideological and Political Education; SWOT Analysis; Development Strategy.

1. Introductory

Ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities has a long history, which can be traced back to the period of the New Culture Movement in the early 20th century. Ideological and political education was further promoted and strengthened in colleges and universities in the middle of the 20th century, especially after the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Since the reform and opening up, ideological and political education has gradually shown a diversified trend, and its content has been gradually enriched and deepened. Ideological and political education has played an important role in different historical periods, from the early period of political movement to the stage of comprehensive development of modern society, its content and form have undergone many adjustments and changes. In the long-term historical evolution of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities, ideological and political education has always played a crucial role. However, there are some traditional concepts inherited in this evolution process, which urgently need to face the changes of contemporary society and the renewal of students' needs.

With the development of society and changes in student groups, the traditional mode of ideological and political education is gradually facing new challenges. At present, ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities is facing a series of problems, such as the rigidity of the traditional education mode, the insufficient participation of students, and the mismatch between the education content and the social demand. These problems have given rise to an urgent need for the development strategy of ideological and political education.

At present, research on ideological and political education is gradually characterized by interdisciplinarity and multilevel. Some Chinese scholars focus on the relationship between ideological and political education and social change, and explore its role in talent cultivation; studies in Britain and the United States focus on the characteristics and challenges of ideological and political education in different cultural contexts. However, most of the existing researches focus on the discovery of problems, and there are relatively few researches on the development strategy based on SWOT analysis, which has become an important complementary point of this study. Through SWOT analysis, comprehensively sorting out the internal and external factors of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities, and clarifying their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, we can better locate the key challenges and put forward innovative and practically operative development strategies, which can provide strategic references for college and university administrators, educational policymakers and researchers, so as to promote ideological and political education to better adapt to the needs of contemporary students, and to promote China's Upgrading of talent cultivation mode in colleges and universities, prompting ideological and political education to be better integrated into the overall growth process of students.

2. The Use of SWOT Analysis in Ideological and Political Education in Colleges and Universities

SWOT analysis, i.e., a management tool for comprehensively assessing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of an organization's internal and external environments. The core principle is to form a comprehensive grasp of the organization's overall situation through the systematic sorting of internal and external factors, providing basic data and information for the formulation of strategies. The application of SWOT analysis in the field of education management has become a common management method. Through the SWOT analysis of the internal and external environment of the school, school managers can have a clearer understanding of the school's core strengths, problems, opportunities and challenges. In educational management, SWOT analysis is not only used for strategy

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studying classical Chinese writings, students come into the transmission of classical literature. In the process of identification and understanding of traditional culture through social responsibility and mission, and values, and cultivates new-age citizens with a sense of patriotism, and lays a solid foundation for shaping outstanding citizens with depth of thought and social commitment.

3. SWOT Analysis of Ideological and Political Education in Chinese Colleges and Universities

3.1. Analysis of Internal Strengths of Ideological and Political Education in Higher Education

Ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities has a series of internal advantages, which constitute the core competitiveness of the education system, of which the most important internal advantages include a solid traditional foundation, a strong faculty, and rich educational resources.

3.1.1. Strong Traditional Foundations

The traditional foundation of ideological and political education in Chinese universities is a crucial source of its intrinsic strength. For a long time, the ideological and political courses have been a core component of China's higher education system, carrying a deep cultural heritage and historical responsibility. Through the inheritance of classical culture and national history, as well as the promotion of socialist core values, the Civics and Political Science Program plays an irreplaceable role in shaping students' correct worldview, outlook on life, and values.

First of all, the ideological and political course, as a comprehensive course, runs through the entire academic career of students in Chinese colleges and universities. From freshman to senior year, students receive systematic ideological and political education, and this long-term process of ideological and political education establishes a solid ideological foundation for students. Through the study of traditional Chinese culture, students are able to deeply understand the vastness and depth of Chinese civilization and appreciate the connotation of traditional moral concepts. At the same time, through the review of the country's history, students can realize the vicissitudes of the country and cultivate a deep affection for the motherland. The Civics Program integrates socialist core values into the teaching content, guides students to establish a correct outlook on life and values, and cultivates new-age citizens with a sense of social responsibility and mission.

Secondly, the Civics Program strengthens students' identification and understanding of traditional culture through the transmission of classical literature. In the process of studying classical Chinese writings, students come into contact with many cultural essences of profound wisdom, such as The Analects of Confucius, The Great Learning, and The Meanwhile. These classical writings contain the wisdom and life philosophy of the pioneers over the centuries, providing students with comprehensive learning that transcends the scope of the subject. This heritage not only enables students to have a more comprehensive and in-depth understanding of traditional culture, but also provides a solid foundation for their future academic research and social practice.

The special nature of the Civics Program gives it a unique advantage in cultivating students' correct worldview, outlook on life and values. By exploring the core issues of national construction and social development, the Civics Program can guide students to form a scientific and reasonable worldview and make them have a deeper understanding of the laws of social change and development. At the same time, it guides students to think deeply about the relationship between the individual and the society, and to cultivate a correct outlook on life and values. The Civics and Political Science course emphasizes the unity of individual responsibility and social responsibility, and through the study of socialist core values, it enables students to form a firm faith with a sense of family and national sentiment and social responsibility.

Against the background of today's diversified society, the traditional foundation of the Civics Program is also reflected in the unique advantage of cultivating students with a spirit of patriotism and a sense of social responsibility. Through studying Chinese history and learning about their country's arduous struggle, students' deep feelings for their country have deepened. While teaching the history of the country, the Civics and Political Science Program also promotes socialist core values, guides students to establish correct moral concepts and values, and enables them to develop a positive attitude towards life in their growth process.

Overall, the traditional foundation of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities is the essence of Chinese education and an effective way to cultivate students' comprehensive literacy and correct outlook on life. Through the inheritance of classical culture, national history, and socialist core values, the ideological and political courses have laid a solid foundation for students to establish a correct worldview, outlook on life, and values. This traditional foundation not only has significant advantages in cultivating students' deep cultural heritage, but also plays a unique role in cultivating students' sense of social responsibility and spirit of patriotism, and lays a solid foundation for shaping outstanding citizens with depth of thought and social commitment.

3.1.2. Strong Faculty

The faculty of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities is an important support for their internal strengths, and the existence of this group not only carries the educational mission, but is also a key factor in shaping students' rich outlook on life and values. In Chinese colleges and universities, the faculty of ideological and political education has always been the backbone of the school's teaching force. This team covers a wealth of teaching experience and deep disciplinary literacy, and they have a unique educational philosophy and sense of mission, injecting a strong impetus for the healthy development of ideological and political education in colleges and universities.

First of all, teachers specializing in Civic and Political Education possess deep attainments in subject knowledge.
They have professional backgrounds in philosophy, political science, ethics and other related fields, and are familiar with the theoretical system and practical methods of Civic and Political Education. This enables them to dig deep into the connotation of the discipline in their teaching and better guide students to understand the complex issues of the country, society, life and other aspects. This specialization provides a solid disciplinary foundation for Civic and Political Education in colleges and universities, enabling them to maintain a high level of knowledge transfer and disciplinary construction.

Secondly, teachers specializing in Civic and Political Education have accumulated rich experience in teaching practice. This group often has many years of teaching experience and has formed unique teaching methods and styles through continuous practical exploration. They know that Civic and Political Education is not only about knowledge instillation, but also about inspiring students to think and guiding them to think independently. Through case studies, group discussions, interactive teaching and other means, teachers specializing in Civic and Political Education make the teaching content more inspiring and interactive, and provide students with a wider learning space.

Thirdly, teachers specializing in Civic and Political Education are able to guide students to think deeply, prompting them to form independent and wise judgment. The goal of Civic and Political Education is not only to impart knowledge, but also to cultivate students' discursive ability and judgment, so that they can have the ability to rationally analyze and evaluate complex social issues. Teachers specializing in Civic and Political Education stimulate students' desire for discernment by encouraging them to raise questions and question opinions, and guiding them to explore the essence behind the issues. In the process of in-depth interaction with students, they focus on cultivating students' critical thinking and judgment so that they can analyze and judge rationally and objectively when facing complex social phenomena.

Fourthly, the high level of faculty provides a solid guarantee for the Civic and Political Education so that it can maintain its advantages in terms of both the depth of the discipline and the quality of education. Teachers specializing in Civic and Political Education have a solid foundation for cultivating talents with a sense of social responsibility and innovative spirit in their rich experience, profound understanding of the discipline and positive sense of critical thinking and judgment, so that they can analyze and judge rationally and objectively when facing complex social phenomena.

In addition, teachers of Civic and Political Education not only play an important role in teaching, but also show active figures in disciplinary research and social service. They participate in the construction of national and local level courses, carry out educational research projects, and actively participate in social practice and community service. This not only enriches the connotation of Civic and Political Education, but also contributes positively to the overall level of university faculty. As the core force of colleges and universities, teachers specializing in Civic and Political Education have built an academic atmosphere with vitality and creativity.

To summarize, the faculty of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities is an important part of their internal advantages. Their unique advantages in terms of disciplinary knowledge, teaching experience and critical thinking ability provide a solid disciplinary foundation and educational guarantee for ideological and political education in colleges and universities. With their unique educational concepts and rich practical experience, teachers specializing in Civic and Political Education have made important contributions to the cultivation of talents with a sense of social responsibility and innovative spirit. Their existence is not only a symbol of the internal advantages of Civic and Political Education in Chinese colleges and universities, but also an inexhaustible driving force to promote the healthy development of Civic and Political Education in colleges and universities.

3.1.3. Rich Educational Resources

In the development of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities, educational resources play a crucial role. This includes, on the one hand, hardware resources such as libraries, practice bases and advanced teaching equipment, and on the other hand, soft resources such as educators' experience and professional knowledge. The full utilization of these educational resources provides solid support and broad development space for ideological and political education in colleges and universities.

First of all, as one of the most important academic resources in colleges and universities, libraries play an indispensable role in Civic and Political Education. Libraries have a wealth of books, periodicals, theses and other resources covering a wide range of fields such as political science, philosophy, sociology, etc., providing students with a wide range of subject information. Students can read classic works and specialized literature to gain an in-depth understanding of national history, social systems and ideological and political theories, and form a comprehensive understanding of these important contents. At the same time, the library also provides students with a good learning environment, stimulates their academic interests, and develops the ability of independent thinking and research problems.

Practice bases are another educational resource that should not be overlooked, providing students with the opportunity to integrate into social practice. By participating in community service, social investigation, voluntary activities and other practical programs, students are able to combine theoretical knowledge with practical problems and enhance their ability to observe and analyze social phenomena. The construction of the practice bases promotes students' civic and political literacy as well as develops their teamwork and leadership skills. Such practice opportunities not only expand students' horizons, but also lay a solid foundation for their future social responsibility and commitment.

Advanced teaching equipment is a key part of educational resources. The application of modern technology makes Civic Education more interactive and interesting. Multimedia classrooms, webcasting, virtual experiments and other technical means provide educators with more teaching tools, making the knowledge transfer more vivid and visual. Through these tools, educators can better present abstract ideological and political theories, arouse students' interest and improve their learning enthusiasm. At the same time, the use of modern technology also provides students with more flexible learning methods, in line with their diverse learning needs.

In addition to hardware resources, soft resources, i.e. the experience and expertise of educators, are equally crucial. The quality of Civic and Political Education in colleges and universities is directly related to the level of educators.
Excellent Civic and Political Education educators should not only have profound subject knowledge, but also need to have keen social insight and good communication skills. They should be able to concretize abstract ideological and political theories and make them relevant to students' daily life. In the classroom, the influence of educators on students is particularly important. Therefore, colleges and universities should ensure that educators have adequate educational competence and moral standards by strengthening their training and assessment mechanisms.

While making full use of these educational resources, ideological and political education in colleges and universities also needs to be constantly innovated and updated. As society develops and changes, the content of ideological and political education also needs to keep pace with the times. Educators should pay attention to hot issues in society and guide students to think and discuss them in depth, so as to equip them with the ability to cope with social changes. At the same time, by offering novel courses and introducing cutting-edge research results, colleges and universities can ensure that Civic and Political Education remains vibrant and dynamic.

To summarize, educational resources are of great significance in ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities. Giving full play to the advantages of these resources will help cultivate more excellent citizens with correct worldviews, outlooks on life and values and contribute to the construction of a modernized socialist country. At the same time, constantly strengthening the management and updating of these resources is the key to the sustainable development of ideological and political education in colleges and universities.

3.2. Analysis of external opportunities for ideological and political education in higher education

In the external environment of ideological and political education in colleges and universities, there are a series of opportunities that provide favorable conditions for the further development of the education system. The most significant of these opportunities envelope: the diversification of social needs, the extensive use of scientific and technological means, and the promotion of core socialist values.

3.2.1. Diversification of social needs

The diversification of social demand is one of the external opportunities facing ideological and political education in Chinese universities, which stems from the continuous expansion and deepening of the goal of talent cultivation in contemporary society. With the continuous progress and change of Chinese society, the traditional professional skills training can no longer meet the comprehensive needs of the society for college graduates, and people's expectations for college education gradually go beyond the learning of specialized knowledge in a narrow sense, and pay more attention to the cultivation of comprehensive qualities and a sense of social responsibility.

Firstly, the diversified needs of society mean that the comprehensive quality of talents will become an important criterion for evaluating graduates. Traditionally, the main task of colleges and universities is to teach specialized knowledge, but in today’s society, this concept is undergoing a profound change. Employers and social organizations no longer expect their employees to focus only on the mastery of professional skills, but also on whether they have the ability of teamwork, innovative thinking, interdisciplinary application and other comprehensive qualities. Therefore, the opportunity facing ideological and political education in colleges and universities lies in the fact that they can adjust their educational goals by deeply integrating into social needs, cultivating students' comprehensive qualities in a more comprehensive way, and better adapting them to the complex and changing social environment.

Secondly, the emphasis on social responsibility gives ideological and political education in colleges and universities more room for development in fostering students' sense of social responsibility. Contemporary society has raised higher expectations for college students to show concern for and active participation in society in their daily lives and careers. This provides an opportunity for ideological and political education in colleges and universities to enable students to become socially responsible in their future careers by guiding them to a deep understanding of social issues and stimulating their awareness of social responsibility. In the face of social problems, students are trained to think independently and solve problems, so that they can devote themselves to society in a positive and responsible manner and contribute to social progress and development.

Thirdly, the diversification of social needs is also reflected in the desire for humanistic care. In the high-speed development of society, people's demand for humanistic care is gradually highlighted. Traditionally, ideological and political education in colleges and universities mainly focuses on the teaching of political theory and national policies, while the demand for humanistic care and emotional education is increasing in modern society. Ideological and political education in colleges and universities can cultivate students' humanistic feelings by expanding the content of education and paying more attention to guiding students to pay attention to social livelihood and cherish the emotions and mutual assistance between people. By guiding students to care more about socially disadvantaged groups and to handle interpersonal relationships better, ideological and political education in colleges and universities is expected to become an important force in shaping new-age youth with a humanistic and caring spirit.

3.2.2. Extensive use of scientific and technological tools

In the information age, the wide application of scientific and technological means has opened up a brand-new development vision for ideological and political education in colleges and universities, which makes ideological and political education better adapt to the trend of the times and more effectively meet the diversified learning needs of students. The wide application of scientific and technological means not only injects innovative vitality into ideological and political education, but also provides a strong guarantee for enhancing the relevance, interactivity and attractiveness of education.

Firstly, the popularization of Internet technology has made the dissemination of ideological and political education more convenient and comprehensive. Through the construction of digital education platforms, colleges and universities are able to disseminate the content of ideological and political education online, and students can obtain relevant learning resources through the Internet anytime and anywhere. This provides students with a more independent and flexible way of learning, breaking through the time and space limitations of traditional teaching. The digital management of educational resources also enables schools to better monitor
the learning progress of students and provide strong support for personalized learning. Through the extensive development of online learning resources, ideological and political education can better meet students' personalized interests and in-depth needs, and realize the precise training of students.

Secondly, the application of intelligent technology brings a more flexible and personalized teaching mode for ideological and political education. With the help of artificial intelligence technology, colleges and universities can customize learning plans for students according to their learning habits, interests and other personalized information. Through the intelligent online assessment system, colleges and universities can have a more comprehensive understanding of students' academic level and psychological state, providing scientific data support for teaching. The application of intelligent technology can also enrich the teaching means, introduce virtual reality, augmented reality and other technologies to make ideological and political education more vivid and interesting, and stimulate students' interest in the subject. The wide application of intelligent technology not only improves the teaching quality of ideological and political education, but also provides students with a more personalized learning experience, which better meets the diversified needs of students in the acquisition of knowledge and skill development.

Thirdly, the construction of online interactive platforms makes ideological and political education more interactive. Through the construction of online learning communities and discussion platforms, colleges and universities are able to break the one-way communication mode of the traditional classroom, prompting students to participate more actively in teaching. Students can discuss difficult problems in learning online, share learning experiences, form learning communities, and improve the initiative and depth of learning. The online interactive platform can also provide students with more opportunities to expand their disciplines and guide them to participate in social practice and public welfare activities, so that ideological and political education can be closer to the social reality and cultivate students' ability to practically apply knowledge. Through online interaction, ideological and political education can better stimulate students' critical thinking ability and innovative spirit, and provide more comprehensive support for their future career development and social participation.

Finally, the wide application of scientific and technological means makes ideological and political education have a stronger social influence. Through social media, online platforms and other channels, colleges and universities can more widely disseminate the concepts and achievements of ideological and political education, and form a guiding effect on social opinion. With the help of big data analysis, colleges and universities are able to better understand the needs and expectations of the society for ideological and political education, and adjust the teaching content and methods in a timely manner. The wide application of scientific and technological means makes ideological and political education free from traditional limitations, realizes the sharing and dissemination of knowledge, and provides strong support for building an open, inclusive and sharing academic environment.

3.2.3. Promotion of socialist core values

The promotion of socialist core values is an important strategy for the development of Chinese society today, and it also provides a unique external opportunity for ideological and political education in colleges and universities. This opportunity not only injects a strong social impetus for ideological and political education, but also provides a solid theoretical foundation for schools to cultivate students' correct outlook on life and values.

First, the promotion of socialist core values provides conceptual leadership for ideological and political education in colleges and universities. Socialist core values clarify the direction and goal of social development, emphasizing that adherence to socialist core values is the cornerstone of national development. Ideological and political education in colleges and universities can guide students to correctly understand and agree with the connotation of socialist core values through in-depth interpretation and implementation of socialist core values, so that they can actively integrate into this value system in their daily lives and studies. As the national value flag, socialist core values provide ideological and political education in colleges and universities with a higher level of value pursuit in talent cultivation.

Secondly, the promotion of socialist core values makes ideological and political education in colleges and universities better integrated into social practice. Socialist core values are not only an idea, but also a norm of social behavior. Ideological and political education in colleges and universities can make students practice socialist core values in practical actions by guiding them to pay attention to the direction of national development and social progress. Cultivate students with a sense of social responsibility, patriotism, collectivism and other qualities of core values, so that they can gradually form a positive outlook on life in the process of growth. The promotion of socialist core values makes ideological and political education closer to the reality of society, and helps students integrate and develop in society.

Thirdly, The promotion of socialist core values provides an opportunity for ideological and political education in colleges and universities to develop together with the country. Socialist core values are an important concept for national development, and ideological and political education in colleges and universities combines its own development with that of the country in the process of implementing socialist core values. By guiding students to a deeper understanding of the national strategy and recognizing that the development of the individual and the prosperity of the country are complementary to each other, students can form a sense of responsibility and mission for the fate of the country in ideological and political education. The promotion of socialist core values places ideological and political education in colleges and universities at the level of national strategy, providing a more solid foundation for colleges and universities to work together with society and the country.

Fourthly, the promotion of socialist core values has given ideological and political education in colleges and universities a broader mission for the times. Socialist core values flagrantly advocate patriotism, collectivism, socialism and other values, which are highly compatible with the purpose of ideological and political education in colleges and universities. Ideological and political education in the process of promoting socialist core values can better guide students' sense of responsibility and mission towards the country, society and people, so that they can become pillars of society with a sense of family and country. The promotion of socialist core values makes ideological and political education in colleges and universities better adapt to the requirements of
the times and provides solid theoretical support for students to shape a positive outlook on life.

3.2.4. Expansion of International Exchange and Cooperation

With the continuous advancement of globalization, ideological and political education in colleges and universities is facing a broader space for international development. The expansion of international exchanges and cooperation provides unique external opportunities for ideological and political education, enabling Chinese universities to better play the role of ideological and political education on a global scale, and at the same time absorbing the international advanced experience to promote the continuous innovation and enhancement of local ideological and political education.

First of all, international exchanges have introduced an international perspective to ideological and political education in colleges and universities. Through in-depth cooperation and exchanges with foreign colleges and universities, Chinese colleges and universities are able to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the development trend, excellent experience and advanced concepts of ideological and political education in the international arena. This can not only provide colleges and universities with rich educational resources, but also help ideological and political education to establish a more open, inclusive and advanced image in the global context. International exchanges can also drive the internationalization of ideological and political education teachers, attract international first-class education experts to participate in the research and practice of ideological and political education, and enhance the international competitiveness of ideological and political education in colleges and universities.

Secondly, international exchanges and cooperation inject multicultural elements into ideological and political education. Students from different countries and different cultural backgrounds can learn from each other in exchanges and cooperation and jointly explore the core issues of ideological and political education. This helps to cultivate students’ cross-cultural communication skills and enables them to better understand and respect the differences between different cultures. By introducing multicultural elements, ideological and political education can better adapt to the needs of talent cultivation in the context of globalization, and cultivate composite talents with an international outlook and cross-cultural competence.

In addition, international exchanges and cooperation help to enhance the international recognition of Chinese ideological and political education. By establishing in-depth cooperative relationships with famous foreign universities, Chinese universities can take advantage of the international platform to better disseminate the theory of socialism with Chinese characteristics and promote the internationalization of Chinese ideological and political education. In international cooperation, Chinese universities can enhance the reputation and influence of Chinese ideological and political education in the international arena by promoting China’s outstanding ideological and political education achievements and sharing the successful experience of socialism with Chinese characteristics. The increase in international recognition will help attract more international students to study in China, prompting Chinese ideological and political education to better serve the country’s foreign exchanges and international cooperation.

Finally, international exchanges and cooperation bring richer educational resources for ideological and political education in colleges and universities. By establishing cooperative relationships with foreign universities, colleges and universities can share each other's teaching resources, research results and excellent educational models. This helps enrich the content and diversify the methods of ideological and political education, and provides students with broader disciplinary horizons and opportunities for in-depth learning. At the same time, international exchanges also provide a broader exchange platform for university faculty, promote mutual reference of ideological and political education at home and abroad, and promote ideological and political education to a higher level.

3.3. External Threats to Ideological and Political Education in Higher Education

3.3.1. Impact of social pluralism on ideological and political education

Social pluralism poses a profound and complex external threat to ideological and political education in colleges and universities, and its main impact is manifested in the following five major aspects. First, the challenge of cultural collision and value diversification. Social pluralism leads students to have different cultural backgrounds, religious beliefs and values. This may trigger cultural collision in ideological and political education and make the traditional mode of ideological and political education face challenges. Students’ understanding and identification of values may be diversified due to individual differences, which requires ideological and political education to be more open and tolerant, able to guide students’ growth in a multicultural context. Second, ideological heterogeneity leads to teaching challenges. Social pluralism makes students more heterogeneous in their ideological concepts, and ideological and political education may face teaching problems that are difficult to unify. The traditional integrated teaching mode may be difficult to meet the needs of different students, and the teaching method needs to be more flexible to adapt to students’ diversified ways of thinking. Third, students confront authority. Diverse backgrounds may lead to students' resistance to traditional authoritative teaching, and students prefer participatory and open teaching environments. Traditional indoctrination may trigger students’ resentment, making ideological and political education face the pressure of establishing a more equal and open interactive relationship. Fourth, core values are being asked to be re-examined. Social pluralism requires that ideological and political education in colleges and universities pay more attention to the integration of multiple cultures when forming core values. The traditional value system may no longer be applicable to all kinds of students, requiring ideological and political education to pay more attention to the construction of common core values in a multicultural context to ensure that the commonality and relevance of ideological and political education complement each other. Fifth, the role of teachers needs to be adjusted. Social pluralism requires teachers of ideological and political education to be more inclusive and capable of teaching across cultures. Teachers need to better understand and respect students’ cultural backgrounds and adjust their teaching methods to make ideological and political education more inclusive and relevant.
3.3.2. Challenges to ideological and political education in the information age

The challenges to ideological and political education in the information age are mainly the following five points. First, the challenge of information overload and fragmentation. The rapid development of the information age has brought new challenges to ideological and political education in colleges and universities. The wide dissemination of information exposes students to more diversified sources of information, but at the same time, they may also face the problems of information overload and information authenticity. The information age is characterized by the rapid dissemination and massive influx of information. This may lead to students being exposed to a large amount of fragmented information, making it difficult for them to form systematic thinking and opinions. Second, the challenge posed by social media and public opinion guidance. Social media has become a major platform for information dissemination, which contains a plurality of opinions and information. However, social media may also become a tool for public opinion guidance, influencing students' values and ideological orientation. Ideological and political education needs to pay attention to the influence of social media, guide students to maintain rational thinking in it, and develop the ability of independent judgment. Third, network false information and value interference. In the information age, false information and rumors spread rapidly and may interfere with students' values. Ideological and political education needs to cultivate students' information discernment ability, so that they have the ability to recognize true and false information, in order to prevent false information from misleading their ideology. Fourth, online learning challenges the traditional education model. The information age has promoted the development of online learning, which challenges the traditional face-to-face ideological and political education model. Although online learning can increase flexibility and convenience, it may also weaken the interaction between students and teachers and reduce the depth and breadth of ideological and political education. Colleges and universities need to find a balance in the information age and make full use of technology to improve the quality of ideological and political education. Fifth, the conflict of personalized learning on the goal of ideological and political education. The information age emphasizes personalized learning, but the goal of ideological and political education is to cultivate comprehensively developed citizens. Personalized learning may lead students to focus too much on their personal interest areas and neglect the cultivation of broad knowledge and ideas. Ideological and political education in colleges and universities needs to find a balance between personalized learning and comprehensive cultivation.

3.3.3. Pressure of marketization on ideological and political education

First of all, the values of education will be subject to commercialization tendency. As the socialization and marketization of colleges and universities advances, ideological and political education in colleges and universities may be influenced by the logic of the market economy, so that the values in the educational process are subject to commercialization tendencies. The content of ideological and political education may be influenced by commercial demands rather than purely serving the public interest and social responsibility. This may lead to a deviation of educational content from the traditional purposes of ideological and political education, a decrease in attention, and a deviation from the original purpose of fostering the all-round development of students. Second, marketization is often accompanied by fierce competition and utilitarian orientation, and ideological and political education in colleges and universities may be under pressure from market competition. Schools may pay more attention to superficial indicators such as the number of enrollment and the popularity of courses, while neglecting the cultivation of students' ideological and political literacy. Ideological and political education may thus be subject to utilitarian considerations, leading to a deviation of educational goals from the original intention of comprehensively cultivating students. Third, with marketization, ideological and political education in colleges and universities may face a conflict between the commercialization of knowledge and educational goals. The logic of commercialization may lead colleges and universities to pay more attention to the cultivation of knowledge and skills in line with market demand rather than the cultivation of the whole person emphasized by ideological and political education. This may make ideological and political education subject to the logic of commercialization in curriculum and teaching methods rather than more comprehensive and deeper ideological guidance. This may make the depth and breadth of ideological and political education limited, making it difficult to truly cultivate a deep sense of social responsibility and good moral character in students. Fourth, marketization may lead to increased pressure for commercialization of teacher-student relationships in ideological and political education in colleges and universities. Teachers may face pressure from students' customized needs, and the teaching relationship may be more affected by commercial transactions. This may affect the healthy interaction between teachers and students and respect for academic freedom, as well as the depth and breadth of ideological and political education.

3.3.4. Challenges of globalization to indigenous values

First of all, globalization will, to a certain extent, lead to cultural conflicts and students' identity crisis. In the context of globalization, cultural exchanges have deepened and students are exposed to more ideas and cultural values from all over the world. This may trigger the questioning of local traditional values and cause students to have a sense of crisis in their identity. Ideological and political education in colleges and universities needs to face students' cultural conflicts and help them better understand and construct their own cultural identity. Secondly, external ideas will also challenge the ideological content of Chinese colleges and universities. Globalization has made international concepts penetrate more deeply into the field of college education, which may also bring about an impact on the content of local traditional ideological and political education. The penetration of external concepts may lead to the marginalization of traditional content, and ideological and political education in colleges and universities needs to screen and integrate international concepts more carefully to ensure the inheritance of traditional values. Third, globalization prompts comparison of ideological and political education in colleges and universities with international standards. This comparison may bring a certain degree of standardization pressure, requiring ideological and political education to better adapt to international standards. However, it may also call into question traditional local values, requiring ideological and political education in colleges and
universities to find a balance with international standards while maintaining local characteristics. Fourth, globalization requires that ideological and political education in universities have a more international faculty to better cope with cross-cultural exchanges and the diversity of student needs. This puts forward higher professional level and cross-cultural communication ability requirements for the ideological and political education faculty.

4. Development strategy for ideological and political education based on SWOT analysis

4.1. Strengths and Opportunities Strategy

Strengths Opportunities strategy is based on the organization's internal strengths (Strengths) and opportunities in the external environment (Opportunities). This strategy focuses on using the organization's strengths to seize opportunities in the external environment to gain a competitive advantage. Under this strategy, the internal strengths of ideological and political education are based on, while external opportunities are utilized. In this context, ideological and political education in China emphasizes two key aspects: on the one hand, strengthening the traditional foundations and catering to the needs of society, and on the other hand, innovating educational methods and leveraging technological means.

4.1.1. Strengthening traditional foundations to meet social needs

Under the current background of social development, ideological and political education in colleges and universities, as an important link in shaping students' growth, is also facing new opportunities and challenges. Strengthening the traditional foundation to meet the needs of society has become an important strategy for the development of ideological and political education in colleges and universities. The core idea of this strategy is to strengthen the advantages of traditional ideological and political education through the inheritance of classical culture, national history and socialist core values. At the same time, adjustments need to be made in accordance with the needs of society for students' all-round qualities and sense of social responsibility, including flexible adaptation of curricula, in order to bring ideological and political education closer to the times, maintaining traditional connotations while adapting to the diversified development of society.

Ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities has a long history and carries the important mission of national culture. The traditional foundation is a unique advantage of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities, and is a solid foundation for training students to become a new generation with a sense of social responsibility and a sense of family and country. Passing on the classical culture, deepening the understanding of national history, and implementing socialist core values provide unique and profound educational resources for students' growth.

First of all, inheriting classical culture is one of the important tasks of ideological and political education in colleges and universities. China has a wealth of classic literature, which contains profound cultural connotations and plays an irreplaceable role in cultivating students' correct values and concepts of life. Through in-depth interpretation of classical literature, students can better understand the essence of Chinese culture and form respect and love for traditional culture.

Secondly, deepening the understanding of national history is an effective way to cultivate the spirit of patriotism. Understanding the development of the country and its twists and vicissitudes enables students to feel the traditional culture and at the same time realize more deeply the twists and turns that the country has experienced in its strength and rejuvenation. Such an understanding helps to stimulate students' patriotic feelings and make them care deeply about the future of the country and contribute to its prosperity and stability.

Finally, the implementation of socialist core values is a basic requirement for ideological and political education in colleges and universities. Socialist core values embody the basic principles and moral norms of a socialist society and are an important guide for leading students to correct values. Through the in-depth implementation of these core values in ideological and political education, students will be better equipped to establish a correct outlook on life and the world, and will be able to contribute to the construction of society.

However, to strengthen the traditional foundation, adjustments must be made in close connection with the needs of society. The traditional mode of ideological and political education may be inadequate in meeting the diversified needs of students. The increasing social demand for students' overall quality and social responsibility requires that ideological and political education in colleges and universities should not only inherit the excellent traditional culture, but also introduce innovative elements on this basis to make it more contemporary.

In terms of adjusting the curriculum, more cutting-edge knowledge and interdisciplinary elements can be introduced by broadening the content of the curriculum to better satisfy students' desire for knowledge. At the same time, emphasis is placed on cultivating students' practical application ability so that ideological and political education can better support students in becoming social builders and innovators. In addition, more flexible teaching methods, such as case studies and group discussions, are used to stimulate students' active participation, develop their teamwork and communication skills, and better adapt to the diversified development of society.

In terms of adapting to the diversified development of society, it is also necessary to pay more attention to the cultivation of students' practical ability. Traditional ideological and political education focuses on theoretical education, but in terms of social demand, students' need for practical ability has gradually increased. Therefore, through the introduction of practical activities, social practice and other aspects of ideological and political education, students can not only learn theoretically, but also apply what they have learned to the real world, and cultivate their practical hands-on ability.

Overall, strengthening the traditional foundation to meet the needs of society requires ideological and political education in colleges and universities to focus on inheritance and at the same time pay more attention to innovation. The combination of tradition and innovation makes ideological and political education more contemporary on the basis of traditional culture, which can better meet the diversified needs of students and cultivate high-quality talents more in line with the needs of social development. The
implementation of this strategy will not only help deepen the development of ideological and political education in colleges and universities, but also provide strong support for the cultivation of social builders and innovators in the new era.

**4.1.2. Innovative approaches to education and the use of science and technology**

In the information age, the rapid development of science and technology has brought unprecedented opportunities and challenges for ideological and political education in colleges and universities. In order to better adapt to the educational needs of this era, it is imperative to innovate educational methods, fully leverage scientific and technological means, and build a digital education platform for the development of ideological and political education in colleges and universities. This strategy focuses on utilizing the scientific and technological means of the information age to make ideological and political education closer to students' learning styles through online education and virtual experiments. This not only improves the relevance and attractiveness of education, but also makes full use of the opportunities provided by modern science and technology for ideological and political education innovation.

The construction of a digital education platform is crucial in the strategy of promoting innovative education methods. By building an open, flexible and diversified digital platform, universities can better integrate high-quality educational resources and provide students with a broader and deeper learning experience. Such a platform is not just a stack of online courses, but also a virtual learning community that can interact with students and engage in discussions. The construction of digital platforms needs to take into account elements such as multimedia teaching, online assessment, and learning resource libraries in order to provide a richer learning experience.

An innovative approach to education is not just about putting traditional teaching content into a digital platform, but also about thinking about how to give full play to the advantages of scientific and technological means so that they can better serve the goals of ideological and political education. For example, virtual experiment technology is utilized to allow students to perform actual operations on the digital platform, increasing their sense of first-hand experience and improving the learning effect. In addition, combined with artificial intelligence technology, personalized recommendation of learning resources, accurate teaching according to students' interests and levels, and improving the degree of personalization of education.

The development of online education not only makes the traditional classroom time and space liberated, but also provides students with more flexible learning opportunities. Through recording and live broadcasting, ideological and political education can travel through time and space, beyond the geographical limitations, to provide students with a more convenient way of learning. This approach not only better meets the learning needs of students, but also provides more flexible learning options for students with special circumstances (such as work, life, etc.).

The construction of digital platforms also needs to focus on the level of student participation. In this process, students can be motivated and the learning atmosphere can be enhanced through the establishment of online communities, forums and other forms. The digital platform is not only a tool for one-way transmission of information, but also a platform for academic communication and cooperation. Through online interaction, students are able to build academic networks in virtual space, expand their horizons, and improve the social and interactive nature of ideological and political education.

However, innovative education methods also face a series of challenges. First, the construction of digital education platforms requires universities to have appropriate technical support and talent teams. This requires colleges and universities to make all-round investment in teacher training, technical facilities and other aspects. Secondly, although online education has great flexibility, it is also necessary to establish a set of scientific evaluation system to ensure the quality of students' online learning. Finally, it is necessary to ensure that online education and traditional education are connected with each other to form an organic whole. This requires colleges and universities to make reasonable planning in terms of curriculum, credit recognition and other aspects, so that online learning and traditional teaching complement each other.

In the strategy of innovative education methods, leveraging scientific and technological means is not only about using technology, but also about giving full play to the advantages of science and technology to create a more flexible and efficient mode of ideological and political education. Through the construction of digital platforms, ideological and political education is made closer to students and more in line with the development trend of the times. The implementation of this strategy not only helps to improve the attractiveness and effectiveness of ideological and political education, but also provides students with more flexible and personalized learning opportunities.

**4.2. Disadvantageous Opportunity Strategy**

The Weaknesses Opportunities Strategy emphasizes the organization's weaknesses (Weaknesses) and the opportunities in the external environment. In this case, the organization needs to identify and solve its internal problems and weaknesses while taking advantage of opportunities in the external environment to improve its competitiveness. In this strategy, facing the internal weaknesses of ideological and political education while searching for external opportunities, the development of ideological and political education in China consists of two key coping strategies, one is to build an international faculty and the other is to optimize the design of curricula to take care of the needs of diversified students.

**4.2.1. Building an internationalized faculty**

The core of this strategy lies in the introduction of internationalized faculty through cooperation with foreign universities, so as to make ideological and political education better adapt to the trend of globalization, enhance its internationalization level and enrich its connotation.

The construction of internationalized faculty is not only to introduce new educational concepts and methods, but also to break down disciplinary barriers and promote better integration of ideological and political education into the international academic system. Through close cooperation with foreign colleges and universities, colleges and universities can invite educational experts and scholars with rich experience in international education to serve as lecturers in courses related to ideological and political education. Such an arrangement will help introduce advanced international teaching concepts, improve teaching standards and bring ideological and political education more in line with international standards.
In the process of building an internationalized faculty, it is necessary for colleges and universities to establish close ties with foreign colleges and universities, and to promote the introduction of international faculty through academic exchanges and mutual assignment of faculty. Through cooperative programs with foreign universities, universities can attract more excellent educational talents with international vision and rich experience. This not only helps to improve the quality of education, but also can provide students with a wider range of internationalized academic resources.

The strategy of building an internationalized faculty also requires universities to strengthen the training of teachers with international educational backgrounds and experiences to ensure that their teaching in Chinese universities is better adapted to the needs of local students. The training should not only include an understanding of China's national conditions and culture, but also emphasize the in-depth cooperation between international and local faculty to form an excellent faculty with an international outlook and close to the local reality.

By building an internationalized faculty, colleges and universities can make use of international educational resources to enhance the international influence of ideological and political education. An internationalized faculty will not only provide students with a more globalized academic vision, but also help cultivate their international competitiveness. At the same time, the introduction of international faculty can also strengthen Sino-foreign academic exchanges, promote international exchanges and cooperation in Chinese ideological and political education, and enhance the reputation of Chinese universities in the international academic field.

However, building an international faculty also faces some challenges. First, the introduction of international faculty requires certain financial support, including reasonable allocation of salaries and benefits. Second, there may be language and cultural differences between international faculty and local faculty, requiring universities to develop effective communication and cooperation mechanisms. Finally, colleges and universities need to ensure that the introduction of international faculty will not weaken the development opportunities of local faculty, and to realize the organic combination of internationalization and localization.

Overall, building an internationalized faculty is a long-term and complex task, which requires universities to consider various factors comprehensively and promote it through a flexible and pragmatic approach. Through the implementation of this strategy, colleges and universities will be better integrated into the international academic system and provide strong support for the innovation and enhancement of ideological and political education.

### 4.2.2. Optimizing the design of curricula to cater for diverse student needs

The core concept of this strategy lies in making the curriculum more flexible and able to meet the needs of different students by optimizing it. Optimizing curriculum design not only focuses on updating traditional curriculum content, but also requires the introduction of multiculturalism and perspectives, encouraging students to develop independent and rational thinking in a dialectical manner, so as to better adapt to the pluralistic development of the external environment.

In the strategy of promoting optimal curriculum design, the first and foremost task is to conduct a comprehensive review of the traditional Civics curriculum. Colleges and universities need to reassess the existing curriculum and examine its limitations in meeting the diverse needs of students. In this process, they can draw on advanced ideological and political curriculum design concepts at home and abroad, and absorb excellent teaching resources from different disciplines and cultural backgrounds in order to enrich the content of ideological and political education.

Strategies for optimizing curriculum design also require colleges and universities to pay attention to the diversity and flexibility of their curricula. The introduction of interdisciplinary and inter-professional content into the Civics and Political Science curriculum allows students to gain a more comprehensive understanding of society, culture, science and technology. At the same time, the curriculum should be more flexible, allowing students to choose different learning paths based on individual differences and interests. This personalized curriculum design helps to stimulate students' interest in learning and improve their learning results.

In the process of optimizing curriculum design, the introduction of multiculturalism is crucial. Ideological and political education should go beyond the traditional scope of education and incorporate multiculturalism and pluralistic views into the curriculum. By introducing internationalized and cross-cultural content, students can better understand the world and develop an international perspective. This can also promote students' comparison and reflection among different cultures and values, and cultivate their cultural inclusiveness and open-mindedness.

Strategies to optimize curriculum design also require universities to focus on innovations in curriculum teaching methods. Traditional teaching methods may not be able to meet the learning needs of modern students, so more interactive and participatory teaching methods need to be adopted. Case studies, group discussions, field trips and other methods are utilized so that students can learn more in practice and improve their comprehensive literacy.

However, optimized curriculum design also faces a series of challenges. First, colleges and universities need to overcome the stereotypical thinking of traditional curricula and promote interdisciplinary and curricular integration to ensure the flexibility of optimized curriculum design. Secondly, optimized curriculum design requires a certain amount of educational resources, including teacher training, textbook development and other inputs. Finally, colleges and universities need to ensure that the optimized curriculum can really improve the learning effect of students through a scientific evaluation mechanism.

Overall, the strategy of optimizing curriculum design is a comprehensive and long-term project, which requires colleges and universities to reflect deeply on educational concepts, teaching methods and other aspects, and to continuously improve the effectiveness and attractiveness of ideological and political education through innovative measures. Through the implementation of this strategy, colleges and universities will be better adapted to the external environment of diversified development and cultivate outstanding talents with more innovative spirit and international competitiveness.

### 4.3. Strengths Challenge Strategy

Strengths Challenge Strategy involves the internal
4.3.1. Enhancing interactive teaching and learning to ease students' resistance to traditional teaching and learning

The core concept of this strategy is to emphasize students' subjectivity and active participation by advocating interactive teaching. This approach helps to promote a more equal interactive relationship between teachers and students, eases students' resistance to traditional teaching methods, and thus enhances the effectiveness of ideological and political education.

Interactive teaching is a teaching method that emphasizes the degree of student participation, and its core lies in the two-way communication between teachers and students. In ideological and political education, emphasizing interactive teaching can make the teaching process more active and flexible. By introducing discussion sessions, group activities and other forms, students are able to express their views and share their experiences more freely, while teachers are able to understand students' needs and feedback in a more timely manner.

On the one hand, interactive teaching helps alleviate students' resistance to traditional teaching methods. The traditional Civics class is often based on the one-way transmission of knowledge by the teacher, and students inevitably become tired and resistant in passive acceptance. By strengthening interactive teaching, students can participate more actively in the classroom, forming a more favorable learning atmosphere. Through more equal interaction between teachers and students, students' interest in learning can be stimulated and learning motivation can be improved.

On the other hand, interactive teaching helps to adapt to students' diversified ways of thinking. Modern students grow up in the information age and have more diversified needs for knowledge acquisition and ways of thinking. Traditional one-way indoctrination teaching may not be able to meet students' needs and may easily cause students' resistance. Through interactive teaching, teachers can adjust the teaching content more flexibly, combine with students' interests, and make the courses closer to students' actual needs.

In the process of strengthening interactive teaching, colleges and universities need to train teachers accordingly so that they can better master the methods and techniques of interactive teaching. Teachers need to have the ability to guide the discussion and stimulate students' interest to make the classroom more dynamic. At the same time, colleges and universities also need to provide appropriate teaching resources and support, including multimedia equipment, online learning platforms, etc., to support the smooth implementation of interactive teaching.

However, there are some challenges to intensive interactive teaching. First, teachers need to spend more time and effort to prepare for and lead interactive teaching, which may be a challenge for some teachers who are more experienced in traditional teaching. Second, the level of student participation in interactive instruction may vary among individuals, requiring teachers to target and motivate students.

Overall, strengthening interactive teaching is an important initiative in line with the trend of the times, which helps to enhance the effectiveness and attractiveness of ideological and political education. By establishing a more equal teacher-student relationship and stimulating students' enthusiasm for learning, colleges and universities can better cultivate outstanding talents with innovative thinking and critical spirit.

4.3.2. Drawing on advanced international experience to enhance the level of ideological and political education

The core concept of this strategy lies in the in-depth study of successful international experiences in ideological and political education and the absorption of useful teaching concepts and methods. By drawing on the advanced experience of other countries in ideological and political education, ideological and political education in Chinese universities can be upgraded at the domestic level, ensuring that it is better adapted to the needs of the times and the students.

In the strategy of learning from international advanced experience, the first task is to conduct in-depth research and understanding of ideological and political education in the international arena. Different countries have different concepts and practices in ideological and political education, and by gaining an in-depth understanding of their experiences in education systems, teaching modes, and the preparation of teaching materials, they can provide valuable references for ideological and political education in China.

The strategy of learning from advanced international experience also requires attention to the successful practices of other countries in fostering innovation, critical thinking and social responsibility among students. Some countries may have unique educational experiences in these areas that can provide inspiration for our universities. By introducing and integrating these advanced educational concepts, ideological and political education can be brought more in line with the trend of the times and the development needs of students.

In the process of learning from international advanced experience, universities need to establish international cooperation and exchange mechanisms. By establishing cooperative relationships with colleges and universities in other countries, the interoperability of faculties and teaching resources can be promoted. At the same time, the introduction of internationalized faculty will provide students with a broader academic perspective and educational resources.

However, in the process of learning from international advanced experience, attention also needs to be paid to the differences in national conditions. China's social culture and education system are somewhat different from those of other countries, so the process of introduction and borrowing needs to be reasonably adjusted and innovated according to China's actual situation. While absorbing international advanced experience, it is also necessary to maintain respect for local culture and values to ensure that ideological and political education better serves the growth and development of Chinese students.

The strategy of drawing on international advanced experience not only helps to improve the level of ideological
and political education, but also enriches the connotation of ideological and political education and provides students with a more comprehensive education. Through international integration, ideological and political education in colleges and universities can better cultivate outstanding talents with international competitiveness and make greater contributions to the cause of higher education in China.

4.4. Strategies for Challenging Disadvantages

The Weakness Challenge strategy considers the organization's internal weaknesses (Weaknesses) and threats (Threats) in the external environment. In this strategy, organizations need to seriously face internal problems and take measures to mitigate the threats from the external environment. Under this strategy, ideological and political education in China needs to strengthen teacher training and improve the quality of education on the one hand, and to be evaluated and adjusted regularly to maintain flexibility on the other.

4.4.1. Strengthening teacher training to improve the quality of education

The core idea of this strategy is to improve teachers' professionalism in cross-cultural teaching and multicultural understanding through enhanced teacher training. This helps to ensure that teachers are better able to respond to the needs of a diverse society and students, and to improve the quality and effectiveness of ideological and political education.

In the strategy to strengthen teacher training, the first task is to establish a comprehensive training system. The training should cover cross-cultural teaching concepts, multicultural understanding, educational psychology and so on, in order to equip teachers with more comprehensive educational literacy. The training can also cover curriculum design, teaching methods, and the frontiers of the discipline in order to improve teachers' educational competence.

Intensive teacher training also requires attention to the forms and methods of training. In addition to traditional centralized training, online training, seminars, teaching observation and other forms can be used to meet the training requirements of teachers at different levels and needs. Through diversified training methods, teachers' interest in learning can be better stimulated and the effectiveness of training improved.

In the training, emphasis should be placed on teachers' professional competence in intercultural and multiculturalism. This includes teachers' understanding of, respect for and communication skills with students from different cultural backgrounds. By providing training content such as case studies and practical teaching exercises, teachers can be better equipped to deal with the challenges of multiculturalism and ensure that ideological and political education is better adapted to the pluralistic development of society.

On the other hand, enhanced teacher training also needs to focus on developing teachers' innovative thinking and adaptability. As society develops and students change, ideological and political education also needs to be constantly innovated and adapted. Training may include innovations in teaching methods, updating of teaching materials, and design of curricula, so as to enhance teachers' teaching flexibility and sense of innovation.

In the process of implementing enhanced teacher training, colleges and universities need to establish a sound evaluation mechanism to regularly assess and provide feedback on the effectiveness of training. Through the collection of teachers’ training needs and feedback, the content and mode of training will be adjusted in a timely manner to ensure the relevance and effectiveness of training.

Overall, strengthening teacher training is a key step in improving the quality of ideological and political education. By equipping teachers with more comprehensive educational literacy and professional competence, ideological and political education can better respond to the challenges of social change and student needs, and provide better educational services for student growth.

4.4.2. Flexibility through regular assessment and adjustment

The core concept of this strategy lies in the establishment of a regular evaluation mechanism to scientifically assess the curriculum and teaching methods of ideological and political education. This helps to ensure that ideological and political education remains flexible, able to make timely adjustments to changes in the external environment, and to continuously improve the adaptability and effectiveness of education.

In the process of establishing a regular assessment mechanism, the first task is to define scientific assessment indicators. This includes the clear definition and quantification of assessment indicators in terms of course quality, teaching effectiveness and student participation. Through scientific assessment indicators, the actual situation of ideological and political education can be more accurately understood, providing a basis for further adjustments.

Regular assessment should cover a number of dimensions, including the reasonableness of curriculum content, the effectiveness of teaching methods, the stimulation of students' interest in learning, and so on. By evaluating multiple aspects, a comprehensive understanding of the development of ideological and political education can be gained, providing a basis for the formulation of more scientific adjustment programs.

The frequency of periodic assessments also needs to be rationalized according to the actual situation. Frequent assessments within a short period of time may lead to a waste of resources, while an excessively long assessment cycle may prevent problems from being solved in a timely manner. By setting the assessment cycle reasonably, it is possible to ensure efficient management and adjustment while guaranteeing the effectiveness of the assessment.

Accompanying regular assessment is a timely adjustment mechanism. Through the establishment of a scientific adjustment mechanism, colleges and universities can take timely measures based on the assessment results and make flexible adjustments to the curriculum and teaching methods. This requires colleges and universities to set up a sensitive feedback mechanism that can quickly obtain feedback information from all sides and can make corresponding decisions quickly.

In the process of assessment and adjustment, colleges and universities can also learn from the successful experiences of other countries or regions in ideological and political education. By learning from the good practices of others, they can better promote the development of ideological and political education in China's colleges and universities and enhance their international competitiveness.

Overall, regular assessment and adjustment are the guarantee for the development of ideological and political education in colleges and universities. Through a scientific assessment system and a flexible adjustment mechanism, colleges and universities can better adapt to the pluralistic
development of society and the diversified needs of students, and continuously improve the level and quality of ideological and political education. This strategy provides strong support for the sustainable development of ideological and political education in colleges and universities.

5. Conclusion

By conducting a study based on SWOT analysis of ideological and political education in Chinese universities, this thesis aims to identify its internal and external strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, in order to propose a development strategy to guide the future of ideological and political education in universities. Through the discussion in the paper, we draw the following conclusions.

First of all, the internal advantages of ideological and political education in Chinese colleges and universities mainly stem from their traditional foundations and faculty strength. The traditional foundation provides a unique advantage for cultivating outstanding citizens with a spirit of patriotism and a sense of social responsibility. For a long time, the ideological and political courses have been an important part of Chinese higher education, laying a solid foundation for students to establish a correct worldview, outlook on life, and values by passing on classical culture, national history, and socialist core values. As for teachers, universities have a group of professional teachers specializing in ideological and political education with rich teaching experience and deep disciplinary knowledge, who not only have deep attainments in disciplinary knowledge, but are also capable of guiding students to think in depth and prompting them to form independent and wise judgments.

Secondly, in terms of external opportunities, the diversification of social needs, the wide application of scientific and technological means, the promotion of socialist core values and the expansion of international exchanges and cooperation have provided broad space for the development of ideological and political education in colleges and universities. The social demand for talents is no longer limited to professional knowledge, but emphasizes more on comprehensive quality and social responsibility, which provides opportunities for ideological and political education in colleges and universities to cultivate students to become talents with good ideological quality and social responsibility in a more comprehensive way. The wide application of scientific and technological means provides a brand-new development opportunity for ideological and political education, making it closer to students’ learning styles and improving the pertinence and attractiveness of education. The promotion of socialist core values provides external support and recognition for ideological and political education, and through in-depth integration, it helps guide students to form a correct outlook on life and values. The expansion of international exchanges and cooperation, on the other hand, provides opportunities for ideological and political education in colleges and universities to enhance its influence through learning advanced international education concepts.

However, corresponding to opportunities are external threats, among which social pluralism poses new challenges to ideological and political education. Social pluralism means that students have different cultural backgrounds, religious beliefs and values, and the traditional mode of ideological and political education may not be able to meet the needs of all kinds of students. This requires ideological and political education in colleges and universities to adjust and innovate so that it can better adapt to the pluralistic development of society. In addition, external threats such as the challenge of globalization to local values, marketization and the information age also need to be given great attention.

In order to cope with this realistic challenge, this thesis proposes a series of development strategies based on SWOT analysis. On the basis of internal advantages and external opportunities, we suggest that ideological and political education in colleges and universities can strengthen the traditional foundation, cater to the needs of the society, and maintain the inheritance of the excellent traditional culture, while flexibly adjusting the curricula to adapt to the diversified development of the society. Innovate education methods, make use of scientific and technological means, and better adapt to students' learning styles through digital education platforms and online learning resources, so as to improve the relevance and attractiveness of education. Build an international faculty, introduce advanced international educational concepts and methods, and enhance the international influence of ideological and political education. Optimize curriculum design to take care of the needs of diversified students, and cultivate students’ dialectical thinking through the introduction of diversified cultures and viewpoints, so that ideological and political education can better adapt to the diversified development of the external environment. At the same time, we also propose strategies such as strengthening interactive teaching to alleviate students' resistance to traditional teaching, drawing on advanced international experience to enhance the level of ideological and political education, strengthening teacher training to improve the quality of education, making regular evaluations and adjustments, and maintaining flexibility, so as to better adapt to the changes in the external environment and to enhance the level and quality of ideological and political education.

In general, ideological and political education in Chinese universities faces opportunities and challenges in the current social context. Through scientific strategic planning and practical measures, ideological and political education in colleges and universities can better cope with the challenges and grasp the opportunities, and make greater contributions to the cultivation of socialist builders and successors who are all-rounded in moral, intellectual, physical, social and aesthetic development.

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