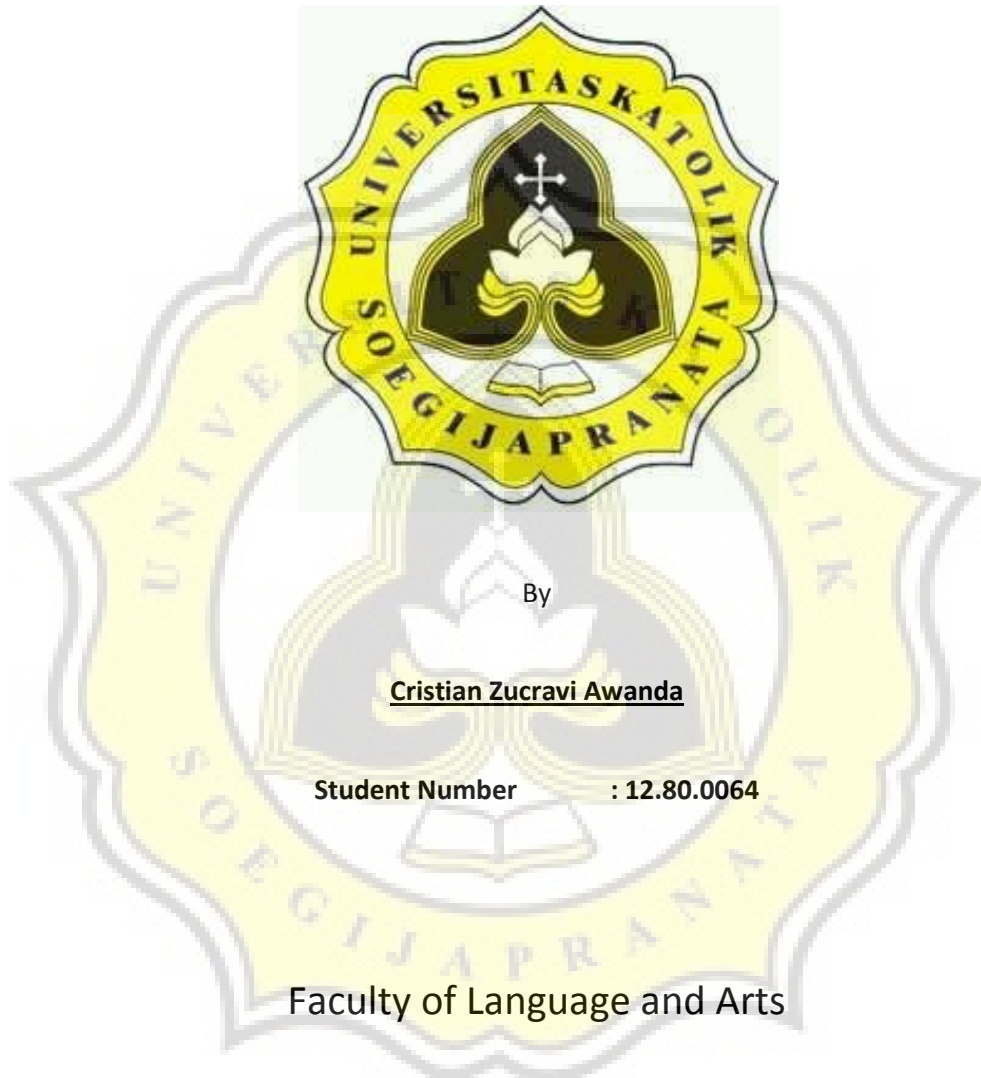


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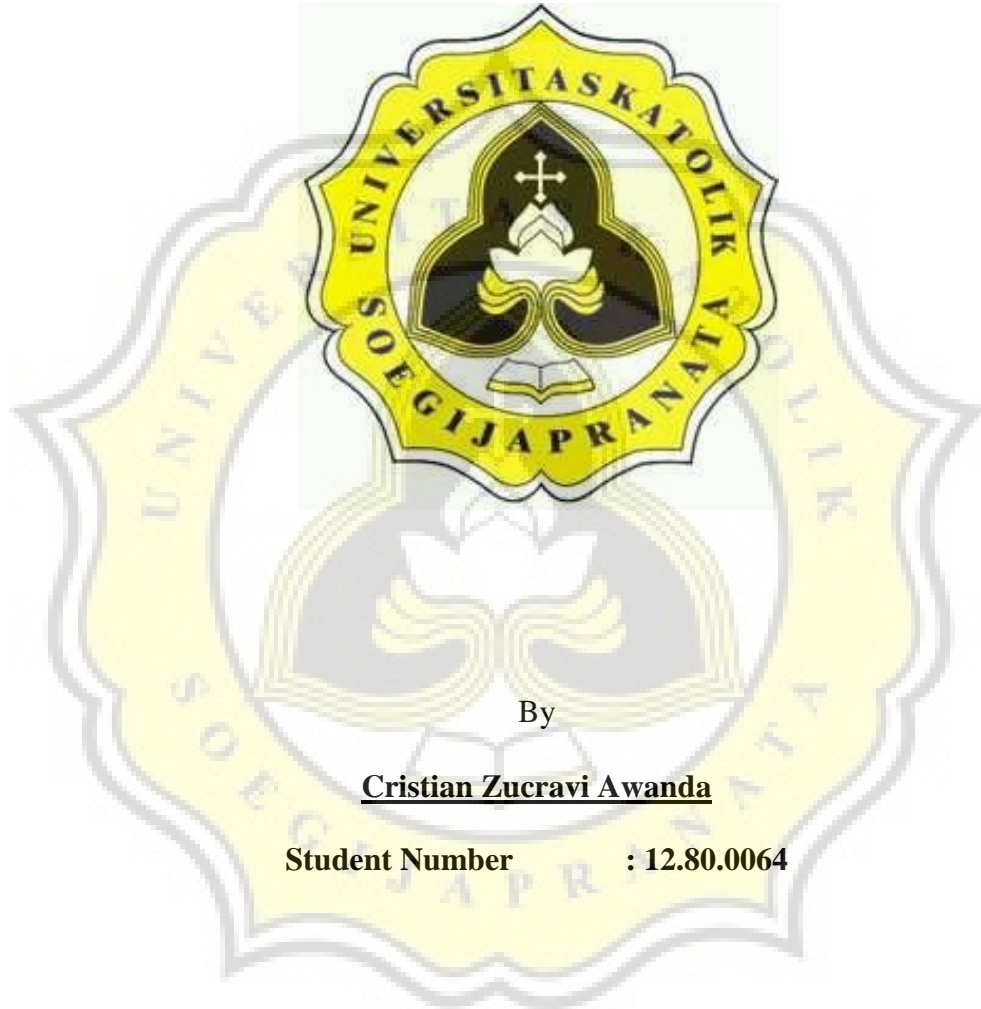
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## **ABSTRACT**

Slang consists of words that are unique in a way that not everybody might know the exact meanings of the words. Slang becomes a trend because the people who use it do not really want other people outside their group or those who are not their friends to know the message behind their conversation. Conversing with slang makes that purpose achievable as for people outside the group, slang is just merely meaningless words.

This research is within the domain of qualitative research. The data were collected by searching the slang words on Instagram account posts and chat, and then the writer revealed the meaning of each words. The writer discovered 47 slang words. The writer found out that 21 slang words originated from English, 5 slang words originated from Indonesian, 5 slang words originated from Javanese and 16 slang words had unclear origin.

## ABSTRAK

Slang terdiri dari kata-kata yang unik yang tidak semua orang mungkin tahu makna sebenarnya dari kata-kata tersebut. Slang sedang menjadi tren dikalangan anak muda pada umumnya karena mereka yang menggunakannya tidak menginginkan orang lain di luar kelompok mereka atau yang bukan bagian dari pertemanan mereka mengetahui arti sebenarnya di balik percakapan mereka. Berkomunikasi dengan menggunakan bahasa slang membuat penggunaanya menjadi lebih eksklusif dan bagi orang-orang diluar kelompok pengguna slang tersebut, slang hanya sekedar kata-kata yang tak bermakna.

Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif. Data dikumpulkan dengan mencari kata-kata slang di postingan Instagram dan chatting, dan kemudian penulis mengungkapkan arti dari setiap kata-kata. Penulis menemukan 47 kata-kata slang. Penulis menemukan bahwa 21 kata-kata slang berasal dari bahasa Inggris, 5 kata-kata slang berasal dari Indonesia, 5 kata-kata slang berasal dari Jawa, dan 16 kata-kata slang yang memiliki asal yang tidak jelas.