

## REASONS FOR ATTENDING COLLEGE

INSTRUCTIONS: Below you will find a number of statements about why students attend college. After reading each statement carefully, use the 0-6 point scale to indicate the degree to which you think each statement describes your own reasons for attending college.

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1. College is a way for me to get into an interesting and satisfying career.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)
2. College is a practical means for me to achieve personal success.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)
3. College will help me to obtain the “finer things in life.”  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)
4. College is a way to learn specific skills that can help me to earn more money.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)
5. College is a way by which I can achieve a position of higher status in society.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

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6. My education should help me to understand the complexities of life.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)
7. College is satisfying because it gives me the opportunity to study and learn.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)
8. College provides a setting for me to develop myself personally.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)
9. College is a setting that allows me to improve my intellectual capacity.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)
10. College should enable me to understand the complexities of the modern world.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

(HUM)

11. My education should enable me to help people who are less fortunate.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

SMAU Scale

12. I intend to make sure that my education will be useful in contributing to the welfare of others.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

13. I intend to use my education to contribute to the improvement of the human condition.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

14. Through my education, I believe I can make meaningful changes to the “system.”  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

(EXP)

15. I am in college primarily because I am expected to get a degree.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

16. My parent(s) would be very disappointed in me if I didn’t get a college degree.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

17. There were considerable pressures on me from my friends to get a college degree.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

18. I basically had no choice but to come to college.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

19. There were considerable pressures on me from my family to get a college degree.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

(DEF)

20. I don’t really get anything out of college, but it beats the alternatives.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

21. I don’t get anything out of my courses.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

22. I am in college basically because there are few other options.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)

23. I often ask myself why I’m in college.  
(Strongly Disagree)      0      1      2      3      4      5      6      (Strongly Agree)