

Entering Student Major Questionnaire: Department of Sociology

This questionnaire is part of the Sociology Department's Assessment. Please take the time to complete this. We appreciate your cooperation.

I) First, we need some background information on you. Please answer as accurately as possible.

1) What is your age _____?

2) What is your gender ___Male ___Female

3) Which of the following best describes the highest level of education completed by your father (or primary male guardian)?

___ Not a high school graduate

___ High School graduate

___ Some college

___ College graduate

___ Some graduate or professional school

___ Graduate/Professional school graduate

4) Which of the following best describes the highest level of education completed by your mother (or primary female guardian)?

___ Not a high school graduate

___ High School graduate

___ Some college

___ College graduate

___ Some graduate or professional school

___ Graduate/Professional school graduate

5) What kind of work did your father (or male guardian) normally do while you were growing up?

6) What kind of work did your mother (or female guardian) normally do while you were growing up?

7) How would you define your race/ethnic background?

___ African/African-American/Black

___ Asian American, or from Pacific Islands

___ Hispanic American/Latino(a)

___ Native American

___ White, Non-Hispanic

___ Mixed heritage-Multiracial/Multicultural

8) Which high school did you graduate from _____? Where is it located?
City _____ State _____

9) What was your American College Testing (ACT) composite score and/or your SAT composite score?

ACT
____ Score, write it in
____ Don't remember my score
____ I never took the ACT test

SAT
____ Score, write it in
____ Don't remember my score
____ I never took the SAT test

10) What was your percentile rank in your high school graduating class?

___ I don't remember it
___ top 10%
___ top 20%
___ top 30%
___ top 40%
___ top 50%
___ somewhere in the bottom 50%

II) Second, we need some background information on you as an undergraduate student.

11) How many semesters have you been attending CSU Sacramento?

___ none, this is my first semester
___ one
___ two
___ three
___ four
___ five
___ six
___ more than six

12) Which colleges, if any, have you attended prior to enrolling at CSU Sacramento? Please list by name.

___ I have not attended any other colleges

___ Other colleges I have attended are:

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
5) _____

13) How many units of course work are you taking or planning to take this semester? _____

14) What college courses, if any, have you already taken in sociology?

___ I haven't taken any college courses in sociology.

___ Courses I have already taken in sociology are (list by name and number if you remember).

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____

- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____

15) Are you planning on taking a minor at CSU Sacramento?

- No
- Yes (If yes, which minor are you considering _____?)

16. About how many hours per week are you planning on working while classes are in session _____?

17. As closely as you can remember, what is your overall college GPA _____? If you haven't taken any college courses as yet, skip to question 18.

18) How important to you was each of the following in selecting sociology as your major? (4=very important; 1=not important)

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|
| A. | I enjoyed the first course I had in sociology. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| B. | I think it will prepare me for a job helping people. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| C. | I have always been interested in studying people. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| D. | My coursework in sociology at a community college. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| E. | I am looking for a more general major rather than one focused on a specific career. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| F. | I think I might like to go into some aspect of social research or research analysis. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| G. | I want to prepare myself to teach at the high school or college level. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| H. | I think it might help me to change the society. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I. | I heard it was not a difficult major. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| J. | I think it might help me understand more about myself. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| K. | I heard good things about the sociology department at CSUS. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| L. | I think it might help me to understand my place in a global and international world | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| M. | Other (write in) _____ | | | | |

19) Had you previously decided to major in another field besides sociology?

- No, I have had no previous major
- Yes, I previously decided to major in (list your previous majors)
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____

20) If you previously decided to major in a field other than sociology, why did you change to sociology? _____

21. Please list by name and number (if you can remember the number) all the English courses you have taken at the college level. If you haven't taken any skip to 25.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

(4) _____

22. Please list by name and number (if you can remember the number) all the math or statistics courses you have taken at the college level. If you haven't taken any skip to 23.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

23. Please list by name and number (if you can remember the number) all the courses in computers or computer science you have taken at the college level. If you haven't taken any, skip to question 24.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

III) Third, we would like you to answer some questions about your work and school aspirations after you graduate.

24. What kind of work do you plan to do after receiving your undergraduate degree in sociology? _____
_____?

25. Five years after graduation, what annual income do you expect \$ _____

26. Which of the following skills do you consider important in the work you plan to do when you graduate? 4=very important; 1=not important

Reading	1	2	3	4
Writing	1	2	3	4
Statistics	1	2	3	4
Critical Thinking	1	2	3	4
Computer use	1	2	3	4
Interpersonal skills	1	2	3	4
People management	1	2	3	4
Data analysis	1	2	3	4
other _____	1	2	3	4

27. Do you plan to attend graduate school immediately after receiving your BA in sociology?
___Yes ___No

Thank you for your cooperation.