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  |  SAT
___Score, write it in | ___Score, write it in
___Don't remember my score | ___Don't remember my score
___I never took the ACT test | ___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)

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)_______________________
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?

_________________________________________
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25. Five years after graduation, what annual income to 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

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

Thank you for your cooperation.