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1. How academically challenging was your senior year in H.S.?				
Q01	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Not at all challenging	267	15.19	267	15.19
Somewhat challenging	832	47.33	1099	62.51
Challenging	492	27.99	1591	90.50
Very challenging	167	9.50	1758	100.00

Frequency Missing = 2

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2.How many years of high school coursework have you taken in the following areas?	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses					
		0 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5+ years
a. Natural Sciences	1757	0.23	1.94	5.69	35.97	47.18	8.99
b. Math	1756	0.06	0.11	1.14	10.42	69.87	18.39
c. Foreign Language	1756	1.03	2.96	46.70	25.97	19.70	3.64
d. Social Studies	1748	0.23	0.63	4.81	48.46	41.19	4.69

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3.How many Advanced Placement courses and exams did you take in high school?	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses					
		0 course /exam	1 course /exam	2 courses /exams	3 courses /exams	4 courses /exams	5+ courses /exams
a. AP Courses	1752	32.99	17.69	14.67	11.02	9.25	14.38
b. AP Exams	1743	47.91	18.19	10.84	8.03	6.54	8.49

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4. What was the size of your senior class?				
Q04	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1-99	200	11.38	200	11.38
100-199	415	23.62	615	35.00
200-299	359	20.43	974	55.44
300-399	368	20.94	1342	76.38
400-499	243	13.83	1585	90.21
500 or more	172	9.79	1757	100.00

Frequency Missing = 3

5. How effective was your H.S. school preparation for college-level work?				
Q05	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Very ineffective	62	3.53	62	3.53
Ineffective	284	16.15	346	19.68
Effective	1032	58.70	1378	78.38
Very effective	380	21.62	1758	100.00

Frequency Missing = 2

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6. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person:	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses					Mean	StDev
		Lowest 10%	Below average	Average	Above average	Highest 10%		
a. Academic ability	1756	0.06	0.85	27.73	57.35	14.01	3.84	0.66
b. Drive to achieve	1758	0.23	2.79	24.23	47.95	24.80	3.94	0.79
c. Self-confidence (intellectual)	1758	0.11	5.06	35.61	43.80	15.42	3.69	0.79
d. Self-confidence (social)	1757	1.02	8.14	31.93	40.92	17.99	3.67	0.90

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7. How much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities?	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses							
		None	Less than 1 hour	1-2 hours	3-5 hours	6-10 hours	11-15 hours	16-20 hours	Over 20 hours
a. Studying/homework	1757	4.61	18.61	27.38	26.58	13.94	5.46	2.33	1.08
b. Socializing/partying	1752	1.14	3.71	10.27	24.43	30.59	16.84	6.91	6.11
c. Exercising or sports	1752	4.22	6.68	12.44	19.69	20.49	16.89	8.85	10.73
d. Participating in student clubs/groups	1743	13.88	16.75	29.49	21.86	9.47	4.82	1.95	1.78
e. Watching TV	1755	4.27	13.85	25.70	28.72	17.21	5.64	2.96	1.65
f. Reading for pleasure	1755	26.89	29.52	23.08	11.79	5.30	2.17	0.80	0.46
g. Playing video/computer games	1750	43.31	21.71	15.83	10.11	5.09	2.17	0.80	0.97
h. 'Surfng the web'	1743	4.93	14.69	28.17	29.26	14.69	4.93	2.01	1.32
i. Working for pay	1748	26.60	3.26	5.03	7.61	13.50	14.99	13.44	15.56

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8. During your senior year of high school, about how often did you do the following:	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses				Mean	StDev
		Never	Sometimes	Often	Very often		
a. Asked questions in class	1756	4.10	45.05	34.05	16.80	2.64	0.81
b. Referred to knowledge acquired in your readings or classes	1755	3.19	45.53	40.40	10.88	2.59	0.72
c. Came to class without completing readings or assignments	1757	33.01	53.39	9.85	3.76	1.84	0.74
d. Read recommended texts/readings in addition to required readings	1753	34.17	44.44	16.49	4.91	1.92	0.83
e. Applied the material you were studying to a practical problem	1757	10.59	51.34	29.71	8.37	2.36	0.78
f. Contributed to class discussions	1756	2.33	25.63	40.95	31.09	3.01	0.81
g. Had serious talks with students whose race is different than yours	1755	25.19	36.52	22.17	16.13	2.29	1.02
h. Turned in course assignments late	1755	48.55	44.50	5.30	1.65	1.60	0.67
i. Took detailed notes in class	1756	7.63	30.07	39.35	22.95	2.78	0.89
j. Felt bored in class	1755	1.60	40.23	36.87	21.31	2.78	0.79
k. Worked harder than you thought to meet the standards	1753	14.38	50.54	27.04	8.04	2.29	0.81
l. Discussed ideas with others outside of class	1754	17.45	53.59	21.66	7.30	2.19	0.80
m. Did assigned homework before class	1749	1.32	21.56	41.40	35.73	3.12	0.78
n. Expressed views or opinions in class	1754	3.42	33.81	36.77	26.00	2.85	0.84
o. Turned in course assignments that did not reflect your best work	1754	12.37	70.75	14.03	2.85	2.07	0.61
p. Skipped/missed class	1747	58.44	33.60	5.55	2.40	1.52	0.71
q. Had serious talks with different religious or political beliefs	1754	23.83	39.34	22.75	14.08	2.27	0.98

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9. Have you experienced any of the following during the last year?	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses	
		No	Yes
a. Serious romantic relationship	1760	38.81	61.19
b. Long-distance romantic relationship	1760	72.73	27.27
c. Serious financial difficulties	1760	84.43	15.57
d. Serious illness or injury	1760	86.59	13.41
e. "Break up" with romantic partner	1760	61.19	38.81
f. Serious problem or crisis involving close friend or family member	1760	53.07	46.93

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10. How would you describe your following skills and knowledge?	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses					Mean	StDev
		Much weaker	Weaker	No change	Stronger	Much stronger		
a. Making effective oral presentations	1754	0.86	2.11	37.46	49.37	10.21	3.66	0.72
b. Writing effectively	1754	0.51	2.39	21.55	59.41	16.13	3.88	0.71
c. Understanding the world from a variety of viewpoints	1751	0.34	1.66	29.58	53.34	15.08	3.81	0.71
d. Using statistical or mathematical reasoning to solve problems	1752	0.97	5.82	40.24	40.81	12.16	3.57	0.81
e. Appreciating the arts	1756	1.31	5.01	50.85	30.18	12.64	3.48	0.83
f. Valuing cultural diversity in our society	1756	0.74	2.39	43.28	42.03	11.56	3.61	0.75
g. Applying principles of reasoning in the natural sciences	1755	0.63	4.62	50.94	35.78	8.03	3.46	0.73
h. Understanding yourself	1751	0.91	2.68	18.85	52.77	24.79	3.98	0.79
i. Using computers and information technology	1756	0.51	1.25	32.46	49.77	16.00	3.79	0.73
j. Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	1753	0.86	2.17	42.21	43.41	11.35	3.62	0.75
k. Thinking critically and analytically	1753	0.57	1.83	24.93	60.58	12.09	3.82	0.68
l. Working cooperatively in a group	1752	0.23	1.71	34.76	53.14	10.16	3.71	0.68
m. Developing insight into why you behave the way you do	1750	0.51	1.43	32.17	50.86	15.03	3.78	0.73

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11. During the past year, how often have you felt:	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses					Mean	StDev
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always		
a. Sad or depressed	1751	7.14	36.84	38.49	16.22	1.31	2.68	0.87
b. Lonely	1751	16.73	38.44	31.98	11.71	1.14	2.42	0.94
c. Anxious or nervous	1749	4.75	24.70	44.08	23.10	3.37	2.96	0.90
d. Intimidated by your teachers/professors	1749	34.88	38.59	20.01	5.43	1.09	1.99	0.93
e. Concerned about meeting new people	1749	23.16	30.70	28.64	13.89	3.60	2.44	1.10
f. Unmotivated	1747	17.52	32.86	34.46	12.65	2.52	2.50	1.00
g. Isolated from others	1748	33.87	36.78	20.31	7.72	1.32	2.06	0.98
h. Tired and lacking in energy	1749	7.20	27.62	39.05	22.13	4.00	2.88	0.97
i. Out of control	1749	50.66	31.96	12.46	3.49	1.43	1.73	0.91
j. Worried about your health	1744	37.44	34.23	18.52	7.22	2.58	2.03	1.04
k. A lot of stress in your life	1743	10.44	23.92	31.33	24.44	9.87	2.99	1.14

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12. Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses					Mean	StDev
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure	Agree	Strongly agree		
a. I feel that my grades are an accurate reflection of my abilities	1742	6.31	21.64	19.17	41.50	11.37	3.30	1.12
b. It's important to me that I don't look stupid in my class	1744	2.18	11.07	11.70	57.74	17.32	3.77	0.94
c. I needlessly delay finishing jobs, even when they're important	1737	12.78	38.46	19.86	24.81	4.09	2.69	1.10
d. It's important to me that I learn a lot of new concepts this year	1739	0.40	3.51	14.78	56.18	25.13	4.02	0.76
e. It's important to me that other students in my classes think I'm good at my class work	1736	2.48	16.07	25.63	44.30	11.52	3.46	0.97
f. I often do my best work in school	1736	2.02	13.42	23.44	44.70	16.42	3.60	0.98
g. One of my goals in my classes is to avoid looking like I have trouble doing the work	1738	6.04	32.97	26.52	28.88	5.58	2.95	1.04
h. When I have a deadline, I wait until the last minutes	1736	10.02	36.69	19.82	26.73	6.74	2.83	1.13
i. It's important to me that I thoroughly understand my class work	1735	0.63	2.42	9.45	55.16	32.33	4.16	0.74
j. One of my goals is to look smart compared to other students in my classes	1735	7.49	34.58	28.99	23.46	5.48	2.85	1.04
k. Being a good student is an important part of who I am	1736	1.21	5.99	15.03	52.30	25.46	3.95	0.87
l. One of my goals is to keep others from thinking I'm not smart in my course	1737	16.98	35.46	23.26	20.44	3.86	2.59	1.11
m. I keep putting off improving my work habits	1734	11.42	41.35	23.07	21.34	2.83	2.63	1.03
n. One of my goals in my classes is to master a lot of new skills this year	1734	0.58	4.44	15.97	56.75	22.26	3.96	0.78
o. One of my goals is to show others that course work is easy for me	1734	8.88	40.66	32.53	15.69	2.25	2.62	0.93
p. My grades do not tell me anything about my academic potential	1732	12.93	42.38	22.69	17.44	4.56	2.58	1.06
q. It's important to me that my professors don't think that I know less than others in my classes	1733	4.96	25.79	29.83	33.29	6.12	3.10	1.01
r. I'm a time waster and I can't seem to do anything about it	1731	19.24	43.27	21.37	13.58	2.54	2.37	1.02
s. One of my goals in my classes is to learn as much as I can	1730	0.81	3.06	11.85	54.74	29.54	4.09	0.78
t. One of my goals is to show others that I'm good at my course work	1731	5.20	23.22	28.54	37.03	6.01	3.15	1.01

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12. Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses					Mean	StDev
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure	Agree	Strongly agree		
u. School is satisfying to me because it gives me a sense of accomplishment	1732	1.04	6.87	23.27	54.27	14.55	3.74	0.83
v. I promise myself I'll do something and then I drag my feet	1733	8.48	33.24	27.41	27.12	3.75	2.84	1.03
w. It's important to me that I improve my skills this year	1733	0.63	1.79	9.81	57.36	30.41	4.15	0.71
x. It's important to me that I look smart compared to others in my classes	1729	9.77	34.64	29.67	20.99	4.92	2.77	1.04

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13. How nervous are you about leaving home to college?				
Q13	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Not at all nervous	621	35.77	621	35.77
Somewhat nervous	773	44.53	1394	80.30
Nervous	250	14.40	1644	94.70
Very nervous	92	5.30	1736	100.00

Frequency Missing = 24

14. How often do you plan to go home on the weekend?				
Q14	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Never	107	6.17	107	6.17
Very infrequently	435	25.10	542	31.28
Once a month	663	38.26	1205	69.53
Every other weekend	327	18.87	1532	88.40
Every weekend	111	6.41	1643	94.81
Live at home	90	5.19	1733	100.00

Frequency Missing = 27

15. How many hours of employment during first term at UK?				
Q15	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Undecided	439	25.33	439	25.33
0 or only occasional jobs	876	50.55	1315	75.88
1 to 5	54	3.12	1369	79.00
6 to 10	97	5.60	1466	84.59
11 to 15	132	7.62	1598	92.21
16 to 20	86	4.96	1684	97.17
Over 20	49	2.83	1733	100.00

Frequency Missing = 27

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16. On a scale of 1 to 10, your chance of earning a 3.0 GPA				
Q16	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
One	7	0.41	7	0.41
Two	5	0.29	12	0.70
Three	11	0.64	23	1.35
Four	33	1.93	56	3.28
Five	101	5.92	157	9.20
Six	122	7.15	279	16.35
Seven	282	16.53	561	32.88
Eight	399	23.39	960	56.27
Nine	294	17.23	1254	73.51
Ten	452	26.49	1706	100.00

Frequency Missing = 54

17. On a scale of 1 to 10, your chance of graduating within 4 years				
Q17	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
One	60	3.47	60	3.47
Two	42	2.43	102	5.90
Three	57	3.30	159	9.20
Four	52	3.01	211	12.21
Five	104	6.02	315	18.23
Six	110	6.37	425	24.59
Seven	183	10.59	608	35.19
Eight	284	16.44	892	51.62
Nine	302	17.48	1194	69.10
Ten	534	30.90	1728	100.00

Frequency Missing = 32

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18. How concerned are you about your ability to pay for your college education?				
Q18	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Not concerned, I'm confident I will have enough funds	833	48.18	833	48.18
Somewhat concerned, I'll probably have enough funds.	643	37.19	1476	85.37
Very concerned, not sure I'll have enough funds	253	14.63	1729	100.00

Frequency Missing = 31

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19. Indicate whether each of the following will be a funding source for your college education?	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses		
		Not a source	Minor source	Major source
a. Parents/Relatives	1715	9.10	19.13	71.78
b. Veteran's benefits	1715	94.87	3.56	1.57
c. Educational grants	1714	65.87	18.26	15.87
d. KEES Scholarship	1714	28.94	42.18	28.88
e. Other Scholarship	1713	37.59	29.31	33.10
f. Student loans	1710	54.39	19.47	26.14
g. Employment while attending college	1715	57.67	33.06	9.27
h. Personal savings	1716	47.61	38.23	14.16

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20. Do you plan to join a fraternity/sorority?				
Q20	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
No	729	42.48	729	42.48
Not sure	403	23.48	1132	65.97
Yes	584	34.03	1716	100.00

Frequency Missing = 44

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21. How important each of the following goals or expectations are for you in your college career?	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses			Mean	StDev
		Not important	Somewhat important	Very important		
a. To develop my intellectual capabilities	1709	1.35	18.55	80.11	2.79	0.44
b. To become a cultured person	1707	6.80	36.61	56.59	2.50	0.62
c. To qualify for a job	1709	3.39	12.40	84.20	2.81	0.47
d. To study new subjects and ideas	1708	2.52	31.09	66.39	2.64	0.53
e. To make new friends	1709	2.05	18.96	78.99	2.77	0.47
f. To join a student organization	1707	14.88	40.13	44.99	2.30	0.71
g. To acquire a broad general education	1707	4.45	33.63	61.92	2.57	0.58
h. To attend athletic events	1707	10.60	31.46	57.94	2.47	0.68
i. To increase my earning power in the job market	1706	4.45	21.28	74.27	2.70	0.55
j. To please my parents	1708	8.08	31.03	60.89	2.53	0.64
k. To train for a specific career	1707	2.17	17.69	80.14	2.78	0.46

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22. Highest degree you ultimately plan to earn				
Q22	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
I do not plan to complete a degree	6	0.36	6	0.36
Bachelor's degree	280	16.57	286	16.92
Master's degree	729	43.14	1015	60.06
Professional degree	381	22.54	1396	82.60
Doctoral degree	294	17.40	1690	100.00

Frequency Missing = 70

23. Your gender				
Q23	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Male	800	46.87	800	46.87
Female	907	53.13	1707	100.00

Frequency Missing = 53

24. Your race				
Q24	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
White (not hispanic)	1464	86.37	1464	86.37
Black/African American (not hispanic)	129	7.61	1593	93.98
Hispanic/Latino(a)	22	1.30	1615	95.28
Asian/Pacific Islander	50	2.95	1665	98.23
American Indian/Alaskan Native	11	0.65	1676	98.88
Other (specify)	19	1.12	1695	100.00

Frequency Missing = 65

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25. About how many people live in your hometown?				
Q25	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1,000 or less	54	3.20	54	3.20
1,001 to 3,000	108	6.39	162	9.59
3,001 to 7,000	140	8.29	302	17.88
7,001 to 10,000	138	8.17	440	26.05
10,001 to 20,000	215	12.73	655	38.78
20,001 to 50,000	272	16.10	927	54.88
50,001 to 100,000	125	7.40	1052	62.29
100,001 to 250,000	132	7.82	1184	70.10
250,001 to 500,000	210	12.43	1394	82.53
more than 500,000	295	17.47	1689	100.00

Frequency Missing = 71

26. About how far is your family home from UK?				
Q26	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Less than 10 miles	177	10.44	177	10.44
11 to 50 miles	216	12.74	393	23.19
51 to 100 miles	584	34.45	977	57.64
101 to 300 miles	440	25.96	1417	83.60
301 to 600 miles	180	10.62	1597	94.22
More than 600 miles	98	5.78	1695	100.00

Frequency Missing = 65

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27. What is the highest level of education achieved by your parents?	Number of Responses	Percentage of Responses					
		Less than high school graduate	High school graduate or GED	1 to 3 years of college or technical training	4-year college degree (BA, BS)	Master's degree	Ph.D., M.D., or J.D.
Mother's highest education	1660	1.45	19.82	22.29	36.39	16.87	3.19
Father's highest education	1642	2.86	21.56	16.99	32.95	17.05	8.59

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28. Family income				
Q28	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
\$30,000 or less	98	6.02	98	6.02
\$30,001 to \$40,000	74	4.55	172	10.57
\$40,001 to \$50,000	92	5.65	264	16.23
\$50,001 to \$60,000	95	5.84	359	22.07
\$60,001 to \$70,000	166	10.20	525	32.27
\$70,001 to \$80,000	141	8.67	666	40.93
\$80,001 to \$90,000	132	8.11	798	49.05
\$90,001 to \$100,000	152	9.34	950	58.39
\$100,001 to \$120,000	261	16.04	1211	74.43
More than \$120,000	416	25.57	1627	100.00

Frequency Missing = 133

Survey students' college				
Name_Of_The_College	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
College of Agriculture	92	5.88	92	5.88
College of Arts & Sciences	324	20.72	416	26.60
College of Business and Economics	203	12.98	619	39.58
College of Communications & Inf Studies	63	4.03	682	43.61
College of Design	18	1.15	700	44.76
College of Education	73	4.67	773	49.42
College of Engineering	192	12.28	965	61.70
College of Fine Arts	50	3.20	1015	64.90
College of Health Sciences	56	3.58	1071	68.48
College of Nursing	70	4.48	1141	72.95
College of Social Work	6	0.38	1147	73.34
College of Undergraduate Studies	417	26.66	1564	100.00

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