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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	230	12.41	230	12.41
Somewhat challenging	915	49.35	1145	61.76
Challenging	559	30.15	1704	91.91
Very challenging	150	8.09	1854	100.00

Frequency Missing = 4

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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	1844	0.16	1.74	6.13	33.89	48.86	9.22
b. Math	1846	0.11	0.05	0.70	9.97	69.07	20.10
c. Foreign Language	1845	0.38	2.60	47.64	26.99	19.62	2.76
d. Social Studies	1841	0.22	0.76	5.05	49.81	39.71	4.45

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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	1847	32.70	18.46	14.08	10.56	8.83	15.38
b. AP Exams	1842	45.22	18.02	10.64	9.77	7.06	9.28
3c. AP Passed (3 or better)	1829	62.82	15.36	8.20	5.25	3.66	4.70

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4. What was the size of your senior class?				
q04	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1-99	201	10.82	201	10.82
100-199	413	22.24	614	33.06
200-299	391	21.06	1005	54.12
300-399	426	22.94	1431	77.06
400-499	247	13.30	1678	90.36
500 or more	179	9.64	1857	100.00

Frequency Missing = 1

5. How effective was your H.S. school preparation for college-level work?				
q05	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Very ineffective	58	3.12	58	3.12
Ineffective	264	14.22	322	17.34
Effective	1151	61.98	1473	79.32
Very effective	384	20.68	1857	100.00

Frequency Missing = 1

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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	1856	0.16	0.65	28.13	56.79	14.28	3.84	0.66
b. Drive to achieve	1856	0.27	2.05	23.49	49.41	24.78	3.96	0.77
c. Self-confidence (intellectual)	1857	0.16	5.71	35.00	44.91	14.22	3.67	0.79
d. Self-confidence (social)	1855	1.08	9.06	32.13	39.78	17.95	3.64	0.91

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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	1852	3.56	19.33	27.65	27.27	13.93	4.81	2.11	1.35
b. Socializing/partying	1852	1.84	5.40	12.26	27.81	27.21	13.82	6.80	4.86
c. Exercising or sports	1849	4.06	7.19	12.66	18.12	20.06	16.93	9.95	11.03
e. Watching TV	1851	3.40	12.97	25.61	32.14	17.07	4.86	1.89	2.05
f. Reading for pleasure	1849	26.55	28.02	24.01	12.55	6.17	1.78	0.49	0.43
g. Playing video/computer games	1845	41.08	23.41	14.96	11.00	5.58	1.95	1.25	0.76
h. Using on-line social networking	1843	9.93	18.23	26.59	26.21	11.18	5.37	1.25	1.25
i. Working for pay	1847	26.91	3.09	4.11	7.20	12.78	14.24	15.00	16.68

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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	1858	3.82	42.63	36.71	16.85	2.67	0.80
b. Referred to knowlege acquired in your readings or classe	1857	2.21	44.91	39.80	13.09	2.64	0.73
c. Came to class without completing readings or assignments	1856	32.76	54.74	10.18	2.32	1.82	0.70
d. Read recommended texts/readings in addition to required readings	1855	30.03	48.03	17.30	4.64	1.97	0.81
e. Applied the material you were studying to a practical problem	1856	7.92	49.78	33.89	8.41	2.43	0.76
f. Contributed to class discussions	1856	2.48	23.98	39.66	33.89	3.05	0.82
g. Had serious talks with students whose race is different than yours	1851	25.07	36.57	23.39	14.96	2.28	1.00
h. Turned in course assignments late	1852	46.81	45.19	6.21	1.78	1.63	0.68
i. Took detailed notes in class	1856	6.63	29.58	39.76	24.03	2.81	0.88
j. Felt bored in class	1856	2.05	39.33	37.50	21.12	2.78	0.80
k. Worked harder than you thought to meet the standards	1853	14.30	49.43	28.87	7.39	2.29	0.80
l. Discussed ideas with others outside of class	1851	16.80	51.81	24.31	7.08	2.22	0.80
m. Did assigned homework before class	1852	1.35	21.54	42.22	34.88	3.11	0.78
n. Expressed views or opinions in class	1852	3.83	30.94	36.77	28.46	2.90	0.86
o. Turned in course assignments that did not reflect your best work	1854	12.03	69.96	15.05	2.97	2.09	0.62
p. Skipped/missed class	1848	59.63	33.39	4.87	2.11	1.49	0.69
q. Had serious talks with different religious or political believes	1851	21.34	40.95	22.15	15.56	2.32	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	1856	40.36	59.64
b. Long-distance romantic relationship	1856	75.11	24.89
c. Serious financial difficulties	1856	83.03	16.97
d. Serious illness or injury	1856	84.70	15.30
e. "Break up" with romantic partner	1856	63.42	36.58
f. Serious problem or crisis involving close friend or family member	1856	53.99	46.01

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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	1854	0.70	2.97	36.35	49.84	10.14	3.66	0.73
b. Writing effectively	1855	0.49	3.40	22.64	57.47	16.01	3.85	0.74
c. Understanding the world from a variety of viewpoints	1854	0.22	1.78	27.40	54.15	16.45	3.85	0.71
d. Using statistical or mathematical reasoning to solve problems	1852	1.13	5.94	39.90	41.63	11.39	3.56	0.81
e. Appreciating the arts	1850	1.14	5.14	50.11	30.00	13.62	3.50	0.83
f. Valuing cultural diversity in our society	1853	0.43	2.97	42.20	41.45	12.95	3.64	0.76
g. Applying principles of reasoning in the natural sciences	1846	0.76	5.74	49.78	36.89	6.83	3.43	0.74
h. Understanding yourself	1852	0.27	2.81	19.82	49.14	27.97	4.02	0.78
i. Using computers and information technology	1853	0.49	1.89	30.65	49.97	17.00	3.81	0.75
j. Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	1852	0.59	2.27	38.55	45.03	13.55	3.69	0.75
k. Thinking critically and analytically	1850	0.27	2.00	26.32	58.27	13.14	3.82	0.68
l. Working cooperatively in a group	1846	0.33	1.90	34.78	51.03	11.97	3.72	0.70
m. Developing insight into why you behave the way you do	1849	0.32	1.95	30.94	48.89	17.90	3.82	0.75

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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	1854	6.58	39.91	38.62	14.02	0.86	2.63	0.84
b. Lonely	1855	16.39	38.76	32.99	10.62	1.24	2.42	0.93
c. Anxious or nervous	1854	4.15	20.71	46.49	24.97	3.67	3.03	0.88
d. Intimidated by your teachers/professors	1853	34.27	39.83	20.45	4.80	0.65	1.98	0.89
e. Concerned about meeting new people	1854	22.65	28.21	30.80	14.29	4.05	2.49	1.11
f. Unmotivated	1854	16.24	33.33	34.74	13.86	1.83	2.52	0.98
g. Isolated from others	1852	33.59	37.96	19.87	7.18	1.40	2.05	0.97
h. Tired and lacking in energy	1850	7.19	24.54	40.76	22.49	5.03	2.94	0.98
i. Out of control	1852	49.35	32.13	12.80	4.54	1.19	1.76	0.92
j. Worried about your health	1853	36.05	35.02	18.29	8.20	2.43	2.06	1.04
k. A lot of stress in your life	1852	9.13	25.32	33.05	22.62	9.88	2.99	1.11

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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		
12a. I am good at research and writing papers	1851	5.08	18.04	25.66	44.30	6.92	3.30	1.01
12b. I needlessly delay finishing jobs, even when they're important	1850	11.89	39.30	17.89	26.76	4.16	2.72	1.11
12c. I know how to schedule my time to accomplish tasks	1847	1.08	9.20	23.01	54.95	11.75	3.67	0.84
12d. I find my academic work interesting and absorbing	1849	2.16	15.20	33.48	43.48	5.68	3.35	0.88
12e. I know how to take notes	1849	0.70	4.60	17.36	59.87	17.47	3.89	0.76
12f. When I have a deadline, I wait until the last minute	1846	9.05	34.45	20.21	29.47	6.83	2.91	1.13
12g. I know how to perform well on tests	1849	3.24	14.17	28.99	43.21	10.38	3.43	0.97
12h. I keep putting off improving my work habits	1848	8.12	35.01	26.08	27.06	3.73	2.83	1.03
12i. I usually do very well in school and at academic tasks	1849	0.54	5.25	15.58	60.03	18.60	3.91	0.77
12j. I'm a time waster now, and I can't seem to do anything about it	1845	17.99	44.17	21.36	14.15	2.33	2.39	1.01
12k. I promise myself I'll do something and then I drag my feet	1848	10.61	38.10	22.94	25.43	2.92	2.72	1.05
12l. I am a very good student	1850	0.54	4.16	22.16	56.59	16.54	3.84	0.76
12m. I am very capable of succeeding at UK	1849	0.27	0.59	6.60	45.05	47.49	4.39	0.66

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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	705	38.07	705	38.07
Somewhat nervous	742	40.06	1447	78.13
Nervous	292	15.77	1739	93.90
Very nervous	113	6.10	1852	100.00

Frequency Missing = 6

14. How often do you plan to go home on the weekend?				
q14	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Never	110	5.95	110	5.95
Very infrequently	442	23.89	552	29.84
Once a month	693	37.46	1245	67.30
Every other weekend	405	21.89	1650	89.19
Every weekend	100	5.41	1750	94.59
Live at home	100	5.41	1850	100.00

Frequency Missing = 8

15. How many hours of employment during first term at UK?				
q15	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Undecided	572	30.89	572	30.89
0 or only occasional jobs	831	44.87	1403	75.76
1 to 5	53	2.86	1456	78.62
6 to 10	132	7.13	1588	85.75
11 to 15	105	5.67	1693	91.41
16 to 20	100	5.40	1793	96.81
Over 20	59	3.19	1852	100.00

Frequency Missing = 6

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16. Of all the colleges that you applied to, was UK your				
q16	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
First choice	1439	77.83	1439	77.83
Second choice	296	16.01	1735	93.83
Third, or less, choice	114	6.17	1849	100.00

Frequency Missing = 9

17. On a scale of 1 to 10, your chance of earning a 3.0 GPA				
q17	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
One	9	0.49	9	0.49
Two	6	0.33	15	0.81
Three	10	0.54	25	1.36
Four	30	1.63	55	2.98
Five	87	4.72	142	7.70
Six	110	5.97	252	13.67
Seven	279	15.13	531	28.80
Eight	437	23.70	968	52.49
Nine	340	18.44	1308	70.93
Ten	536	29.07	1844	100.00

Frequency Missing = 14

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18. On a scale of 1 to 10, your chance of graduating within 4 years				
q18	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
One	48	2.60	48	2.60
Two	32	1.74	80	4.34
Three	43	2.33	123	6.67
Four	34	1.84	157	8.51
Five	118	6.40	275	14.91
Six	108	5.86	383	20.77
Seven	150	8.13	533	28.90
Eight	301	16.32	834	45.23
Nine	375	20.34	1209	65.56
Ten	635	34.44	1844	100.00

Frequency Missing = 14

19. How concerned are you about your ability to pay for your college education?				
q19	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Not concerned, I'm confident I will have enough funds	817	44.35	817	44.35
Somewhat concerned, I'll probably have enough funds.	697	37.84	1514	82.19
Very concerned, not sure I'll have enough funds	328	17.81	1842	100.00

Frequency Missing = 16

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20. 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	1847	10.72	19.11	70.17
b. Veteran's benefits	1837	95.70	2.67	1.63
c. Educational grants	1835	63.54	19.95	16.51
d. KEES Scholarship	1846	25.73	42.31	31.96
e. Other Scholarship	1845	38.05	31.22	30.73
f. Student loans	1841	51.98	17.82	30.20
g. Employment while attending college	1844	53.36	36.82	9.82
h. Personal savings	1845	45.80	40.65	13.55

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21. Do you plan to join a fraternity/sorority?				
q21	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
No	846	45.78	846	45.78
Not sure	404	21.86	1250	67.64
Yes	598	32.36	1848	100.00

Frequency Missing = 10

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22.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	1849	0.97	14.76	84.26	2.83	0.40
b. To become a cultured person	1845	5.75	37.51	56.75	2.51	0.60
c. To qualify for a job	1846	1.95	10.13	87.92	2.86	0.40
d. To study new subjects and ideas	1845	2.33	33.50	64.17	2.62	0.53
e. To make new friends	1846	2.28	20.21	77.52	2.75	0.48
f. To join a student organization	1846	15.11	39.49	45.40	2.30	0.72
g. To acquire a broad general education	1842	4.07	33.71	62.21	2.58	0.57
h. To attend athletic events	1842	11.51	31.92	56.57	2.45	0.69
i. To increase my earning power in the job market	1842	3.53	18.35	78.12	2.75	0.51
j. To please my parents	1846	11.11	32.12	56.77	2.46	0.69
k. To train for a specific career	1845	2.01	16.59	81.41	2.79	0.45

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23. Highest degree you ultimately plan to earn				
q23	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
I do not plan to complete a degree	7	0.38	7	0.38
Bachelor's degree	335	18.26	342	18.64
Master's degree	756	41.20	1098	59.84
Professional degree	409	22.29	1507	82.13
Doctoral degree	328	17.87	1835	100.00

Frequency Missing = 23

24. Your gender				
q24	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Male	910	49.22	910	49.22
Female	939	50.78	1849	100.00

Frequency Missing = 9

25. Your race				
q25	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
White (not hispanic)	1570	85.42	1570	85.42
Black/African American (not hispanic)	132	7.18	1702	92.60
Hispanic/Latino(a)	28	1.52	1730	94.12
Asian/Pacific Islander	73	3.97	1803	98.10
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5	0.27	1808	98.37
Other (specify)	30	1.63	1838	100.00

Frequency Missing = 20

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26. About how many people live in your hometown?				
q26	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1,000 or less	50	2.74	50	2.74
1,001 to 3,000	109	5.97	159	8.70
3,001 to 7,000	166	9.09	325	17.79
7,001 to 10,000	133	7.28	458	25.07
10,001 to 20,000	250	13.68	708	38.75
20,001 to 50,000	300	16.42	1008	55.17
50,001 to 100,000	149	8.16	1157	63.33
100,001 to 250,000	152	8.32	1309	71.65
250,001 to 500,000	199	10.89	1508	82.54
more than 500,000	319	17.46	1827	100.00

Frequency Missing = 31

27. About how far is your family home from UK?				
q27	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Less than 10 miles	206	11.23	206	11.23
11 to 50 miles	268	14.61	474	25.85
51 to 100 miles	622	33.91	1096	59.76
101 to 300 miles	485	26.44	1581	86.21
301 to 600 miles	158	8.62	1739	94.82
More than 600 miles	95	5.18	1834	100.00

Frequency Missing = 24

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28. 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	1812	1.82	19.54	22.90	35.60	17.22	2.92
Father's highest education	1797	2.95	20.14	17.14	34.17	17.25	8.35

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29. Family income				
q29	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
\$30,000 or less	123	6.87	123	6.87
\$30,001 to \$40,000	84	4.69	207	11.56
\$40,001 to \$50,000	92	5.14	299	16.70
\$50,001 to \$60,000	122	6.82	421	23.52
\$60,001 to \$70,000	176	9.83	597	33.35
\$70,001 to \$80,000	172	9.61	769	42.96
\$80,001 to \$90,000	163	9.11	932	52.07
\$90,001 to \$100,000	192	10.73	1124	62.79
\$100,001 to \$120,000	249	13.91	1373	76.70
More than \$120,000	417	23.30	1790	100.00

Frequency Missing = 68

college	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
AGRICULTURE	142	7.84	142	7.84
HEALTH SCIENCES	63	3.48	205	11.32
ARTS & SCIENCES	398	21.98	603	33.30
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS	261	14.41	864	47.71
COMMUNICATIONS & INFO. STUDIES	68	3.75	932	51.46
DESIGN	27	1.49	959	52.95
EDUCATION	91	5.02	1050	57.98
ENGINEERING	203	11.21	1253	69.19
FINE ARTS	50	2.76	1303	71.95
MEDICINE	1	0.06	1304	72.00
NURSING	85	4.69	1389	76.70
SOCIAL WORK	5	0.28	1394	76.97
UNDERGRADUATE STUDY	417	23.03	1811	100.00

Frequency Missing = 47