

Survey Questions for Nepotism, Incentives and the Academic Success of College Students

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Dear Friends,

We ask you to participate in our survey that is designed to understand the student profile. We want to investigate the determinants of academic achievement of college students of one of the best universities in Turkey. Please answer the questions correctly and as accurately as possible. The survey will take 5 minutes and your correct and full responses will help us to understand some student characteristics. No information provided by you will be seen by third parties except the two main researchers and submitted information will not be reported in a way that third parties can identify individuals. After matching the student data with the academic records, the names will be erased.

1. First and last name:
2. School ID:
3. Age: a) 17 b) 18 c) 19 d) 20 e) 21 f) 22 g) 23 h) 24+
4. Gender: a) MALE b) FEMALE
5. Please write the number of siblings you have: I haveMale;.....Female siblings.
6. Please write the ages of your BROTHERS (if it applies to you):...;...;...;...;...;...;...;...;...;...;
7. Please write the ages of your SISTERS (if it applies to you):...;...;...;...;...;...;...;...;...;...;
8. Does your family have any kind of business? a) YES b) NO
9. Did you go to the English Preparation class in University? a) YES b) NO

10. Not counting the English Preparation year, Fall 2006 is your.....semester (please circle the correct semester).

- a) 1st b) 2nd c) 3rd d) 4th e)5th f)6th g)7th h) 8 +

11. After graduating from college, I plan to:

- a) Work in the family business.
- b) Start a new business.
- c) Work as an employee.
- d) Work as an employee to gain experience first and then work in the family business.
- e) Work as an employee to gain experience first and then start a new business.
- f) Go to graduate school.
- g) Other.

Consider your answer to the previous question and please write your post-graduation plans if you were asked these questions in the semester/time period below (Example: Ayse was planning to work in the family business during her first year but she changed her plans in her second year and in the third year with going to graduate school. In this case she would answer this question as follows:

1stYear a *2ndYear* f *3rdYear* f)

Please leave it blank for the semesters you were not enrolled.

12.	13.	14.
<i>1stYear</i>	<i>2ndYear</i>	<i>3rdYear</i>
a)	a)	a)
b)	b)	b)
c)	c)	c)
d)	d)	d)
e)	e)	e)
f)	f)	f)
g)	g)	g)

15. If you have a family business, please write the total number of people (including those holding managerial posts) working in this business:.....

16. If you have a family business, please write the TOTAL number of people from the family who are working in the business:.....

17. If you have a family business, please write the number of people involved in it at **managerial positions** who are NOT from the family:.....

18. If you have a family business, please write the number of people who ARE from the family and who work in **managerial positions**:.....

19. Did you succeed in your first try at the University Entrance Exam (SSE)?

a) YES b) NO

20. What is your current GPA (as of the end of the last semester?)

21. What was your English proficiency when you completed high school?

a) Beginner. b) Intermediate. c) Advanced.

22. What was your university entrance exam score corresponding to the area (EQUAL-WEIGHT2)?

23. Please fill in the circle corresponding to your major.

- International Relations Government
- International Finance Economics
- Economics (Honors) Business Administration
- Business Admin. and Economics Business Admin. and Economics (Honors)

Academic year fellowship/scholarship: Please circle the one fits you for each time period.

Question Number→	24.	25.	26.	27.
	2006/2007	2005/2006	2004/2005	2003/2004
a) No fellowships/scholarships.	a)	a)	a)	a)
b) Turkish Edu. Ministry	b)	b)	b)	b)
c) University Merit F.	c)	c)	c)	c)
d) University Sports, Art F.	d)	d)	d)	d)
e) Other Fellowships.	e)	e)	e)	e)

28. Pick the type of high school you graduated from:

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| a) Private (English as a 2nd Lang.) | f) Public Anatolian (English as a 2nd Lang.) |
| b) Private (Other Lang.) | g) Public Anatolian.(Other Lang.) |
| c) Private Science. | h) Public Science. |
| d) Private Other. | i) Public Super. |
| e) Regular Public (Straight.) | j) Public Other. |

29. Please rank the statement below from 1 to 5 (eg. 1 = Totally disagree, 5 = Totally agree.)

- I take notes in classes:.....
- If you have a family business: I believe that my education will help me in the family business:.....
- If you are planning to start a new business: I believe that my education will help me in my future business:.....

30. On average how many hours a day do you study?.....

31. On average how many hours a day do you sleep?.....

32. Which group does your yearly family income fall into?

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| a) 0-20 thousand YTL | b) 20-40 thousand YTL | c) 40-60 thousand YTL |
| d) 60-80 thousand YTL | e) 80-100 thousand YTL | f) 100-120 thousand YTL |
| g) 120-140 thousand YTL | h) 140-160 thousand YTL | i) 160+ thousand YTL |

Please choose the education level of your;

Question Number→	33.	34.
	MOTHER	FATHER
a) Grade school graduate/No formal Education.	a)	a)
b) Middle school graduate.	b)	b)
c) High school graduate.	c)	c)
d) University graduate.	d)	d)
e) Graduate school diploma.	e)	e)

Please choose the occupation of your...;

Question Number→	35.	36.
	MOTHER	FATHER
a) Housewife or Does not work.	a)	a)
b) Retired.	b)	b)
c) Wage earner, Works as an employee.	c)	c)
d) Self-Employed/Business owner/Employer.	d)	d)
e) Other Group/Professional (Lawyer, Doctor, Auditor, Pharmacist etc.)	e)	e)

37. Please circle the option that applies to you. My parents are:

- a) Divorced. b) Separated. c) Together. d) Other.

38. Who do you live with?

- a) Both of my parents.
 b) With my mother.
 c) With my father.
 d) My parents live out of Istanbul, I live in an apartment/dorm.
 e) My parents live in Istanbul, but I live in a separate apartment/dorm.
 f) Other