

Would you be willing to take part in a group interview/or one to one interview?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, could you please provide your name, e mail address and if possible a telephone number.

Name:

Telephone number:

E mail:

Thank you very much indeed for completing this questionnaire.  
We assure you all information that you provide will remain completely confidential and all details in the research report will be anonymised.

If you are interested in the results of the research we will be publishing findings and details of publications on our web site (go to [www.sunderland.ac.uk](http://www.sunderland.ac.uk) and follow links to the School of Education/ Research).

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The Socio-Cultural and Learning Experiences of Higher Education Students

Questionnaire for 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate students.

Dear student

This questionnaire comprises part of our research into the socio-cultural and learning experiences of students engaged in higher education. The project is taking place in three universities and a college of Further Education over a period of two years. The research is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and is part of the Teaching and Learning Research Programme.

We are very grateful to you for agreeing to complete this questionnaire; your responses will be enormously valuable to us. We would also like to assure you that your responses and all details that you provide will remain completely confidential and if you supply your name this will not be used in any report or other publication. Although we would be grateful if you would complete all questions, you are of course free to omit any which you do not wish to answer. Please indicate your answer by placing a tick in the box or deleting options where appropriate. In some instances a brief explanation is asked for if possible.

Our sincere thanks once again.

Kind regards

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### A. Context

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- 38d. If Access qualifications, please give brief details.
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- 39a. Do you know what you would like to do after you graduate?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 39b. If Yes, please give brief details.
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- 40a. Have you received any advice or guidance about your future career?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 40b. If Yes, from whom?
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- 41a. Do you have a part-time paid job?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 41b. If yes, how many hours do you work a week?
- ☐ 5-10 hours ☐ 11-15 hours ☐ 16-20 hours ☐ more than 20 hours
- 41c. What work do you do?
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42. Do you have family care commitments?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
43. Do you receive grant aided funding for your studies?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
44. Do you have a loan?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 45a. Do your parents or other family members support you financially?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 45b. If yes, do they support you:
- ☐ Wholly ☐ Partially
46. Could you please state the occupation (not place of work), even if they have retired (but please indicate if they have retired), of
- Your father/guardian:
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- Your mother/guardian:
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**D. Social Life**

32. Where do you spend most of your social life?  
☐ at the University    ☐ at home    ☐ in the town but not in the university
- 33a. If at home or in the town can you explain why you prefer this rather than at the university?
- 33b. If you spend most of your time at home or in the town, do you think you are missing out on anything at the University?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- 33c. If yes, please explain briefly.
- 34a. If you spend most of your social life at the University, are you enjoying your university social life?  
☐ Very much    ☐ Quite a lot    ☐ Not very much    ☐ Not at all
- 34b. Please give a brief explanation:
35. How would you rate the social facilities in the University?  
☐ Excellent    ☐ Very good    ☐ Good    ☐ Not very good    ☐ Very poor
36. What sort of leisure activities do you prefer doing?
37. Does being at university enable you to do these things?  
☐ Yes    ☐ In some ways    ☐ Not at all

**E. Personal**

- 38a. What type of school did you attend up to the age of 16?  
☐ Comprehensive    ☐ Grammar    ☐ Independent    ☐ Other  
If Other, please give details.
- 38b. Did you do: (please tick all that apply)  
☐ A levels    ☐ GNVQ    ☐ Access qualifications    ☐ Other
- 38c. Where did you study for these qualifications? Please provide the name and type of institution (i.e. Sixth form college, College of further education etc.)

**B. Choice**

9. Was this University your:  
☐ 1st choice    ☐ 2nd choice    ☐ 3rd choice    ☐ Through clearing
- 10a. Did you access information about this university before you made your decision?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- 10b. Where did you access this information?
- 11a. Did you attend an open day?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- 11b. Did it influence your decision?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- 12a. Has anyone else in your family been to university?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- 12b. If Yes, who are they? (mother, father, sister, brother, aunt etc.)
- 12c. Did they give you any information or advice about your choice of university?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- 12d. Did they give you any information or advice about what to do when you arrived at university?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- 13a. Has anyone else in your family been to **this** university?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
- 13b. If Yes, who are they? (mother, father, sister, brother, aunt etc.)
14. Why did you choose this University?
- 15a. On first coming to university what did you expect?

15b. Have these expectations been met, thus far?

16. Are you enjoying your university experience?

☐ Very much

☐ Quite a lot

☐ Not very much

☐ Not at all

17a. Do you live:

☐ at home

☐ on campus

☐ in accommodation in the town

17b. Are you happy with this decision?

☐ Yes

☐ No

17c. Please give a brief explanation.

C. Academic course

18. Why did you choose this course?

19. What were your expectations?

20a. Has the course thus far, lived up to your expectations?

☐ Yes

☐ No

20b. Please give a brief explanation:

21. How many **lectures** do you get a week/month?

per week

per month

22. How many **seminars** do you get a week/month?

per week

per month

23. How many **one to one tutorials** do you get a week/month?

per week

per month

24. Which of these modes of teaching do you prefer and why?

25. How much assessment do you receive?

26. Do you think the amount of assessment is:

☐ too much

☐ too little

☐ the right amount

27. Do you receive feedback on your assessed work?

☐ Yes

☐ No

28. Is the feedback helpful?

☐ Always

☐ Usually

☐ Sometimes

☐ Never

29. How would you rate your academic experience overall:

	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5
a. Teaching quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Intellectual challenge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Academic support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. How would you rate the academic resources in your Faculty/University:

	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5
a. Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I.T.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Academic advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Access to academic staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Public lectures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Public seminars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31a. Are you enjoying your course:

☐ Very much

☐ Quite a lot

☐ Not very much

☐ Not at all

31b. Please give a *brief* explanation: