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| **Variable Name** | **Description** | **Question Format** |
| Unique\_Identifier | Unique identifying number for questionnaire participant |  |
| Questionnaire\_Round | Round of Questionnaire |  |
| Cluster | Cluster analysis of SACQ scores (described at the bottom) |  |
| Attachment | Average SACQ Attachment scale | Likert 1-9 |
| Emotional | Average SACQ Emotional Adjustment | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdjust | Average SACQ Academic Adjustment | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdjust | Average SACQ Social Adjustment | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach1 | I feel that I fit in at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj1 | I have been keeping up to date with my academic work | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo1 | I am feeling relaxed lately | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj2 | I am finding academic work at UNISA difficult | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj2\_Reverse | Reverse of AcAdj2 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo2 | Lately I have been feeling down a lot | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo2\_Reverse | Reverse of Emo2 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj1 | My close friends encourage me to continue my studies at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj2 | I would like to have more opportunities to build social connections at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj2\_Reverse | Reverse of SocAdj 2 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj3 | I have not been functioning well during examinations | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj3\_Reverse | Reverse of AcAdj3 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo3 | I have felt tired much of the time lately | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo3\_Reverse | Reverse of Emo3 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach2 | I am pleased with my decision to go to university in general | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach3 | I am pleased with my decision to attend UNISA in particular | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj3 | I am meeting as many people and making as many friends as I would like at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj4 | I am not working as hard as I should at my course work | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj4\_Reverse | Reverse of AcAdj4 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj4 | I have several close social ties at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo4 | I have not been able to control my emotions very well lately | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo4\_Reverse | Reverse of Emo4 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj5 | My family encourages me to study at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj5 | I have not had much motivation for studying lately | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj5\_Reverse | Reverse of AcAdj5 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach4 | I wish I were studying at another university | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach4\_Reverse | Reverse of Attach4 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj6 | I am satisfied with the number and variety of courses available at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach5 | I have recently been thinking a lot about transferring to another university | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach5\_Reverse | Reverse of Attach 5 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo5 | I have been feeling tense or nervous lately | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo5\_Reverse | Reverse of Emo5 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj7 | I am satisfied with the quality of courses available at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj6 | I am satisfied with the extent to which I have opportunities to build social connections at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj8 | I am enjoying my academic work at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj9 | I have a lot of trouble getting started on assignments | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj9\_Reverse | Reverse of AcAdj9 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj10 | I am satisfied with my courses so far | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj11 | I am not really smart enough for the academic work I am expected to do | Likert 1-9 |
| AcAdj11\_Reverse | Reverse of AcAdj11 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| Emo6 | I have been feeling in good health lately | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach6 | I have recently been thinking about dropping out of UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach6\_Reverse | Reverse of Attach6 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach7 | I find myself giving considerable thought to taking time off from UNISA and finishing at a later stage | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach7\_Reverse | Reverse of Attach7 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj7 | I am satisfied with my social life at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj8 | My family approves of my study at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj9 | I do not have contact with other students at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SocAdj9\_Reverse | Reverse of SocAdj9 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| Attach8 | UNISA cares about me | Likert 1-9 |
| UNISA1 | Is there anything that has positively affected your UNISA experience? | Open-ended, qualitative |
| UNISA2 | Is there anything that has negatively affected your UNISA experience? | Open-ended, qualitative |
| SocialMedia | Do you use social media? | Yes/No |
| SM\_Why | Why do you use social media? | Open-ended, qualitative |
| SM\_WhyNot | If no: Why do you choose not to use social media? | Open-ended, qualitative |
| SM1 | Find out about educational opportunities at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SM2 | Feel part of the UNISA community | Likert 1-9 |
| SM3 | Support my academic work through learning activities assigned by my lecturers | Likert 1-9 |
| SM4 | Find resources about my study topics | Likert 1-9 |
| SM5 | Discuss my academic work with other students at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SM6 | Develop friendships and socialise with other students at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SM7 | Communicate with UNISA academic staff (tutors, lecturers, researchers, etc) | Likert 1-9 |
| SM8 | Communicate with UNISA administrative staff | Likert 1-9 |
| SM9 | Other | Likert 1-9 |
| SM10 | Other explanation | Open-ended, qualitative |
| SMContact1 | UNISA students in my courses | Yes/No |
| SMContact2 | UNISA students outside my courses | Yes/No |
| SMContact3 | My academic tutors or lecturers | Yes/No |
| SMContact4 | Other academic staff at UNISA (i.e. not my own tutors or lecturers) | Yes/No |
| SMContact5 | Administrative staff at UNISA | Yes/No |
| SMContact6 | Friends or family members who are also taking UNISA courses | Yes/No |
| SMContact7 | Friends or family members who are taking courses at other universities | Yes/No |
| SMContact8 | Friends or family members who are not studying at any university | Yes/No |
| SMContact9 | Other | Yes/No |
| SMContact10 | Other explanation | Open-ended, qualitative |
| SMPlatform1 | Facebook | Yes/No |
| SMPlatform2 | Twitter | Yes/No |
| SMPlatform3 | YouTube | Yes/No |
| SMPlatform4 | Instagram | Yes/No |
| SMPlatform5 | WhatsApp | Yes/No |
| SMPlatform6 | LinkedIn | Yes/No |
| SMPlatform7 | Other | Yes/No |
| SMPlatform\_Other | Other explanation | Open-ended, qualitative |
| SMOften1 | How often do you use social media to support your university experience? | Multiple Choice |
| SMOften2 | Do you currently use social media more or less often than you did prior to studying with UNISA? | Multiple Choice |
| SM11 | I would like UNISA to use social media more often for teaching purposes | Likert 1-9 |
| SM11\_Reverse | Reverse of SM11 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| SM12 | It is good to get to know teachers informally through social media | Likert 1-9 |
| SM13 | Social media have added to my learning experiences at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SM14 | The time I spend on social media negatively affects my academic work | Likert 1-9 |
| SM14\_Reverse | Reverse of SM14 (negatively worded) | Likert 1-9 |
| SM15 | Social media enable me to express my problems or issues about my studies at UNISA | Likert 1-9 |
| SM16 | Social media give me an escape from my studies | Likert 1-9 |
| SocialMedia\_Average | Social Media Average Score (SM 1- 16 averaged) | Likert 1-9 |
| Gender | Which gender do you identify as? | Multiple Choice |
| Age | What is your age? | Drop down list |
| English | Do you consider English to be your first language? | Yes/No |
| Language | What is your first language? (Please write in English) | Open-ended, qualitative |
| SouthAfrican | Are you a South African citizen? | Yes/No |
| Citizenship | What is your country of citizenship? | Drop down list |
| Citizenship\_Botswana | Dummy variable for Citizenship: Botswana | Yes/No |
| Citizenship\_Namibia | Dummy variable for Citizenship: Namibia | Yes/No |
| Citizenship\_Nigeria | Dummy variable for Citizenship: Nigeria | Yes/No |
| Citizenship\_Swaziland | Dummy variable for Citizenship: Swaziland | Yes/No |
| Citizenship\_Zambia | Dummy variable for Citizenship: Zambia | Yes/No |
| Citizenship\_Zimbabwe | Dummy variable for Citizenship: Zimbabwe | Yes/No |
| Citizenship\_OutsideAfrica | If you are a citizen of a country outside of Africa, please specify: | Open-ended, qualitative |
| International | Do you consider yourself an international student? (Round 1 questionnaire only) | Yes/No |
| SA\_PermanentResident | Are you a permanent resident of South Africa (i.e. holding a permanent residence permit)? | Yes/No |
| SAMoveReason | What was the primary reason for your initial move to South Africa? (if yes to SA\_PermanentResident) | Multiple Choice |
| SAMoveReason\_Other | If you selected 'other' on the previous question, please explain: | Open-ended, qualitative |
| SA\_Live | Do you currently live in South Africa? | Yes/No |
| WhyUNISA1 | Why did you decide to study with UNISA rather than a different university in South Africa? (if yes to SA\_Live) | Open-ended, qualitative |
| Country\_Live | In which country do you currently live? | Drop down list |
| Country\_Live\_OutsideAfrica | If you currently live outside of Africa, please specify which country you live in: | Open-ended, qualitative |
| WhyUNISA2 | Why did you decide to study with UNISA rather than at a university in the country where you live? (if no to SA\_live) | Open-ended, qualitative |
| Urban | Lives in an urban environment | Yes/No |
| TimeCurrentCountry | How long have you lived in your current country? | Drop down list |
| Country\_Born | In which country were you born? | Drop down list |
| Country\_Born\_OutsideAfrica | If you were born outside of Africa, please specify which country you were born: | Open-ended, qualitative |
| PostUniversity1 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Study further in my home country | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity2 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Study further in South Africa | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity3 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Study further in another country in Africa | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity4 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Study further in a country outside of Africa | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity5 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Work in my home country | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity6 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Work in South Africa | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity7 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Work in another country in Africa | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity8 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Work in a country outside of Africa | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity9 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... Other | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity10 | After I finish my UNISA programme, I intend to... I'm not sure | Yes/No |
| PostUniversity\_Other | If you selected 'other', please explain | Open-ended, qualitative |
| PostUniversity\_CountryStudy | In which country would you like to study? (if yes to PostUniversity4) | Open-ended, qualitative |
| PostUniversity\_CountryWork | In which country would you like to work? (If yes to PostUniversity8) | Open-ended, qualitative |
| UNISA\_AchieveGoals | Do you feel that your UNISA degree will help you achieve these study/work goals? | Yes/No |
| Occupation1 | Full-time student | Yes/No |
| Occupation2 | In full-time work | Yes/No |
| Occupation3 | In part-time work | Yes/No |
| Occupation4 | Looking after the family/home | Yes/No |
| Occupation5 | Retired from paid work | Yes/No |
| Occupation6 | Unable to work due to long-term sickness or disability | Yes/No |
| Occupation7 | Unemployed and looking for a job | Yes/No |
| Occupation8 | Unemployed and not looking for a job | Yes/No |
| Occupation9 | Other | Yes/No |
| Occupation\_Other | If you selected 'other' in the previous question, please explain: | Open-ended, qualitative |
| PriorQualification | Have you received a university qualification prior to studying your current programme with UNISA? | Yes/No |
| Disability | Do you consider yourself disabled? | Yes/No |
| Ethnicity | Which ethnicity do you identify as? | Multiple Choice |
| Ethnicity\_Black | Dummy variable for black students | Yes/No |
| Ethnicity\_Coloured | Dummy variable for coloured students | Yes/No |
| Ethnicity\_IndianAsian | Dummy variable for Indian/Asian students | Yes/No |
| Ethnicity\_White | Dummy variable for white students | Yes/No |
| DegreeProgramme | For which degree(s) are you currently studying at UNISA? (Round 1) | Drop down list |
| DegreeProgramme2 | For which degree(s) are you currently studying at UNISA? (Round 2) | Open-ended, qualitative |
| StudyLevel | At what level are you currently studying? | Multiple Choice |
| FT\_PT | Are you currently studying full time or part time? | Multiple Choice |
| Parents\_University | Did your parents or guardians attend a university? | Multiple Choice |
| Parents\_OneStudied | One parent went to university | Yes/No |
| Parents\_BothStudied | Both parents went to university | Yes/No |
| Parents\_AtLeastOne | At least one parent went to university | Yes/No |
| Funding | How are you funding your studies at UNISA? | Multiple Choice |
| Funding1 | NSFAS | Yes/No |
| Funding2 | Other Bursary or Loan | Yes/No |
| Funding3 | Self Funding | Yes/No |
| FinancialResponsibility | How many people are you financially responsible for? | Drop down list |
| ShareHome | How many people do you share your home with? | Drop down list |
| Computer\_Home | Access to computer at home | Yes/No |
| Computer\_Work | Access to computer at work | Yes/No |
| Computer\_Public | Access to computer in a public location (library, internet cafe, etc) | Yes/No |
| Computer\_UNISACentre | Access to computer in UNISA centre | Yes/No |
| Internet\_Home | Internet access at home | Yes/No |
| Internet\_Work | Internet access at work | Yes/No |
| Internet\_Public | Internet access in public (library, internet cafe,etc) | Yes/No |
| Internet\_UNISACentre | Internet access at UNISA centre | Yes/No |
| Mobile\_Home | Mobile access at home | Yes/No |
| Mobile\_Work | Mobile access at work | Yes/No |
| Mobile\_Public | Mobile access in public (library, internet cafe, etc) | Yes/No |
| Mobile\_UNISA | Mobile access at UNISA centre | Yes/No |
| Quiet\_Home | Quiet working space at home | Yes/No |
| Quiet\_Work | Quiet working space at work | Yes/No |
| Quiet\_Public | Quiet working space in public (library, internet cafe, etc) | Yes/No |
| Quiet\_UNISA | Quiet working space at UNISA | Yes/No |
| ResourcesOther | Other explanation | Open-ended, qualitative |
| StudentType | Categories of citizenship and living location | Multiple Choice |
| StudentType1 | South African living in South Africa | Yes/No |
| StudentType2 | South African living outside South Africa | Yes/No |
| StudentType3 | International student living in South Africa | Yes/No |
| StudentType4 | International student living outside South Africa | Yes/No |