

Intersectionality and Identity Social Group Membership Profile

Part 1: Fill in your identity for each category below:

Identities	Your Identity
Race *	
Ethnicity *	
Gender	
Sexual Orientation	
Religion **	
Spirituality **	
Socio-economic Class	
National Origin	
First Language	
Family Background (single parent/co-parents/foster family)	
Age	
On-campus or Off-campus Employment	
Academic Discipline or Major	

* Race is associated with biology, whereas ethnicity is associated with culture. Race and ethnicity can obviously overlap, but they are distinct. For example, a Chinese-American would probably consider herself a member of the Chinese or East Asian race, but, if she doesn't engage in any of the practices or customs of her ancestors, she might not identify with the ethnicity, but might instead consider herself to be American.

** Religion is a specific set of organized beliefs and practices, usually shared by a community or group. Spirituality is more of an individual practice, and it has to do with having a sense of peace and purpose.

Part 2: From the chart above, write the one identity that best fits each statement below. (Please write at least one paragraph for each question.)

1. The identity that you think of the most often. Why?

2. The identity that you think about the least. Why?

3. The identity that has the strongest effect, positively or negatively, on how you perceive your writing skills/abilities. Why?

4. The identity that has the greatest effect, positively or negatively, on how others recognize your writing skills/abilities. Why?