

A Survey on Study Methods

This Survey is carried out as part of Statistical Inference module for MSc in Computer Science at University of Moratuwa. The purpose of this study is done to understand how different habits of students influence overall academic performance. We don't collect any personally identifiable information. All the data collected will be used for academic purposes only. Your privacy and confidentiality are guaranteed.

*Required

1. Please select your gender

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Prefer not to say

2. Which of the following methods of assessments do you generally score the most at? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Year end and mid year exams
- ☐ In class quiz based assessments which carry smaller weightage but are conducted regularly
- ☐ Take home assessments which involve a practical application of what was learned
- ☐ Evaluation and presentation of research findings
- ☐ Other: _____

3. Please select the age group you belong to

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 18 - 23
- ☐ 24 - 30
- ☐ 31 - 40
- ☐ 40 <

4. Please enter the Name of the University or Institution you are currently studying at *

5. Which faculty do you belong to? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Arts
- ☐ Business / Management / Finance
- ☐ Law
- ☐ Medicine
- ☐ Other

6. What is your specialization or field of study? *

7. When did you graduate or what is your expected year of graduation? *

8. Which year of the program are you are currently following? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ 1st Year
- ☐ 2nd Year
- ☐ 3rd Year
- ☐ 4th Year
- ☐ Graduated

9. How often do you miss lectures? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Very Often

10. On average which of the following is true with respect to your exam results? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ I get mostly A's and rarely lower
- ☐ I get a mix of A's and B's but rarely lower
- ☐ A mix of different grades but always pass
- ☐ I tend to fail some subjects but generally pass most of my subjects

11. Score the following ways to relax on a scale of 1 - 3 (3 being most preferred), based on your preference (Please answer all) *

Mark only one oval per row.

	1	2	3
Take part in some physical activities such as sports (cricket, football, badminton, tennis etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playing network video games with friends (cod, dota, cs etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surfing a media platform such as youtube, vimeo etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spend time hanging out talking to friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spend some time at a natural setting such as the beach, park, mountain range	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spend time reading a good book	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spending time in the library doing some academic research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. How much time do you spend actively on social media in a day? Social media includes platforms such as Youtube, Whatsapp, Facebook, Viber, Linkedin etc.) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ less than 1 hours
- ☐ 1 to 2 hours
- ☐ 2 to 3 hours
- ☐ 3 to 4 hours
- ☐ 4 hours or more

13. What percentage of this time on social media would you say is for academic reasons? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ I don't use social media for academic reasons
- ☐ 10 - 20%
- ☐ 21 - 40%
- ☐ 41% - 60%
- ☐ 60% upwards

14. How many hours do you sleep on average each day? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Less than 4 hours
- ☐ 4 hours to 5 hours
- ☐ 5 hours to 6 hours
- ☐ 6 hours to 7 hours
- ☐ More than 7 hours

15. How much time you do spend studying in a day **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ less than 1 hour
- ☐ 1 to 2 hours
- ☐ 2 to 4 hours
- ☐ More than 4 hours

16. Please answer each row; what is your usage of these study techniques? **Mark only one oval per row.*

	Don't Use	Use Sometimes	Always Use
Heavily depend on memorizing concepts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use physical books and notes rather than online tools or apps and e-books	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make and use flash cards for studying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Listening to music while studying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exercise before starting to study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make use of mind mapping tools to map connections between concepts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change the locations and places that you study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Keeping a specific place where you study and make sure it has everything you need there	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teach others in order to learn it better yourselves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Depend on breaking down the concept to very basic concepts to really understand it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making and keeping to a schedule studying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mixing up the subjects of study so that you are not studying one thing all the time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making sure to study where it is absolutely quiet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Keeping very detailed notes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recording and listening to lectures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Are there any other methods that you make use of that were not mentioned above?

18. Which of the following statements best represent you when preparing for an exam? **Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Do all the questions in past papers from the last five years end to end
- ☐ Find out the most likely topics of the exam and study just those areas
- ☐ Study all the topics in the course (I am studying for the knowledge and not the exam)
- ☐ Collate notes from the best students on the day before the exam and use that for preparation
- ☐ I generally go with very little extra preparation, other than what I learn from lectures

19. Which of these is most describes you in the days leading up to an important exam? I generally sleep; **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ less than 2 hours a day
- ☐ 2 to 4 hours a day
- ☐ 4 to 6 hours a day
- ☐ More than 6 hours a day
- ☐ There is no difference to my regular sleep schedule

20. Which of these best describes you a day before an important exam? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Stay up all night studying
- ☐ Study during the day and get a good nights rest
- ☐ Wake up early morning for some last minute studying
- ☐ Only review my notes during the morning of the exam

21. Tick the statements which would be the most representative of you: **Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ I agree with the rule of 80% attendance for classes; I think its very important to attend all lectures
- ☐ For each subject I make sure to do all the recommended reading
- ☐ I prefer to study off the internet rather than the recommended text books
- ☐ I review my class notes within one to two day of the class in which they were taken.
- ☐ I take notes during lectures that I attend, which I make use of when studying for an exam
- ☐ I have separate files for each of the lectures notes of each subject I am taking

22. What was your GPA in your last completed year? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ between 1 - 2
- ☐ between 2 - 3
- ☐ between 3 - 3.2
- ☐ between 3.2 - 3.5
- ☐ between 3.5 - 3.8
- ☐ 3.8 and higher

23. How happy are you with your University's current method of assessment? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Very Happy
- ☐ Somewhat Happy
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat Unhappy
- ☐ Very Unhappy

24. What if any recommendations for change would you make?

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