

USENUA Project

Undergraduate Student English Needs and Uses Assessment Project

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the USENUA Project is to provide the Kingdom, the University, and the English Language Institute with the information they need to develop academic programs that utilize undergraduate student knowledge of the English language in the best way possible. The project consists of a randomly administered survey and examination of the KAU undergraduate student body. A final report including an executive summary will be delivered to the relevant university faculty and department heads.

Requested Variables and Data

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

Purpose of Request: In order to constitute focus groups and insure the integrity of data it may become necessary to contact a particular student during the course of the study. The student's registration number would provide us with a means of contact that would not comprise the student's right to privacy.

Requested Variable:

000101 Registration (Matriculation, Enrolment) Number

STUDENT'S CURRENT ACADEMIC STATUS

Purpose of Request: Student use of, and need for the English language is expected to vary across faculties, departments, and academic years. Further, it is important to know how a student's knowledge of the English language affects his overall academic and program performance. Finally, we would like to know the extent to which language acquisition and attrition take place after a student has completed his foundation year.

Requested Variables:

000102 Enrolment Status (Regular, External, Online)

000103 Faculty or College

000104 Department

000105 Total Credits

000106 Program Credits

000107 GPA

STUDENT'S PREVIOUS SCHOOLING

Purpose of Request: In order to assess the success or failure of the foundation program it is important to know the knowledge level of a student before he enters the program. Also, for the purpose of recruitment and placement it would be useful to know something about a student's previous educational background.

Requested Variables:

000108 University Entrance Examination Score

000109 English Placement Examination Score

000110 High School Type (Normal, Commercial, Industrial)

STUDENT'S PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Purpose of Request: Language acquisition and attrition depend on many factors. The following list of control variables will help us to determine better the relationship between student academic performance and his knowledge and use of the English language.

Requested Variables:

- 000111 Nationality**
- 000112 Date of Birth**
- 000113 Place of Birth: (Zipcode, If Possible)**
- 000114 Sex**
- 000115 Marital Status**
- 000116 Health Condition (Normal, Disabled)**

CURRENT GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND INTERNET USE

Purpose of Request: Like the above personal characteristics a student's geographical location and his use of the internet can reflect and/or influence his *use, knowledge, and need* for the English language.

Requested Variables:

- 000117 Zip Code (or Address)**
- 000118 eMail (Domain Name)**

GENERAL COMMENT AND REQUEST: Based on the above explanation and requests for variables and data please provide us with any additional variables that you might have that could help us better understand undergraduate student *use, knowledge, and need* of the English language as it relates to his/her undergraduate and aspired graduate studies at King Abdul-Aziz University.

If you are able to provide us with additional variables and data, please follow the above numbering scheme with its provision.

Thank you for your cooperation and timely response.
The USENUA Project Research Team