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2. **Your age:** (write in)

3. **Your major:**
   1. Social science
   2. Arts and Humanities
   3. Psychology
   4. Pre-social work
   5. Nursing
   6. Pre-law
   7. Education
   8. Pre-med
   9. Forensic studies
   10. Health sciences/Education
   11. Physical sciences
   12. Physical education
   13. Engineering
   14. Religion
   15. Other __________________________

   (write in)

4. **Year in School:**
   1. Freshman
   2. Sophomore
   3. Junior
   4. Senior
   5. Graduate
   6. Other __________________________

   (write in)

5. **Average Grade Point Average:**
   (4.0 = "A", 3.0 = "B", etc.)
   1. 4.0
   2. 3.5
   3. 3.0
   4. 2.5
   5. 2.0
   6. Under 2.0

6. **Race:**
   1. White or Caucasian
   2. Black or Afro-American
   3. Spanish American
   4. Oriental or Asian American
   5. Native American Indian
   6. Foreign Student
   7. Other __________________________

   (write in)

7. **What religion were you brought up in?**
   1. Roman Catholic
   2. Jewish
   3. Protestant (religion allows drinking of alcoholic beverages)
   4. Protestant (religion does **not** allow drinking)
   5. None or other __________________________

   (write in)

8. **How important is religion to you?**
   1. Very important
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   4. Not important

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