

Career Guidance Questionnaire "ORIENTAUNI"

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Instructions

The Social Council of the University of Zaragoza, through its research team from the Faculty of Education, has prepared this questionnaire in order to examine the preferences and expectations of students in their last year of non-compulsory education in Aragón in the process of transition to their university studies.

We sincerely appreciate your participation.

Please read the following instructions carefully.

This document is accompanied by two answers sheets, A and B. When you receive the sheets, you can see that the identifier, top right, starts with 4 digits (centre code). First write in the spaces following the identifier THE LAST FOUR DIGITS and the LETTER of your I.D. card. If this is a NIE card, only use the LAST FOUR DIGITS. Look at the example of how you would indicate it with your ID number: 11228304-H

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This questionnaire contains 65 questions. Please give well-thought out and sincere answers. Your answers will not be given to your teachers.

Read each question carefully, and if you want to reply, make a horizontal mark on a chosen option A, B, C, D or E, for the corresponding question on the answer sheet. Only one option should be marked. If you want to cancel the option make a mark below in the "cancel" row and mark your desired option again. You can cancel and change twice. There are 7 open questions: 5 are answered at the bottom of answer sheet A, for questions (18, 21, 59, 60 and 61) and 2 on answer sheet B (64 and 65).

Once again, many thanks.

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PART A - IDENTIFICATION DATA

1	Baccalaureate Mode (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	Arts and Social Sciences.
B	Natural and Health Science.
C	Technology.
D	Arts.

2	Sex (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	Male
B	Female

3	Year of Birth (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	1992
B	1991
C	1990
D	1989
E	Before 1989

PART B – FAMILY SITUATION

4	Father's qualifications (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	No qualifications
B	Primary education
C	Vocational training
D	Baccalaureate
E	University education

5	Mother's qualifications (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	No qualifications
B	Primary education
C	Vocational training
D	Baccalaureate
E	University education

6	Father's occupation (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	Unemployed
B	Unskilled jobs (e.g. workman, street sweeper, etc.).
C	Semi-skilled jobs (e.g. mechanic, hairdresser, electrical fitter, etc.).
D	Higher skilled jobs (e.g. lawyer, doctor, etc.).
E	Business man (small-medium-large companies).

7	Mother's occupation (Mark one option on the answer sheet A)
A	Unemployed
B	Unskilled jobs (e.g. construction employee, street sweeper, etc.).
C	Semi-skilled jobs (e.g. mechanic, hairdresser, electrical fitter, etc.).
D	Higher skilled jobs (e.g. lawyer, doctors, etc.).
E	Business woman (small-medium-large companies)

8	Are your parents retired? (Mark one option on answer sheet A).
A	My father
B	My mother
C	Both
D	Neither

9	Do you have older brothers or sisters who are studying or have studied at the University? (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	Yes
B	No

PART C – FUTURE STATUS

10	Once you finish your last year at high school, what do you think you will do? (Mark ONE and ONLY ONE option on answer sheet A)
A	Training Course
B	University Studies
C	Get a job
D	I am undecided

11	Who has influenced your previous decision? Leave blank if none of the following people have influenced you. (Mark ONE and ONLY ONE option, the most influential for you on answer sheet A).
A	Parents
B	Brothers and sisters
C	Friends
D	Teachers
E	Career councillor

12	If you chose any of the above options, state the degree to which that person has influenced you. (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	1 (minimum: very little influence)
B	2
C	3
D	4
E	5 (maximum: Determined my decision)

13	What has influenced you on your earlier decision? Leave blank if none of the following proposed options has influenced you. (Mark ONE and ONLY ONE option, the most relevant for you, on answer sheet A)
A	Information, talks ... on the career prospects of the studies.
B	The careers guidance councillor and / or tests that you have been given.
C	Your personal interest for a particular profession.
D	A TV series, a film, the media, etc.
E	Others.

14	If you chose any of the above options, state the degree to which it has influenced you (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	1 (minimum: very little influence)
B	2
C	3
D	4
E	5 (maximum: Determined my decision)

15	Have you changed your opinion about this decision throughout the year? (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	Yes
B	No

16	Who has given you information about the courses to choose at university? (Mark ONE and ONLY ONE option on answer sheet A)
A	Career guidance councillor
B	Course tutor
C	Teachers
D	Centre management
E	I have not received information

17	Did you think this was enough information? (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	1 (poor)
B	2
C	3
D	4
E	5 (more than enough)

18	Indicate in order of priority, the three university degrees you'd like to do, Regardless of whether you have not currently decided to study at university. (Careful, this question should be answered at the bottom of answer sheet A)
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19	Regarding the option you have chosen in the first place, indicate which of the following statements comes closest to what you think: (<i>Careful</i> , mark ONE and ONLY ONE option on the top of answer sheet A and on the correct question number)
A	This is the only university qualification that would satisfy me.
B	It is among several that could satisfy me.
C	I am not sure if I will be satisfied with the university degree I have chosen in first place.

20	Has the fact that some degrees can not be studied in the Region where you live, influenced your decision? (Mark the option on answer sheet A)
A	Yes
B	No

21	If you answered "yes" indicate what you would have liked to study. (<i>Careful</i> , answer this question at the bottom of answer sheet A)
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22	The degree you would like to study is that which would enable you work in the same job as ... (<i>Careful</i> , mark ONE and ONLY ONE option on the bottom part of answer sheet A on the correct question number).
A	Your father
B	Your mother
C	Other relatives
D	Friends
E	No one you know

23	Does the choice of your degree coincide with what your parents want you to do? (Mark the option on the answer sheet)
A	Yes
B	No

24	If you answered NO, indicate which of these options comes close to your situation. (Mark the option on answer sheet A)
A	I sense that my parents would like me to do something else, but they have never meddled in this issue.
B	My parents have told me they would like to do something else, but finally accepted my decision.
C	My parents have told me they would like me to do something else, and we're still negotiating on the issue.
D	My parents did not accept my decision at all, but I shall do what I want.
E	My parents did not accept my decision at all and I am compelled to do what they want.

PART D – VALUES AND OPTIONS

25	Mark the reason why you would choose your profession: (Mark ONE and ONLY ONE option on answer sheet A)
A	To be able to reach positions of responsibility (promotion).
B	Have a high income.
C	To have enough free time for other things.
D	To have more job opportunities.
E	To be able to contribute to improving society and helping others.

26	Mark the reason why you are going to study your university degree: (Mark a ONE and ONLY ONE option on answer sheet A)
A	Because I like the subject matter.
B	Because I am good at the subjects that are related to the degree.
C	Because I will be able to enjoy the degree.
D	Because I will be able to have a good time with my colleagues.
E	I have no particular reason.

27	With which of these statements do you agree with most. My choice will provide me a job: (Mark ONE and ONLY ONE option on answer sheet A)
A	Which is dynamic, interesting, varied.
B	With social prestige and admired by others
C	With a stable salary.
D	Where you can learn continuously.
E	Which allows me to be original and creative.

28	If you opt to go to university, do you expect major changes? (Mark ONE and ONLY ONE option on answer sheet A)
A	Yes
B	No

29	If you answered Yes, mark the change that may be most relevant for you: (Mark ONE and ONLY ONE option, the one closest to your expectations, on answer sheet A)
A	That the teachers teach differently.
B	That the subjects will be most interesting for me.
C	There may be better facilities for training (library, cafeteria, sports ...)
D	That I will be able to meet and live with other students, participate in exchange programs, etc ...
E	That I can decide to attend class or not and organize things myself.

30	In your case, which of the following statements comes closer to what is true for you? (Mark <i>ONE</i> and <i>ONLY ONE</i> option on answer sheet A)
A	I have wanted to study since I was small.
B	I'm considering several possibilities, but I think I have already decided what I want to study.
C	There are so many things to consider when choosing between certain degrees it is very difficult to make a decision.
D	I have never known what I want to study.

PART E – TRANSVERSAL SKILLS (Based on the Tuning project)

Read these skills and value their importance in your future degree, knowing that:

- A. Highly (9-10)
- B. Rather (7-8)
- C. Sufficiently (5-6)
- D. Somewhat (3-4)
- E. Not (1-2)

(For each question mark *ONE* and *ONLY ONE* option on answer sheet A)

31	Facility for obtaining key information from a text, and to summarize the main ideas.	A	B	C	D	E
32	Ability to put theoretical knowledge into practice.	A	B	C	D	E
33	Knowing how to plan and manage time.	A	B	C	D	E
34	Having the basic knowledge in order to devote myself to the profession.	A	B	C	D	E
35	Being sufficiently proficient in oral and written communication in your mother tongue.	A	B	C	D	E
36	Having suitable language skills in a second language.	A	B	C	D	E
37	Having basic computer skills.	A	B	C	D	E
38	Having the ability to learn new things.	A	B	C	D	E

39	Ability to search for and analyze information from different sources.	A	B	C	D	E
40	Ability for criticism and self-criticism.	A	B	C	D	E
41	Facility to adapt to new situations.	A	B	C	D	E
42	Capable of having new ideas.	A	B	C	D	E
43	Knowing how to solve problems.	A	B	C	D	E
44	Knowing how to make decisions on your own.	A	B	C	D	E
45	Ability to work as part of a team.	A	B	C	D	E
46	Ability to work with people.	A	B	C	D	E
47	Facility to manage projects, people and a company, etc.	A	B	C	D	E
48	Predisposition to communicate properly with non-experts in the field.	A	B	C	D	E
49	Valuing diversity and multiculturalism.	A	B	C	D	E
50	Ability to work in a context outside Spanish.	A	B	C	D	E

51	Ability to work independently.	A	B	C	D	E
52	Knowing how to design and carry out a project.	A	B	C	D	E
53	Having Initiative and an entrepreneurial spirit.	A	B	C	D	E
54	Have an ethical commitment to your work.	A	B	C	D	E
55	Interest in doing the job as well as possible.	A	B	C	D	E
56	Gearing your work towards effectively achieving targets.	A	B	C	D	E

PART F – SCHOOL AND ACADEMIC SITUATION

57	What was your grade point average on finishing ESO (Compulsory Secondary Education?) (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	Pass
B	Good
C	Very Good
D	Excellent

58	What was your grade point average at the end got of 1st year of non-compulsory secondary education (Baccalaureate)? (Mark one option on answer sheet A)
A	I still have some subjects pending
B	Pass
C	Good
D	Very Good
E	Excellent

59	Indicate your favourite subject. (Careful, this question should be answered at the bottom of answer sheet A)
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60	Indicate the subject that you find easiest. <i>(Careful, this question should be answered at the bottom of answer sheet A)</i>
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61	Indicate the subject that you find most difficult. <i>(Careful, this question should be answered at the bottom of answer sheet A)</i>
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62	What is your average grade point at present in non-compulsory secondary education (Baccalaureate)? <i>(Careful, mark ONE and ONLY ONE option at the top of answer sheet A, on the correct question number.)</i>
A	I have a pending assessment
B	Pass
C	Good
D	Very Good
E	Excellent

63	Do you think your final average will allow you to choose what you want to study? <i>(Mark an option on answer sheet A)</i>
A	Yes
B	No
C	I do not know

64	Please specify all the observations you consider appropriate (e.g. about the questionnaire, its content, your situation, your impressions, questions, concerns, etc ...) <i>(Careful, answer this question on answer sheet B)</i>

65	If, you finally decide to enrol at the University of Zaragoza, we will be in contact with you again. Please include your address, e-mail and phone number. Thank you <i>(Careful, use answer sheet B).</i>

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