

## Kowalik-Fish Summer Session Motivation Inventory

### Reasons for Attending Summer Session

Directions: The purpose of this study is to understand the factors that influence students' decisions to attend Summer Session, here at this institution as well as at other college campuses. Below are some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend Summer Session in general. How important was each reason in your decision to participate? (If an item is not applicable, please mark response 1.)

5 Very Important  
 4 Quite Important  
 3 Somewhat Important  
 2 Slightly Important  
 1 Not Important/NA

*I decided to take courses during the summer because:*

1. I was required to do so.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I wanted to take a specific or unique course offered only in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5
3. I wanted to take a course that I couldn't fit into the regular academic year.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I wanted to take a course to fulfill degree requirements.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I wanted to take a course to complete a prerequisite.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I wanted to take a course to make up a failed course.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I wanted to take a course to catch up on credits.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I wanted to finish my academic program in four years.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I wanted to take extra courses to get a second major or minor and still graduate in four years.	1	2	3	4	5
10. I wanted to lighten my course load during the academic year.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I wanted to get prerequisite courses out of the way to meet graduate or professional school application deadlines.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I wanted to graduate early.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I wanted to improve a grade in a course.	1	2	3	4	5
14. I wanted to improve my GPA.	1	2	3	4	5
15. I wanted to get a head start on college before my freshman year.	1	2	3	4	5
16. I wanted to take a course for college admission.	1	2	3	4	5
17. I wanted to learn in a relaxed, informal atmosphere and the environment on campus is less stressful in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5
18. Courses are easier in summer.	1	2	3	4	5
19. Homework loads are less in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5
20. Grading is easier in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5

21. It is easier to learn when I only have to focus on one class.	1	2	3	4	5
22. Class size is smaller and more intimate in the summer allowing more interaction between the students and professors.	1	2	3	4	5
23. I prefer the condensed timeframe of summer classes.	1	2	3	4	5
24. I retain more in summer with classes every day.	1	2	3	4	5
25. There are numerous evening courses available during Summer Session.	1	2	3	4	5
26. There are fewer people and distractions on campus and I am able to concentrate on class work better in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5
27. The summer schedule allows me to have a job while attending classes.	1	2	3	4	5
28. I could pick up a job because Summer Session classes are held the same time every day.	1	2	3	4	5
29. I decided on a new career and attending Summer Session was the fastest way to make the move.	1	2	3	4	5
30. I am able to take a course and work with a specific professor.	1	2	3	4	5
31. Faculty are more flexible and relaxed in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5
32. I can do research with professors in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5
33. I wanted to take a course to improve job-related skills.	1	2	3	4	5
34. I couldn't get a job and I wanted to use my time wisely.	1	2	3	4	5
35. I was seeking personal enrichment not connected to a specific academic program.	1	2	3	4	5
36. I was seeking professional development not connected to a specific academic program.	1	2	3	4	5
37. My parents told me to take a course this summer.	1	2	3	4	5
38. I wanted to see what it is like to take courses in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5
39. I needed to earn summer credits/improve my GPA to maintain my eligibility for athletics or study abroad.	1	2	3	4	5
40. There was nothing better to do during the summer.					
41. Summer session courses are offered at reasonable tuition prices.	1	2	3	4	5
42. It's less expensive to take courses in the summer.	1	2	3	4	5