



## SURVEY FORM

### Background Information

1. Your full name
2. Student number
3. Date of birth
4. Degree and major
5. Country of origin
6. Is English your first language?
7. If English is not your first language, what was your IELTS / TOFEL / WUC test score?
8. Number of months in Australia
9. When you first arrived in Australia, your ability to speak English was (click in the relevant box)  
Very Good  Good  Average  Poor  Very Poor
10. Now, your ability to speak English is (click in the relevant box)  
Very Good  Good  Average  Poor  Very Poor

### Information on Living Arrangements

11. The postal code of your current place of residence is
12. Your current place of residence is  
 Hall of residence such as International House (for \_\_\_\_\_ months)  
 Rented accommodation  
 With a local family  
 Other (please specify)
13. In your current place of residence, you mainly interact with  
 Students from you own country of origin  
 Students from a country other than your own  
 Non-students
14. How many times have you changed your place of residence whilst a student at this University? \_\_\_\_\_ times.

### Information on Club Involvement

15. Are you a member of any of the following types of university based clubs or groups?

- Nationality (e.g. Indonesian student society)
- Faculty based/organized (e.g. computing club, marketing society)
- Sporting
- Religious
- Social
- Political
- Other (If so, what type)

16. Are you a member of any of the following non university based clubs or groups?

- Nationality
- Sporting
- Religious
- Social
- Political
- Other. (If so, what type)

17. In total, how many hours per week do you normally devote to club/group activities?

hours per week

18. Most of your fellow club/group members are from

- the same country of origin as you
- a different country of origin from you

19. How would you describe your involvement in these clubs/groups?

- Highly active (regularly attend events and help run the club/group)
- Active (regularly attend events)
- Passive (rarely attend events)

### Information on Employment

20. How many hours of paid work do you normally complete each week?

hours per week

21. In just a few words, describe your paid work (e.g. deliver pizzas, answer phone enquiries from customers, etc)

22. Have your English speaking skills improved because of your involvement in paid work?

- Yes
- No

23. You normally complete \_\_\_\_\_ hours of unpaid, voluntary work per week.

24. If you do work voluntarily, explain why, in just a few words.

### Information on your Network of Friends

25. How many close friends do you currently have?
26. Most of your close friends are  
 Fellow students     Non-students
27. Most of your close friends come from  
 the same country as you     a different country to you
28. Most of your university friends are  
 in the same year at university as you are  
 more advanced in their study than you are  
 less advanced in their study than you are
29. How many hours per week do you normally spend socializing with friends, outside of formal clubs or groups?          hours per week

### Information on your General Well-Being

30. After your first few weeks in Australia, your overall level of happiness was  Very High  High  Moderate  Low  Very Low
31. Now, your overall level of happiness is  
 Very High  High  Moderate  Low  Very Low

### Free Response Questions

32. What is the single service that the University of Wollongong is currently providing that most helps you with your academic studies?
33. What is the single additional service that the University of Wollongong could provide to help you with your academic studies?
34. What is the single service that your local (non-university) community is currently providing that most helps you with your academic studies?
35. What is the single additional service that your local community could provide to help you with your academic studies?

This survey is concerned with social capital impacts on academic performance. What other social factors, not included in the questions above, impact on your academic performance at the University of Wollongong?

Thanks again,

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