

Questionnaire Protocol No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Alfred University  
Department of Sociology

Dating and Rating at Alfred University

This questionnaire was compiled through the help of your fellow students who attend my course in Sociology 222 (Introduction to Social Research). We are interested to study the dating system here at Alfred University since this is such an important part of campus life. Such studies have been made on many other campuses in the United States and we would like to compare Alfred with these others.

We solicit your cooperation in this endeavor, asking that you complete the questionnaire as quickly as possible and return it to us in the attached stamped envelope. We need your reply before April 18. We ask you to give us careful answers since the usefulness of this study will depend upon your willingness to respond frankly and fully. We will place the results of this study on file for you to see if you are interested.

Your personal identity is quite secure. You do not sign your name and we have in no way marked the questionnaires. Our interest is not in individuals, but rather in how the Alfred dating system works.

Thank you for your help.

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General Instructions:

Please check only one item under each question except where indicated. If necessary, add a new item to fit your case. If you will glance through the whole questionnaire, you will get an idea of the sort of thing in which we are interested. You will see that Parts I and II contain background questions that help us understand you. In Part III you will find our specific question on dating.

Part One

These questions will give us some idea of your background and may help us to understand your dating activities here at Alfred.

1. Your sex is:

- Male
- Female

2. Your age at your last birthday was:

- 17 or less
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23 up

3. The approximate size of the town or city where you now live is:

- Below 2500
- 2500 to 25,000
- 25,000 to 100,000
- 100,000 to 500,000
- Over 500,000

4. How long have you lived there?

- less than one year
- 1 to 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- more than ten years

5. In what kind of an area have you lived most of your life?

- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural
- Other (specify)

6. In what religion have you been brought up?

- Catholic
- Protestant (specify)
- Jewish
- Other
- None

7. What is your own present religious preference?

- Catholic
- Protestant (specify)
- Jewish
- Other
- None

8. If either of your parents was born abroad, of non-American parents, please name the country of birth.

for Father \_\_\_\_\_  
for Mother \_\_\_\_\_

9. How would you describe your general ethnic background (for example, Irish, Polish, Italian, German, etc., or some combination?)

10. How would you describe your religious participation?

- active
- moderate
- inactive
- none

11. What is the present marital status of your parents? (If deceased see Q. 12)

- living together
- separated or divorced

12. Are either of your parents deceased?

- Yes
- No

13. If separated, divorced, or deceased, how long ago did this happen?

- under one year
- one to five years
- more than five years

14. How many brothers do you have?

- none
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

15. How many sisters do you have?

- none
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

16. In the living of your own life, do you consider religion

- very important
- reasonably important
- not very important
- unimportant

Would you explain, please.

17. What is (or was) your father's occupation?

18. Does your mother have a regular job outside the home?

- Yes
- No

19. What would you estimate to be the combined income of your father and mother?

- \$6,000 or below
- \$6,000 to \$12,000
- \$12,000 to \$15,000
- above \$15,000

20. What kind of a high school did you attend?

- Public School
- Boarding } Private School
- Community }
- Boarding } Parochial School
- Community }

21. Was your high school coeducational?

- Yes
- No

22. What was the approximate size of your graduating class?

- below 200
- 200 to 500
- above 500

23. How would you describe your dating activities in high school?

- frequent
- occasional
- none

Part Two

These questions will help us to understand you as a student at Alfred.

24. At Alfred in what part of the University are you enrolled?

- Liberal Arts
- Design
- Engineering
- Nursing

25. What is your academic status at Alfred?

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate

26. Are you:

- Full-time student
- Part-time student

27. What was your cumulative index at the end of last semester?

- below 2.00
- 2.00 to 3.00
- above 3.00

28. Are you:

- affiliated with a fraternity/sorority
- Independent

29. Do you have a part-time job during the school year?

- Yes
- No

30. Where do you live while attending Alfred?

- Dormitory
- Fraternity/Sorority
- Off campus in Alfred
- Off campus Not in Alfred

31. Which of the following types of activity are you presently participating in? (You may check more than one.)

- Varsity athletics
- Student Government
- Drama Club
- Honor Societies
- Academic clubs
- Publications
- Other (please specify.)
- None

32. Are you an officer of any club or organization?

- Yes
- No

33. Do you have a car with you while attending Alfred?

- Yes
- No

34. What would you say is your basic reason for attending Alfred?

- parental pressure
- higher education
- find a marriage partner
- avoid Uncle Sam
- other

35. Do you plan to do post-graduate study when you finish Alfred?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

36. Are you considering marrying before you graduate from Alfred?

- Yes
- No

Part Three

Now please tell us as accurately as possible the way you go about managing your dating activities. If you are no longer actively dating, answer the questions according to what you think would be your preferences.

37. What is your present dating status?

- married
- engaged
- pinned
- lavaliered
- sweatshirted
- going with one person
- unattached

38. We will ask you many things about dating in the following questions. But we are not sure just what social activities are included as "dating." Please check below what types of activities you include when you say you "go on a date." You may check more than one.

- pre-arranged meeting
- last minute arrangement
- group get-together (no specific partners)
- study break or other casual meeting
- casual everyday socializing (at the Campus Center, for example)
- other (please specify)

39. What is your attitude toward dating as a part of your student life at Alfred?

- very important
- important
- not very important
- no importance

Would you give some reasons for your answer?

40. If you are affiliated with a fraternity or sorority, would you say that your social life is:

- centered almost entirely around the fraternity/sorority
- mostly centered around the fraternity/sorority
- only partly centered around the fraternity/sorority
- has very little to do with the fraternity/sorority