

## **EUROSTUDENT SURVEY 2013**

The Eurostudent survey is a European-wide survey about the social, economic and living conditions of higher education students in EU states, covering the following topics:

- Demographics
- Accommodation & Travel
- Income & Expenditure
- Well-being
- Study Abroad

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#### **CURRENT STUDY SITUATION**

This section is about your current study situation. If you study more than one course at the same time, please fill-in the survey for your main course and keep to this course throughout the questionnaire.

Are you actively pursuing your studies in the current semester? [Single choice]

1	Yes, at a university in Ireland	
2	Yes, at an Institute of Technology in Ireland	Continue to Q1.1
3	Yes, at another Higher Education Institution in Ireland	
4	Yes, (temporarily) at a university abroad, outside Ireland (e.g. on Erasmus)	The questionnaire does not
5	No, I'm currently interrupting my studies (either officially or not)	apply to you. Please stop
6	No, I stopped studying	completion.
7	No, I already graduated	Thank you.

#### Q1.1 Which study programme are you currently enrolled in?

If you study more than one course at the same time, please fill-in the survey for your main course and keep to this course throughout the questionnaire. [Single choice]

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1	Higher Certificate		
2	Diploma		
3	Ordinary Bachelor Degree		
4	Honours Bachelor Degree		
5	Postgraduate Cert/Diploma		
6	Taught Masters Degree		
7	Research Masters Degree		
8	PhD		
9	Other, please specify:		

#### Q1.2 Which description best fits your current status as a student? [Single choice]

1	Full-time student
2	Part-time student

# Q1.3 Is your study programme formally defined as a distance learning programme, i.e. your presence is not required in a classroom setting? [Single choice]

1	Yes
2	No

#### Q1.4 At what college are you studying?

If you study at more than one higher education institution at the same time, please refer only to the higher education

institution where you attend the course you refer to above (in Q1.1).

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1	Athlone Institute of Technology	14	Limerick Institute of Technology	
2	Cork Institute of Technology	15	Mary Immaculate College	
3	Dublin City University	16	Mater Dei Institute of Education	
4	Dublin Institute of Technology	17	National College of Art & Design	
5	Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology	18	National University of Ireland, Galway	
6	Dundalk Institute of Technology	19	National University of Ireland, Maynooth	
7	Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	20	St. Angela's College of Education	
8	Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown	21	St. Patrick's College Drumcondra	
9	Institute of Technology, Carlow	22	Trinity College Dublin	
10	Institute of Technology, Sligo	23	University College Cork	
11	Institute of Technology, Tallaght	24	University College Dublin	
12	Institute of Technology, Tralee	25	University of Limerick	
13	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	26	Waterford Institute of Technology	

O1.5 What is your current main area of study?

<u>V1.5</u>	5 What is your current main area or study.				
1	Education	8	Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction		
2	Humanities & Arts	9	Agriculture/Veterinary		
3	Social Science	10	Health/Welfare		
4	Business	11	Sport/Leisure		
5	Law	12	Catering		
6	Science	13	Services		
7	Maths/Computing/Computer Science	14	Other, please specify:		

Q1.6 When di	l you start	your current	t study	y programme?
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	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years +
Q1.7 How many years long is the course in total?	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q1.8 What year of the course are you currently in?	1	2	3	4	5	6

#### Q1.9 What is the main teaching language of your study programme? [Single choice]

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1	English
2	Irish
3	Other

Q1.10 How did you apply for your current study programme, was it: [Single choice]

1	Through the CAO	Go to Q1.12		
2	Through HEAR	Continue to O1 11		
3	Through DARE	Continue to Q1.11		
4	Directly to the College Admission or Access Office, e.g. TAP			
5	Through the Springboard programme			
6	Through the Bluebrick system	Go to Q1.12		
7	Through the Postgraduate Application Centre (PAC)			
8	Other, please specify:			

Q1.11 If you entered college through HEAR or DARE, did you enter on reduced points?

1	Yes	s
2	No	
3	I do	on't know

#### Q1.12 Did you enter college as a mature student (23 years old plus)?

Is considered a mature student a student who is 23 years old plus on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of entry to an undergraduate study programme. A post-graduate student is considered a mature student if s/he enrolled in an undergraduate study programme as a mature student.

1	Yes	
2	No	

Q1.13 How important were each of the following reasons in your decision to enter your study programme?

-	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neither	Important	Very Important
1. For personal development	1	2	3	4	5
2. Interest in the subject	1	2	3	4	5
3. Professional/career development	1	2	3	4	5
4. Need to upskill due to unemployment	1	2	3	4	5
5. Recommendation of family/friend	1	2	3	4	5
6. Other, please specify:	1	2	3	4	5

# Q1.14 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your current study programme concerning the following areas?

areas:					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
1. Quality of teaching	1	2	3	4	5
2. Organisation of studies and timetable	1	2	3	4	5
3. Possibility to select from a broad variety of courses	1	2	3	4	5
4. College administration's attitude towards students	1	2	3	4	5
5. Teaching staff's attitude towards students	1	2	3	4	5
6. Study facilities (e.g. library, computers, buildings, classrooms)	1	2	3	4	5

#### STUDY BACKGROUND AND CAREER PROSPECTS

**Q2.1** What was the highest level of education you obtained on graduating from the secondary school system for the first time (i.e. without academic interruption)? For example, if you left the school system after graduating from Junior Certificate and returned back to the school system later to obtain the Leaving Certificate, the highest level obtained on graduating from the school system for the first time is Junior Certificate.

1	Junior Certificate
2	Leaving Certificate
3	Leaving Certificate Applied
4	FETAC Level 5 or 6 Award (formerly NCVA)
5	Foreign Qualification, e.g. A Level, Baccalaureate, please specify:

-	When did you obtain the qualification mentioned in Q2.1 above? Please enter the month and year your ved your results.
Mont	h Year
_	What qualifications, examinations or measures qualified you for entry into higher education? [Multiple ers possible]
1	Leaving Certificate
2	FETAC Level 5 or 6 Award (formerly NCVA)
3	Higher Education Access/Foundation course
4	Other further/adult education qualification
5	Recognised prior Learning

Q2.4 When did you obtain the most recent qualification, examination or measure, which qualified you for
entry into higher education? If you have entered multiple qualifications, examinations, measures under Q2.3,
please refer here only to the latest qualification, examination or measure.

1	Month	Year	
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Other, please specify:

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Q2.5 Where were you living when you completed the latest qualification mentioned in Q2.3 above?

International Qualification, e.g. A Level, Baccalaureate, please specify:

1	Antrim	12	Galway	23	Monaghan
2	Armagh	13	Kerry	24	Offaly
3	Carlow	14	Kildare	25	Roscommon
4	Cavan	15	Kilkenny	26	Sligo
5	Clare	16	Laois	27	Tipperary
6	Cork	17	Leitrim	28	Tyrone
7	Derry	18	Limerick	29	Waterford
8	Donegal	19	Longford	30	Westmeath
9	Down	20	Louth	31	Wexford
10	Dublin	21	Mayo	32	Wicklow
11	Fermanagh	22	Meath	33	Another EU country
				34	A non-EU country

Q2.6 How far is the place of residence mentioned above from the college you are now attending in kilometers?

Distance:	<b>kilometers</b> on average (one way)	
Distance:	(1  mile = 1.6  km)	

Q2.7 When did you enter higher education for the first time? If your current study programme is your first study	ly
programme in higher education, i.e. the date of first entry is as indicated in Q1.6, please tick the corresponding box	
below.	

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	My curren	t study	programme	is my	first	study	programme	in higher	education

Q2.8 Did you have a paid job before entering higher education for the first time? [Single choice]

1	Yes, working/vocational training (e.g. apprenticeship) for at least one year <u>and</u> at least 20 hours per week.
2	Yes, less than 1 year or less than 20 hours a week
3	No

#### Q2.9 Have you ever taken a break of at least one year after entering higher education?

[Multiple answers possible].

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1	Yes, I interrupted between entering higher education and graduating from higher education for the first study
	programme I enrolled in
2	Yes, I interrupted between graduating from higher education and re-entering higher education
3	No, I did not interrupt my education career after entering higher education

## Q2.10 How do you rate your chances on the labour market after graduating from your current study

programme?

	Very Poor	Poor	Neither	Good	Very Good	Don't Know
1. On national level	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. On international level	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q2.11 Do you plan to continue studying after finishing your current study programme(s)? [Single choice]

1	Yes, within a year after graduating from my current study programme	Continue to Q2.12	
2	Yes, but not within a year after graduating from my current study programme		
3	No, I do not plan to continue studying at all	Co to 02 14	
4	4 I don't know yet Go to Q2.14		

**Q2.12** At what level do you plan to continue studying? [Single choice]

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1	Higher Certificate
2	Diploma
3	Ordinary Bachelor Degree
4	Honours Bachelor Degree
5	Postgraduate Cert/Diploma
6	Taught Masters Degree
7	Research Masters Degree
8	PhD
9	Other, please specify:

**Q2.13** Where do you plan to continue studying? [Single choice]

1	In Ireland
2	In another EU country
3	In a non-EU country
4	I don't know yet

If you responded "Yes, within a year after graduating from my current study programme" (Option 1 at Q2.11), please go to Q3.1

#### Q2.14 What do you plan to do within a year after finishing your current study programme? [Single choice]

1	Look for paid employment
2	Continue my current paid employment/job/occupation
3	Set-up my own business (self-employed)
4	Do something else, please specify:
5	I don't know yet

## LIVING CONDITIONS

In this section, 'where you live' is understood as the place where you usually stay during the study term/semester (Monday to Friday). It might or might not coincide with your family home.

#### Q3.1 Who do you live with during the study term/semester (Monday until Friday)? [Multiple answers possible]

1	Parent(s)/guardian(s)
2	Partner/spouse
3	My child(ren) and/or my partner's child(ren)
4	With another relative(s), e.g. siblings, grandparents
5	A private landlord, i.e. in lodgings
6	With another student(s)
7	With another person(s) not mentioned above
8	I live alone

## Q3.2 What accommodation do you live in during the study term/semester (Monday until Friday)? Please tick

the accommodation that best applies [Single choice]

1	My parents' property accommodation
2	A relative's property accommodation
3	My partner/spouse's property accommodation
4	A private landlord's property accommodation
5	A council accommodation
6	A student accommodation, i.e. dormitory or halls of residence
7	A property I fully/jointly own
8	A property not mentioned above

#### Q3.3 Do you pay a rent for your accommodation?

1	Yes
2	No

#### Q3.4 How satisfied are you with your accommodation?

Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
1	2	3	4	5

Q3.5 What are your (most) frequently used modes of transportation to get from where you live to your higher education institution during the current semester?

	Frequently Used Modes [Multiple answers possible]	Most Frequent Mode [Single choice]
Foot	1	1
Bicycle	2	2
Car	3	3
Motorbike or similar	4	4
Public transport	5	5
Other	6	6

Q3.6	On a typical da	ay during the current	semester, v	what is the time	e and distan	ce you cove	r from	where you
live t	o your higher ed	ducation institution?						

Time:	minutes on average (one way)
Distance:	<b>kilometers</b> on average (one way) (1 mile = 1.6 km)

Q3.7 What is the average monthly disposable income (in Euro) at your disposal from the following sources during the current semester? At your disposal is the money which is meant for monthly consumption, no matter when it was earned, in Euro. Please report the amount you really receive (e.g. cash, transfer on bank account) and exclude indirect financial support (e.g. rent or tuition fees that are paid by your parents directly to the landlord or college). Please enter your best estimates.

college). Please enter your best estimates.  Add a '0' if you did not receive any income from a certain	Average Amount in Euro
source.	(per month)
1. Provision from family/partner	
Financial Support f	rom Public Sources
2. Higher Education Grant	
3. Student Assistance Fund	
4. Other public sources (e.g. child benefit, pension)	
Financial Support from Private	e Sources, e.g. bank, foundation
5. Repayable student loan	
6. Scholarship	
7. Other private sources	
Self-earne	ed Income
8. From current paid job	
9. From previous job (e.g. during holiday)	
TOTAL AMOUNT	

# Q3.8.1 What are your <u>average monthly expenses</u> (in Euro), i.e. all regular costs, for the following items during the current semester? Please exclude costs for items like washing machine, travelling (for holidays/fun) etc. Please enter your best estimates

Living costs per month  Add '0' if no money was spent on a certain type of costs.	I pay out of my own pocket (in Euro per month)	Paid by parents/ partner/others for me (in Euro per month)
1. Total accommodation cost (rent/mortgage including utilities, water, electricity)		
2. Food		
3. Transportation		
4. Communication (telephone, internet etc.)		
5. Health costs (e.g. medical insurance)		
6. Childcare		
7. Debt payment (except mortgage)		
8. Social and leisure activities		
9. Other regular living costs (clothing, toiletries, pets, insurance [except medical insurance])		
TOTAL		

## Q3.8.2 What are your average expenses (in Euro) per semester for the following needs? Please enter your best estimates.

Study-related costs per semester  Add '0' if no money was spent on a certain type of costs.	I pay out of my own pocket (in Euro per semester)	Paid by parents/ partner/others for me (in Euro per semester)
1. Tuition fees, registration fees, examination fees,		
administrative fees		
2. Contributions to the college and student		
associations, e.g. membership to clubs and societies		
3. Learning materials (e.g. books, photocopying, DVDs, field trips)		
4. Other regular study-related costs (e.g. private tutoring, additional courses)		
TOTAL		

#### Q3.9 Did you or your parents claim a tax relief in respect of tuition fees paid?

1	l	Yes
2	۱ ک	No
3		Don't know

# Q3.10 The National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030 (HUNT 2011) recommends the introduction of a new form of direct student contribution based on an upfront fee with a deferred payment facility. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

extent to journage of disagree with the for	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly Agree
Ireland can no longer afford free student fees	1	2	3	4	5

Q3.11 Please provide any additional comments you may have on student fees:

Q3.12 To what extent are	e you currently exp	eriencing fina	ncial difficult	ties?		
No Difficulty					Serious	s Difficulties
1	2	3		4		5
Q3.13 Do you have a paid	d job or paid interi	nship during tl	he current se	mester? [Singl	e choice]	
Yes, I work during the	e whole semester				Continue to	.03.14
Yes, I work from time	to time during the s	semester			Continue to	Q3.14
No, I don't work durin	ng the semester				Go to Q3.19	•
Q3.14 How many hours of Paid jobs: hours/wee Q3.15 To what extent do	ek		-		eek during a so	emester?
		Not at All				Totally
. I work to fund my living	5	1	2	3	4	5
2. I work to improve my liv	ving standards	1	2	3	4	5
3. I work to gain experienc narket	e in the labour	1	2	3	4	5
1. I work because I have from	ee time to spend	1	2	3	4	5
Q3.16 How closely relate	d is your job to the	content of you	ur study prog	gramme?		
Not Close at All		Neithe	er		Ver	y Closely
1	2	3		4		5
Q3.17 Which of the follow		r current situa	ntion best? [S	Single choice]		
Primarily, I am a stu						
<ul><li>I work and I study to</li><li>I am more occupied</li></ul>		tivities than +	, etudice			
Q3.18 How does this job	affect your acaden					
Negatively		Neithe	er		Po	sitively
1	2	3		4		5
Q3.19 Did you have a pai	id job during any t	erm break in t	the last 12 mo	onths?		
1 Yes						
2 No						

Q3.20 How many hours do you spend in a typical week in taught courses and on personal study time?

Try to remember day by day and fill in the sum of hours over the whole week including the weekend. Add a '0' or

strike-out box if no hours were spent on an activity on the respective day.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Taught studies (lessons, seminars,							
labs, tests, etc.)							
Personal study time (like preparation,							
learning, homework)							

Q3.21 Looking at your workload based on the time you spend on study-related activities (=taught studies +

personal study time) and on paid jobs, please rate your satisfaction with your workload.

	I Want Less	Adequate		I Want More	
Time for study-related activities	1	2	3	4	5
Time for paid jobs	1	2	3	4	5
Total workload	1	2	3	4	5

Q3.22 How important are your studies compared to other activities for you?

Less Important				More Important
1	2	3	4	5

### INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

This section refers to foreign enrolment where the student left Ireland to study a certain period abroad. It does not include studies that have been started abroad and are continued now in Ireland.

**Q4.1** Have you ever been enrolled abroad as a student in higher education? Please only refer to temporary <u>study</u> periods outside of Ireland, for which your were enrolled/registered at a higher education institution abroad, i.e. exclude full study programmes undertaken abroad. [Single choice]

1	Yes I have	Go to Q4.2
2	No but I plan to go	Go to Q4.9
3	No, and I do not plan to go	Go to Q4.11

**Q4.2** What study programme were you studying for when you went abroad? [Multiple answer possible]

<u>Q</u> 7.2	what study programme were you studying for when you went abroad. [muniple this wer possible]
1	Higher Certificate
2	Diploma
3	Ordinary Bachelor Degree
4	Honours Bachelor Degree
5	Postgraduate Cert/Diploma
6	Taught Masters Degree
7	Research Masters Degree
8	PhD
9	Other, please specify:

#### For Q4.3 to Q4.8, if you have studied abroad more than once, please refer to your most recent stay abroad.

04.3	What coun	try did y	ou go to	and for l	how long?
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Country:	
<b>Duration in months:</b>	

## Q4.4 Were the credits (ECTS-European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, certificates) you gained for your studies abroad recognised by your home institution? [Single choice]

1	Yes, all of the credits were recognised
2	Yes, the credits were partly recognised
3	No, none of the credits were recognised
4	I don't know (yet)
5	I did not gain any credits for my studies abroad

#### Q4.5 Within which of the following programmes was your study abroad organised? [Single choice]

1	EU programme (e.g. Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus)
2	Other, please specify the name of the programme:
3	No programme

**Q4.6** Which of the following sources did you use to fund your study period abroad and which one of them was your primary source of funding? Please think about all costs of studying abroad including, e.g. both travel costs to the foreign location and tuition/registration fees at the foreign institution of higher education. Please indicate all sources of funding you used [multiple answers], then indicate the primary source of funding [single choice].

	Sources of Funding [Multiple answers possible]	Primary Source of Funding [Single choice]
1. Contribution from parents/family/partner	1	1
2. Own income from previous job or own savings	2	2
3. Income from paid job during my studies abroad	3	3
4. Regular study grants/loans from home country	4	4
5. Special study grant/loan from home country for going abroad	5	5
6. Study grants/loans from host country	6	6
7. EU study grants	7	7
8. Funding from private businesses or non- governmental organisations (NGOs)	8	8
9. Other, please specify:	9	9

Q4.7 Please rate the importance of the following aspects concerning your enrolment abroad?

	Very Unimportant				Very Important
1. Personal development	1	2	3	4	5
2. Language improvement	1	2	3	4	5
3. Quality of education	1	2	3	4	5
4. Academic content	1	2	3	4	5
5. Social integration	1	2	3	4	5
6. Service from host institution	1	2	3	4	5

O4.8 Were your expectations fulfilled concerning your enrolment abroad?

Q4.6 Were your expectations furnited conc	Not at All				Yes Completely
1. Personal development	1	2	3	4	5
2. Language improvement	1	2	3	4	5
3. Quality of education	1	2	3	4	5
4. Academic content	1	2	3	4	5
5. Social integration	1	2	3	4	5
6. Service from host institution	1	2	3	4	5

#### Please go to Q4.11

Q4.9 What country do you plan to go to for your temporary studies abroad?					
Country:					
I don't know yet					

Q4.10 Within which of the following programmes do you plan to organise your temporary study abroad? [Single choice]

1	EU programme (e.g. Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus)			
2	Other, please specify the name of the programme:			
3	No programme			
4	I don't know yet			

#### All students

**Q4.11** To what extent are or were the following aspects an obstacle for studying abroad for you? If you have been abroad, please consider to which extent the following aspects were real obstacles to the planning and implementation of the period abroad. If you have not been abroad (yet), please consider to which extent the following aspects currently deter you from going abroad.

uspecis currently deter you from going doroud.	No Obstacle				Big Obstacle
1. Insufficient skills in foreign language	1	2	3	4	5
2. Lack of information provided by my higher education institution	1	2	3	4	5
3. Separation from partner, child(ren), friends	1	2	3	4	5
4. Additional financial burden	1	2	3	4	5
5. Loss of paid job/Loss of opportunities to earn money	1	2	3	4	5
6. Lack of motivation	1	2	3	4	5
7. Low benefit for my studies at home	1	2	3	4	5
8. Difficult integration of studying abroad into the structure of my home study programme	1	2	3	4	5
9. Problems with recognition of results achieved abroad	1	2	3	4	5
10. Problems with access regulations to the preferred country (visa, residence permit)	1	2	3	4	5
11. Insufficient marks for studying abroad	1	2	3	4	5
12. Limited admittance to mobility programmes (of home/host institution)	1	2	3	4	5
13. Limited disability support /services while in the host country	1	2	3	4	5

**Q4.12** Have you ever been abroad for other study-related activities as a student in higher education? *If you've been abroad more than once per activity, please refer to your most recent stay abroad.* 

	Yes	No
1. Research / Fieldtrip	1	2
2. Internship / work placement	1	2
3. Summer/winter school	1	2
4. Language course	1	2
5. Other, please specify:	1	2

If "No" to all above study-related activities, then go to Q4.14

Q4.13 Please fill in, per activity, the following details for your most recent study-related stay abroad.

	Duration in months	Duration Country			rt of your gramme?	Did you gain ECTS* with it?		
		in months Country	Yes	No	Yes	No		
1. Research / Fieldtrip			1	2	1	2		
2. Internship / work placement			1	2	1	2		
3. Summer/winter school			1	2	1	2		
4. Language course			1	2	1	2		
5. Other, please specify:			1	2	1	2		

<sup>\*</sup> ECTS-European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

Q4.14 Do you plan to work abroad after you graduate?

Definitely Yes	Definitely Yes Probably Yes		<b>Definitely No</b>	Don't Know	
1	2	3	4	5	

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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Q5.2	What is your sex?
1	Female
2	Male

#### Q5.3 In which country were you and your parents (or guardians) born?

Please enter "Don't know" if unknown.

Q5.1 When were you born?

1 tease enter Bon timon	ty thinks the
	Country
1. You	
2. Father/Guardian 1	
3. Mother/Guardian 2	

**Q5.4 Would you consider yourself:** [Single Choice]

1	Irish citizen through birth	Co. 40 OF (
2	Naturalised Irish citizen	Go to Q5.6
3	Foreign national resident for 5 years or more in Ireland	
4	Foreign national resident for less than 5 years in Ireland	Continue to Q5.5
5	Other, please specify:	

Q5.5 If not Irish,	please indicate the cour	try of citizenship use	d for your enroli	nent in your cu	rrent study
programme:					

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 Country:	

**Q5.6** What are your language skills? *Please rate your grade of proficiency in the applicable language(s)* 

	No Knowledge	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Native Speaker
English	1	2	3	4	5	6
Irish	1	2	3	4	5	6
Other, please specify:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Other, please specify:	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q5.7 Do you have any children and if yes, how many?

1	Yes, I have child(ren)	Continue to Q5.8
2	No	Go to Q5.9

#### Q5.8 How old is your youngest child?

My youngest child is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age

## Q5.9 Please indicate if you have a disability, long standing health problems or functional limitations. [Multiple answers possible]

uris	wers possible	
1	Yes, chronic diseases	
2	Yes, mental health problems	
3	Yes, mobility impairment	Continue to O5 10
4	Yes, sensory impairment (vision or hearing)	Continue to Q5.10
5	Yes, learning disability (ADHD, Dyslexia)	
6	Yes, other long standing health problems	
7	No	Go to Q6.1

Q5.10 Overall, to what extent is your disability an obstacle to your studies?

No Obstacle				Big Obstacle
1	2	3	4	5

# Q5.11 Overall, how would you rate the support you receive in your studies from public or institutional sources with regard to your disability?

Very Poor	Poor	Neither	Good	Very Good	I do not need/ want any support
1	2	3	4	5	6

#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

#### Q6.1 Over the last two weeks:

	At no Time	Some of the Time	Less than Half of the Time	More than Half of the Time	Most of the Time	All of the Time
1. I have felt cheerful and in good spirits	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. I have felt calm and relaxed	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. I have felt active and vigorous	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. I have woken up feeling fresh and rested	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. My daily life has been filled with things that interest me	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q6.2 Please rate your satisfaction with the following:

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
1. Your accommodation	1	2	3	4	5
2. Your financial/material wellbeing	1	2	3	4	5
3. Your friendships	1	2	3	4	5
4. Your studies	1	2	3	4	5
5. The college you are studying in	1	2	3	4	5

Q6.3 How often do you drink alcohol (for example wine, cider, beer, spirits, alco-pops)? [Single Choice]

1	Daily		
2	A few times a week		
3	Weekly	Continue to Q6.4	
4	Monthly		
5	Less than monthly		
6	Never	Go to Q6.6	

**Q6.4** If you drink alcohol, please state the number of units in a typical week. One unit is equivalent to a half pint of beer, a small glass of wine or a single spirit measure.

Number of u	nits in a typic	al week:	units	
Number of u	nits in a typic	al sitting/session	on:	_ units

Q6.5 How much do you spend on alcoholic drinks in a typical week?

Spend on alcoholic drinks in a typical week: € \_\_\_\_\_

O6.6 Do vou smoke?

1	Yes, regularly
2	Yes, occasionally
3	No

# Q6.7 How frequently do you exercise, i.e. at least 30 minutes duration where your heart rate was raised? [Single choice]

1	Five or more times a week
2	Four times
3	Three times
4	Twice a week
5	Once a week
6	Less than once a week
7	Never

O6.8 How often do you experience the following:

	Less than once a Year	Once a Year	Once every six Months	Once a Month	More than once a Month
1. Catch colds	1	2	3	4	5
2. Suffer with headaches	1	2	3	4	5
3. Have difficulty sleeping	1	2	3	4	5
4. Have difficulty concentrating	1	2	3	4	5
5. Feel stressed	1	2	3	4	5

### **FAMILY BACKGROUND**

In this section you will be asked some questions about your family background. The following questions are about your father and mother or those person(s) who raised you.

Q7.1 How would you describe your parent's working status? [Single choice]

	Father or Guardian 1	Mother or Guardian 2
1. Working full-time for pay	1	1
2. Working part-time for pay	2	2
3. Not working but looking for a job	3	3
4. Student	4	4
5. Househusband/housewife	5	5
6. Never worked	6	6
7. Permanently ill	7	7
8. Retired	8	8
9. No contact whatsoever	9	9
10. Deceased	10	10
11. Other	11	11
12. Don't know	12	12

Q7.2 What is the highest level of education your father and mother have obtained?

<u> </u>	Father or Guardian 1	Mother or Guardian 2
1. No formal qualification	1	1
2. Primary only	2	2
3. Group/Inter/Junior Certificate	3	3
4. Apprenticeship without Leaving Certificate	4	4
5. Leaving Certificate	5	5
6. FETAC Certificate/Other Further Education	6	6
7. Apprenticeship with Leaving Certificate	7	7
8. Higher Certificate	8	8
9. Diploma	9	9
10. Ordinary Bachelor Degree	10	10
11. Honours Bachelor Degree	11	11
12. Postgraduate Cert/Diploma	12	12
13. Masters Degree	13	13
14. PhD or higher	14	14
15. I don't know	15	15

Q7.3 How would you describe your parent's employment status? [Single choice]

	Father or Guardian 1	Mother or Guardian 2
1. Employee	1	1
2. Self-employed without employees	2	2
3. Self-employed with employee(s)	3	3
4. Not applicable	4	4
5. Don't know	5	5

**Q7.4** What are the present or most recent occupations of your father and mother? *Please classify the job according to one of the following categories of occupation.* 

	Father or Guardian 1	Mother or Guardian 2
1. Manager, senior official, legislator	1	1
2. Professional, e.g. architect, engineer, GP	2	2
3. Technician and associate professional	3	3
4. Clerical support worker	4	4
5. Service worker/sales worker	5	5
6. Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery worker	6	6
7. Craft and related trades worker	7	7
8. Plant and machine operator, assembler	8	8
9. Elementary occupation, e.g. cleaner, labourer	9	9
10. Defence forces	10	10
11. Not applicable	11	11
12. Don't know	12	12

Q7.5 Some people are considered to have a high social standing and some are considered to have a low social
standing. Thinking about your family background, where would you place your parents on this scale if the top
indicated high social standing and the bottom indicated low social standing?

1	High social standing
2	
3	
4	
5	Upper middle
6	Lower middle
7	
8	
9	
10	Low social standing

Q7.6 Please try to estimate the gross (before tax) ANNUAL income of your family household

1	Greater than €90,000
2	€70,001 to €90,000
3	€50,001 to €70,000
4	€35,001 to €50,000
5	€20,001 to €35,000
6	Less than €20,000
7	Don't know

Please provide any additional comments you may have:		

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