

Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice  
Camden College of Arts and Science

Oral Consent Script:

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a student in the department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice at Rutgers-Camden. We are doing a survey of alumni of our department to find out what has happened to them since they graduated. We want to know how your Rutgers education has helped you, and how the program might be improved. You will not be identified in any written report. Your answers will be completely confidential. May I take some of your time to ask you some questions about your experience at Rutgers-Camden?

*[Remember: selection call blocking can be achieved by entering \*67 before dialing the number]*

Note: "CJ" means "Criminal Justice"

1. First of all, what was your major?  
 a Sociology       b CJ       c Anthropology  
 other: specify \_\_\_\_\_

1b. In what year did you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_ [*bubble graduation year into the first two digits of "telephone number" -- the part that would correspond to the area code*]

2. Were you a double major?  
 yes       a no       b uncertain  
[If yes] What was your other major?  
 c Sociology    d CJ    e Psychology  
 other: specify \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you have a minor?  
 yes       a no       b uncertain  
[If yes] What was your minor? [*list all minors the respondent completed*]  
 c Sociology       c CJ       d Anthropology  
 e Psychology       other: specify: \_\_\_\_\_

[If the interviewee did not major or minor in Soc, Anthro, or CJ, politely terminate the interview, by saying something like: "Thank you for your assistance in our survey. You have been very helpful."].

Before we get into our specific questions, I'd like to ask you what you remember best about your time at Rutgers? What is the first thing that comes into your mind?

4-5. [*record 1st statement*] \_\_\_\_\_  
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6-7. Is there anything else? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8-9. Is there anything that you especially remember about the Department of sociology, anthropology, and criminal justice?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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10-11. Is there anything else?  
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12. Thanks. Now I'd like to know what you are doing now. Are you working, going to school, a homemaker or doing something else?
- a working
  - b going to school
  - c both working and going to school
  - d full-time homemaker [*skip to question 37*]
  - e unemployed, looking for work [*skip to question 37*]
  - other- specify: \_\_\_\_\_

[*If the respondent is going to school, ask the following three questions. Otherwise, skip to question 16.*]

13. [*If student*] Where are you going to school?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. [*If student*] In what department or program are you enrolled?  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. [*If student*] Why are you attending graduate school?  
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[*If the respondent is working, ask the following questions. Otherwise, skip to question 37.*]

- 16-17. [*If working*] Where do you work?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 18-19. [*If working*] What is your job title?  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you at your job with 10 being extremely satisfied?  
\_\_\_ [*code into form using a=1, b=2, c=3 ... j=10*]
- 21-22. [*If working*] What kind of work do you do? [*Probe if needed: What do you actually do on the job? What are your primary responsibilities? Etc.?*]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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23. [*If working*] On a scale of 1 to 10, is the job you now have one which makes use of the skills you learned in college with 10 meaning the job makes total use of the skills you learned?  
\_\_\_ [*code into form using a=1, b=2, c=3 ... j=10*]
24. [*If working*] On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you feel that your Rutgers degree helped you to get your current job with 10 being it helped you a great deal.  
\_\_\_ [*code into form using a=1, b=2, c=3 ... j=10*]

25. [If working] On a scale of 1 to 10, how hard was it for you to find your current job with 10 being that it was extremely hard?  
 \_\_\_ [code into form using a=1, b=2, c=3 ... j=10]

26. About how many months after graduation did it take you to find a full-time job?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # of months searching [code into form using a=1, b=2, c=3 ... i=9-11, j=12 or more] NOTE: special answers are coded into #27, below.

27. [Special codes for question 26:]
- \_\_\_ a not applicable (respondent provided a number of months for question #27)
  - \_\_\_ b continued with a full-time job held as a student
  - \_\_\_ c still looking for full-time work
  - \_\_\_ d went to grad school instead of seeking full-time job
  - \_\_\_ e did not seek full-time job for another reason (e.g., health, family responsibilities, etc.)

28+. [If working] What are the most important skills you need to do your current job? What is it you really have to know how to do? [Probe, list up to three]

28-29. [skill A]

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30-31. [skill B]

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32-33. [skill C]

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34+. [If working] Now, think about the classes you took in the department of sociology, anthropology, and criminal justice. With regard to [Skill A], would you say that your courses in the sociology department helped prepare you not at all, a little bit, somewhat, or quite a bit? [Repeat question for Skills B and C]

	a. not at all	b. a little bit	c. some-what	d. quite a bit	e. N/A
34 [Skill A]					
35 [Skill B]					
36 [Skill C]					

37-38. What kind of job would you like to be working in five or ten years from now?

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39-40. Which course in sociology, anthropology, or criminal justice would you say has been most valuable to you?

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40-41. What was it, specifically, that you learned in that course that made it valuable?

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42-43. What did you like best about your education at Rutgers?

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44-45. What did you like least about your education at Rutgers?

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46. Are there specific skills that you feel Rutgers could have prepared you better in?  
\_\_ a yes                      \_\_ b no                      \_\_ c uncertain

47+. [*If Yes or Uncertain*] What were they?

47-48. [*First skill*]

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49-50. [*Second skill*]

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51+. Now, think about the classes you took in the department of sociology, anthropology, and criminal justice. With regard to [*Skill from below list*], would you say that your courses in our department helped prepare you inadequately, fairly well, or very well? [*Repeat question for other skills from below list*]

	a. inadequately	b. fairly well	c. very well	d. I have not had to do this on the job	e. N/A
51. interpersonal skills needed on the job					
52. writing skills needed on the job					
53. quantitative or number handling skills needed on the job					
54. analytical skills needed on the job					
55. computer skills needed on the job					
56. creative skills needed on the job					
57. openmindedness needed on the job					
58. other skills needed on the job					

59+. Now, let's look at some of the specific experiences students have at Rutgers. For each experience, I'd like to ask whether you found it not valuable at all, somewhat valuable, moderately valuable, or very valuable.

	a. not valuable at all	b. somewhat valuable	c. moderately valuable	d. very valuable	e. N/A
59. courses for your major taken in the department of sociology, anthropology or criminal justice					
60. [If CJ Major] CJ electives taken in other departments such as urban studies to fulfill CJ requirements					
61. general education courses required of all students					
62. professors in our department					
63. professors in other departments					
64. advising you received from professors in our department					
65. advising you received from the deans & staff in Student Affairs					
66. the library					
67. on-campus computer labs					
68. the career planning office					



Now I'd like to ask some background questions, just for our data analysis. Like your other answers, the answers to these questions will also be kept confidential.

81-82. First of all, from what high school did you graduate?

\_\_\_\_\_

83. In what town were you living when you graduated high school?

\_\_\_\_\_

84. In what town do you now live?

\_\_\_\_\_

85. Did you attend any other college prior to coming to Rutgers?

a yes                       b no                       c uncertain

86. *[if yes]* Which one? *[if more than one, list the one at which the student acquired the most credits.]* \_\_\_\_\_

87. Did you enter Rutgers as a:

a freshman    b sophomore                       c junior                       d senior

88. How do you identify yourself ethnically? *[read categories as a probe if necessary]*

a white       b black       c hispanic       d Asian  
 other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

88b. How old were you when you graduated from Rutgers? \_\_\_\_\_ *[bubble age into first two columns of the second three-digit part of "telephone number"; REMEMBER, grad year is in the first three-digit part of the telephone number]*

89. When you graduated from Rutgers, were you *[read categories]*:

a single    b married                       c divorced, separated or widowed

90. If you had it to do over again, would you attend Rutgers-Camden again, would you *[read categories]*:

a attend Rutgers Camden again  
 b attend another college (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 c not go to college at all

91. *[If not currently in graduate school]* Have you considered any kind of graduate program?

a yes                       b no                       c uncertain

92. *[If yes]* What kind? \_\_\_\_\_

93. If you decide to go to graduate school in the future would you prefer to attend a graduate program at Rutgers-Camden or at another school?

a Rutgers-Camden    b elsewhere (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

94. What was your GPA?  
 \_\_\_ [code into the following: a= less than 2.0, b=2.01-2.24, c=2.25-2.49, d=2.5-2.75, e=2.76-2.99, f=3.0-3.24, g=3.25-3.49, h=3.5-3.74, i=3.75-4.00, j= uncertain]
95. [If employed] Would you mind telling me if your current annual salary is approximately [read categories]:
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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ___ a less than \$10,000 a year | ___ f \$50,000 to \$59,999 |
| ___ b \$10,000 to \$19,999      | ___ g \$60,000 to \$69,999 |
| ___ c \$20,000 to \$29,999      | ___ h \$70,000 to \$79,999 |
| ___ d \$30,000 to \$39,999      | ___ i \$80,000 to \$89,999 |
| ___ e \$40,000 to \$49,999      | ___ j \$90,000 or more     |

Our department is currently undergoing self-evaluation to help in its own future planning. Do you have any suggestions or comments for this evaluation, other than what you have already told us?

96-97. [first suggestion]

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98-99. [second suggestion]

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100. Now for our last question. If there was an online newsletter published by our department, would you be interested in reading it?  
 \_\_\_ a yes                      \_\_\_ b no                      \_\_\_ c uncertain

[if yes, read the following] Our department now publishes a newsletter once a semester that contains news about the department, our new masters program in criminal justice, and other information, including occasional updates on former students. A link to the newsletters is available on our department homepage at: [sociology.camden.rutgers.edu](http://sociology.camden.rutgers.edu).

If you wish, I can take your email address to add to our department listserve. We will alert you when the newsletters are published.

*Put email addresses in the comments field of your list of numbers to call. Do NOT put them on this survey.*

Thank you very much for your help! Comments from you and your classmates will be very helpful to us in our evaluation.