Distance Learning Survey for Research Project

Posted by calvinllyman - 2013/03/20 17:38

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I have decided to conduct a survey of distance learning students and use this as my primary source of qualitative research. This being the case, I have a few questions for all of you distance learners that I would be absolutely thrilled if you would take the time to answer for me:

Questions:

1. What are a few of the exclusive benefits (if any) that you have experienced by choosing distance education?

2. From your perspective, what are the three biggest benefits to learning by means of distance education for you personally?

3. From your perspective, what are the three biggest hindrances to learning by means of distance education for you personally?

4. Why are you a distance learner?

5. Do you prefer distance learning to traditional means of obtaining higher education (i.e. "brick and mortar schools")?

6. Do you believe that there any risks associated with being a distance learner?

I hope that you guys will take the time to help me out by answering these questions. Thanks a lot and God bless!

-Calvin

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Re:Distance Learning Survey for Research Project

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2013/03/21 10:08

Hi Calvin,

Interesting questions.

Hopefully others will help you out.

I have a couple of questions for you first:

1) Who is your survey audience? Does someone have to be a student enrolled in a degree program to answer your questions or can faculty or non-degree students answer for you?;

2) In the top text you mention this is about "accelerated distance learning" BUT the questions later only say distance learning. I mention this bcs. there are "accelerated" distance learning programs and there are normal length non-accelerated programs. Are your questions about any type of distance learning or only accelerated programs?

Thanks!
Vicky Phillips
Founder Get Educated

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Posted by calvinllyman - 2013/03/26 20:36

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Vicky,

Thanks for the questions. I can see that some clarification is necessary.

This survey is addressed to distance learning students. The subject is "accelerated distance learning" specifically, and not just distance learning in general. Thanks,

Calvin

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