

Rutgers Learning Centers
At Camden Campus

**MOTIVATION FOR COLLEGE
INVENTORY**

I. I came to college because—

- _____ I know what I want to be, and college is necessary for my career.
- _____ my folks wanted me to, even though I didn't.
- _____ I thought it would be a lot of fun.
- _____ I wanted to gain better knowledge and understanding of the world I live in.
- _____ many of my friends did, and I wanted to be with them.
- _____ I wanted to get away from home.
- _____ I am particularly interested in athletics and student activities.
- _____ a college degree seems indispensable in this day and age.
- _____ I like to study and am particularly interested in certain subjects.

What are the most important reasons for coming to college? _____

II. I want to make grades that are good enough to—

- _____ let me stay in college.
- _____ meet degree requirements.
- _____ let me participate in extracurricular activities.
- _____ put me on the honor list and give me special recognition.
- _____ make an outstanding record in college.

My grades have to be good enough for _____

III. My motivation for making grades is to—

- _____ prove to myself that I am learning something.
- _____ secure a good job recommendation.
- _____ please my family.
- _____ do better than my competitors.
- _____ live up to my reputation of being a good student.
- _____ be respected by my teachers.

Why is it important to make good grades? _____

IV. I sometimes don't study when I should because—

- _____ I worry about my personal problems.
- _____ I simply can't get interested in certain subjects.
- _____ I am too involved in extracurricular activities.
- _____ I am bothered by illness and poor health.
- _____ I get distracted by things going on around me.
- _____ I tend to keep putting off my work.
- _____ I am easily tempted to do more interesting things.

I don't study as I should because _____

V. I enjoy learning best when I _____
