

Scale Description

This scale assesses 7 types of constructs: intrinsic motivation towards knowledge, accomplishments, and stimulation, as well as external, introjected and identified regulations, and finally amotivation. It contains 28 items (4 items per subscale) assessed on a 7-point scale.

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ACADEMIC MOTIVATION SCALE (AMS-C 28)

COLLEGE VERSION

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WHY DO YOU GO TO COLLEGE ?

Using the scale below, indicate to what extent each of the following items presently corresponds to one of the reasons why you go to college.

| Does not correspond at all | Corresponds a little | | Corresponds moderately | | Corresponds a lot | | Corresponds exactly | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | |

WHY DO YOU GO TO COLLEGE ?

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| 1. Because with only a high-school degree I would not find a high-paying job later on. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 2. Because I experience pleasure and satisfaction while learning new things. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 3. Because I think that a college education will help me better prepare for the career I have chosen. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 4. For the intense feelings I experience when I am communicating my own ideas to others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 5. Honestly, I don't know; I really feel that I am wasting my time in school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 6. For the pleasure I experience while surpassing myself in my studies. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 7. To prove to myself that I am capable of completing my college degree. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8. In order to obtain a more prestigious job later on. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 9. For the pleasure I experience when I discover new things never seen before. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 10. Because eventually it will enable me to enter the job market in a field that I like. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 11. For the pleasure that I experience when I read interesting authors. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

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| 12. I once had good reasons for going to college; however, now I wonder whether I should continue. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 13. For the pleasure that I experience while I am surpassing myself in one of my personal accomplishments. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 14. Because of the fact that when I succeed in college I feel important. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 15. Because I want to have "the good life" later on. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 16. For the pleasure that I experience in broadening my knowledge about subjects which appeal to me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 17. Because this will help me make a better choice regarding my career orientation. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 18. For the pleasure that I experience when I feel completely absorbed by what certain authors have written. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 19. I can't see why I go to college and frankly, I couldn't care less. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 20. For the satisfaction I feel when I am in the process of accomplishing difficult academic activities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 21. To show myself that I am an intelligent person. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 22. In order to have a better salary later on. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 23. Because my studies allow me to continue to learn about many things that interest me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 24. Because I believe that a few additional years of education will improve my competence as a worker. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 25. For the "high" feeling that I experience while reading about various interesting subjects. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 26. I don't know; I can't understand what I am doing in school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 27. Because college allows me to experience a personal satisfaction in my quest for excellence in my studies. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 28. Because I want to show myself that I can succeed in my studies. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

KEY FOR AMS-28

- # 2, 9, 16, 23 Intrinsic motivation - to know**
 - # 6, 13, 20, 27 Intrinsic motivation - toward accomplishment**
 - # 4, 11, 18, 25 Intrinsic motivation - to experience stimulation**
 - # 3, 10, 17, 24 Extrinsic motivation - identified**
 - # 7, 14, 21, 28 Extrinsic motivation - introjected**
 - # 1, 8, 15, 22 Extrinsic motivation - external regulation**
 - # 5, 12, 19, 26 Amotivation**
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Note: To use this scale you require only to mention the complete reference data.

Thank you for your interest.

Good luck in your research.