

COMPUTED VARIABLES

Computed Variable	Items in that scale	What it measures
E_SCALE	(E1+E2+E3+E4+E5+E6+E7+E8+E9)	Confidence for initiating conversations.
I_Scale	(I1+I2+I3+I4+I5)	Interest in learning effective interpersonal communication skills.
C_Scale	(C1+C2+C3+C4+C5+C6)	Confidence for having a balanced (two-way) conversation.
CC_Scale*	(CC1.....CC14)*(7/5)	College connectedness.
EXTRAVERSION	(T1+T6R)	Extraversion
AGREEABLENESS	(T2R+T7)	Agreeableness
CONSCIENTIOUSNESS	(T3+T8R)	Conscientiousness
EMOTIONAL_STABILITY	(T4R+T9)	Emotional Stability
OPENNESS	(T5+T10R)	Openness to Experiences
Shyness	(S1 through S19) NOTE: Be sure to use reverse coded items in place of S4, S7, S10, S13, S16, & S18	Overall Shyness
SM_Scale	(SM1 through SM31)	Social media usage aims
SMU_Scale	(SMU1 through SMU9)	Social media use
SMC_Scale	(SMC1+SMC2+SMC3)	Social media changes during the pandemic

*Note that the CC scale computation includes a correction factor (7/5) in order to make the scale's values comparable to the 2010-11 study. The earlier study used a 7 point Likert scale. This year's study used a 5 point Likert scale.