Factors	Items	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
Learning	L1. I will attend a tutorial class privately to improve myself so as not to be					
	left behind by others.					
	我会私下报学习辅导班提升自己以免被别人落下。					
	L2. I will follow some knowledge-sharing social media accounts (such as					
	bilibili accounts, microblog accounts, or Xiaohongshu, etc.) to improve					
	myself, so as to avoid being left behind by others.					
	我会在社交媒体(如B站、微博、小红书等)关注一些知识分享类账					
	号提升自己,以免被别人落下。					

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L3. In order to get better results, I will consult with the senior students			
about the relevant knowledge of the courses I have registered (such as the			
past exam questions, test materials, and teacher's notes.			
我会向学长打听所修读课程的相关知识(如历年考试真题、考试资			
料、老师授课重点以及笔记)以便取得更好的成绩。			
L4. In order to achieve excellent results on the final exam, I will purchase			
some learning resources (such as PPT templates, reference books, past exam			
questions, etc.			
我会购买一些学习资源(如 PPT 模板、参考书、考题等)以便在期末			
考试中取得优异的成绩。			
L5. I will often inquire about my classmates' learning situation, and if I feel			
that the quality of my homework is not as good as theirs, I will modify it to			
avoid being left behind by others.			

	我会经常打听同学的学习情况,如果感觉自己的作业质量不如他们			
	的,会对作业进行修改,以免被别人落下。			
	L6. I would go to the library on weekends and other breaks so as not to be			
	left behind.			
	我会在周末及其他休息时间去图书馆看书或学习,以免被别人落下。			
	L7. I get up early and come back late to the dormitory every day to study so			
	as not to be left behind.			
	我每天早起晚归去学习,以免被别人落下。			
Activity	A1. I don't like it very much, but I will participate in various competitions			
	so that my comprehensive evaluation results will not be left behind by			
	others.			
	虽然不是很喜欢,但我会参加各种比赛以便让自己的综合测评成绩不			
	被别人落下。			

A2. Although I don't like it very much, I will join various clubs so that my			
comprehensive evaluation results will not be left behind by others.			
虽然不是很喜欢,但我会参加各种社团以便让自己的综合测评成绩不			
被别人落下。			
A3. Although I don't like it very much, I will take part in various voluntary			
activities so that my comprehensive evaluation results will not be left			
behind by others.			
虽然不是很喜欢,但我会参加各种志愿活动以便让自己的综合测评成			
绩不被别人落下。			
A4. Although I don't like it very much, I will attend various lectures so that			
my comprehensive evaluation results will not be left behind by others.			
虽然不是很喜欢,但我会参加各种讲座以便让自己的综合测评成绩不			
被别人落下。			

	A5. Although I don't like it very much, I will participate in social practice in			
	winter and summer vacation so that my comprehensive evaluation results			
	will not be left behind by others.			
	虽然不是很喜欢,但我会参加寒暑假社会实践以便让自己的综合测评			
	成绩不被别人落下。			
Social relations	SR1. I will actively help my roommates to avoid losing in various			
	evaluations.			
	我会积极帮助宿舍成员,以免在各种评选中落选			
	SR2. I will keep a good relationship with my classmates to avoid losing in			
	various evaluations.			
	我会跟班里同学搞好关系,以免在各种评选中落选。			
	SR3. I will actively interact with teachers and strive to achieve no lower			
	grades than others.			

我会跟任课老师积极互动,争取平时成绩不比别人低。			
SR4. I will actively reply to the tutor's comments to avoid being defeated in			
various evaluations.			
我会积极回复辅导员的留言,以免在各种评选中落选。			