Student Research Process Interview Questions

1. Please let us know your age, how many semesters you’ve completed at Brooklyn College, your major/program, and degree.

2. In this study we are interested in what students really do when they write their papers.

3. How many research papers did you write last semester?

4. We’ll be talking about one paper: the one you wrote for [pick a course]. I’d like you to draw a picture of the writing of this paper while we talk. Stick figures are absolutely fine!

5. Describe the assignment. What were the requirements? (page length, paper type, etc.)

6. Did you understand the requirements for this assignment? If not, did you try to get more information about it?

7. When was this assignment due?

8. When did you start your research for this assignment?

9. Where did you start your research for this assignment? Why?

10. What sources did you use for this assignment?

11. Did you ever have a point where you felt stuck in your research for this assignment? If so, what did you do?

12. When did you start writing the paper or putting together the presentation for this assignment?

13. Did you ask anyone for help during your work on this assignment? Why? Who?

14. Was there anything about your research for this assignment that you found frustrating? Why?

15. Were there parts of your work on this assignment that were easy for you? Why?
16. How much did you care about your work on this assignment? Why?

17. Did you enjoy working on this assignment?

18. How much total time did you spend on this assignment?

19. How well did you do on this assignment? Was it as you expected?

20. Thinking back on it now, is there anything you would do differently to complete this assignment? Or that you would do differently next time?

21. Are there any resources/services that the college could provide that would be helpful with assignments like this one?

22. Is there anything you’d like to add that’s not represented here?

Thank you!