

# Attitudes, Values and Lifestyles in the Student Environment

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## Conclusions:

1. The majority of the students (approximately 60%) consider themselves as being religious, the rest are indifferent or atheists. A relatively small number (9%) display a definite un-religious (atheist) attitude.
2. The religiousness of the students tends to be rather passive, “in the background”, manifested in the shape of a “belief in God” while the religious behavior (prayer, attending church) is a lot less present.
3. With respect to the role of the church in the life of the Romanian society, 62% of the students think that it should be small or very small and 3% don't see any role for it.

The following table shows the significant religious convictions and behaviors of the students and supports the above conclusions:

Define themselves as religious or very religious	60
The belief in God is considered important and very important in their personal lives	44
Prayer is considered important and very important in their personal lives	30
The role of the church in the Romanian society should be significant or very significant	11
Attend church once a month	13
Attending church is considered important or very important in their personal lives	13

4. There are significant distinctions in the attitude towards religion by sex. Female students are more religious than male students.
5. The other nationalities are characterized by an institutional religious participation that's greater than the Romanians'.
6. The children of peasants and blue collar workers have a higher degree of religiousness than the children of officers and intellectuals do.
7. Students that reside in the city tend to show a lower religiousness degree than those that reside in the village.