

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution and means (and standard deviations) of medical school students at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and Walter Sisulu University (WSU), by selected characteristics, according to year in school, South Africa, 2005 and 2007

Characteristic	Years 1–2		Years 3–4		Years 5–6		All	
	UCT (N=363)	WSU (N=185)	UCT (N=268)	WSU (N=164)	UCT (N=251)	WSU (N=77)	UCT (N=882)	WSU (N=426)
Social and demographic (%)								
Gender								
Female	61	59	66	54	65	47	63	55
Male	39	41	34	46	35	53	37	45
Race/ethnicity								
White	28	2	33	1	35	0	31	1
African/black	40	86	30	83	30	81	34	84
Coloured	15	1	14	2	13	3	14	1
Indian	13	10	20	14	18	15	17	13
Other	4	1	1	0	4	1	4	1
Religion								
Catholic	12	13	10	15	11	13	11	13
Non-Catholic Christian	60	75	53	70	51	68	55	72
Muslim	12	0.5	15	1	17	1	14	1
Hindu	5	7	8	0	9	11	7	8
Jewish	3	0	2	9	1	0	3	0
Other	2	4	5	5	3	4	3	5
Atheist/agnostic	6	0.5	7	0	8	3	7	1
Religious service attendance								
Regular	44	39	48	33	41	34	44	36
Semiregular	21	32	17	39	28	30	22	34
Not often	25	24	22	26	21	32	23	26
Never	10	5	13	2	10	4	11	4
Relationship status								
Single, never in relationship	30	27	14	21	13	7	21	21
Single, no current relationship	40	34	35	26	34	28	36	30
Single, in relationship	29	33	47	46	45	54	39	42
Other	1	6	4	7	8	11	4	7
Ever had intercourse								
Yes	27	62	42	70	56	78	40	68
No	73	38	58	30	44	22	60	32
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Support for abortion provision (means)								
General support (scale, 1–5)	3.40 (1.07)	3.16 (1.01)	3.45 (1.05)	3.40 (0.95)	3.46 (1.07)	3.40 (0.98)	3.47 (1.08)	3.20 (0.90)
Conditional support (scale, 1–5)	3.24 (1.05)	3.15 (1.01)	3.28 (1.04)	3.38 (0.98)	3.27 (1.06)	3.33 (0.99)	3.26 (1.07)	3.30 (0.96)
Intention to act according to attitudes/ beliefs (scale, 1–5)	3.33 (0.89)	3.22 (0.84)	3.36 (0.89)	3.40 (0.81)	3.37 (0.91)	3.39 (0.82)	3.36 (0.91)	3.31 (0.77)