

# Curiosity Makes for Better Students

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## *U.S. News & World Report:*

Curiosity may be dangerous for cats but it's great if you're a student, a new study suggests.

Researchers analyzed data from some 50,000 students who took part in about 200 studies and found that curiosity was as strong as conscientiousness in influencing academic performance.

Together, curiosity and conscientiousness are as important as intelligence in getting good grades, the researchers concluded.

The study appears in the journal *Perspectives in Psychological Science*.

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