

SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

University of Adelaide

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Demographics

Number of responses: 83

Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	21.7%	18
LLB/Double Degree	77.1%	64
LLM	1.2%	1
JD	0%	0
Other	0%	0

Question 3: What is your gender?

Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender

Gender	%	Responses
Female	74.7%	62
Male	25.3%	21
Other	0%	0%

Question 4: Current year level of study in your law degree

Table 1.4: Survey responses by Year Level of Study

Year Level of Study	%	Responses
First	16.9%	14
Second	25.3%	21
Third	24.1%	20
Fourth	22.9%	19
Fifth	8.4%	7
Sixth or higher	2.4%	2

Question 5: Current study mode

Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	98.8%	82
Part-Time	1.2%	1

Question 6: Attendance mode

Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	100%	83
Off campus/distance	0%	0
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	0%	0

Question 7: Are you a domestic or international student?

Table 1.7: Survey responses by Domestic or International Student

Domestic/International	%	Responses
Domestic	95.2%	79
International	4.8%	4

Question 8: Do you mainly study in a metropolitan, regional, remote or overseas area?

Table 1.8: Survey responses by Primary Study Location (metropolitan, regional, remote or overseas)

Study Location	%	Responses
Metropolitan	100%	83
Regional	0%	0
Remote	0%	0
Overseas	0%	0

Question 9: Are you working while studying?

Table 1.9: Survey responses by Employment Status

Working while studying?	%	Responses
Yes, on average more than 37 hours per week	1.2%	1
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	68.7%	57
Yes, but only during university holidays	12.1%	10
No	18.1%	15

Question 10: Are you currently working in a law-related job?

Table 1.10: Survey responses by Law-Related Employment Status

Law-related job?	%	Responses
Yes	10.8%	9
No	89.2%	74

Question 11: Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner after you graduate?

Table: Survey responses by Intention to Work as a Legal Practitioner

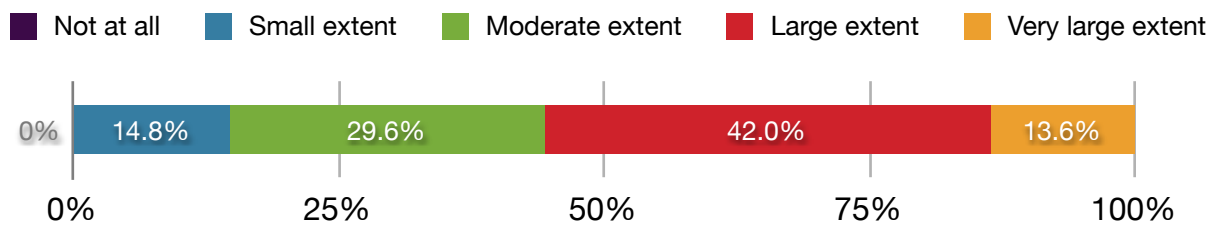
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	55.4%	46
No	6.0%	5
Unsure	38.6%	32

Part 2: Teaching

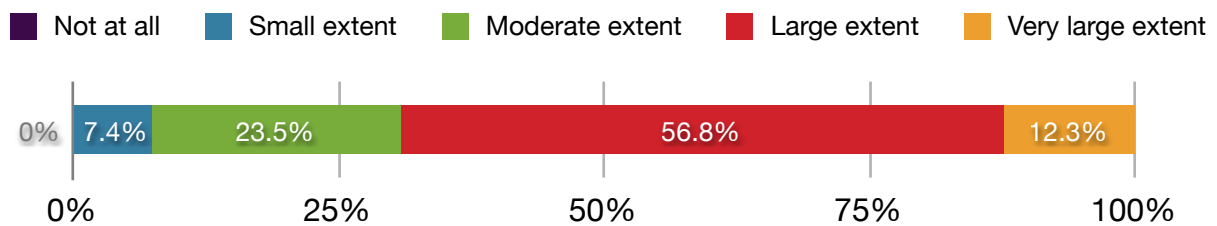
Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 81

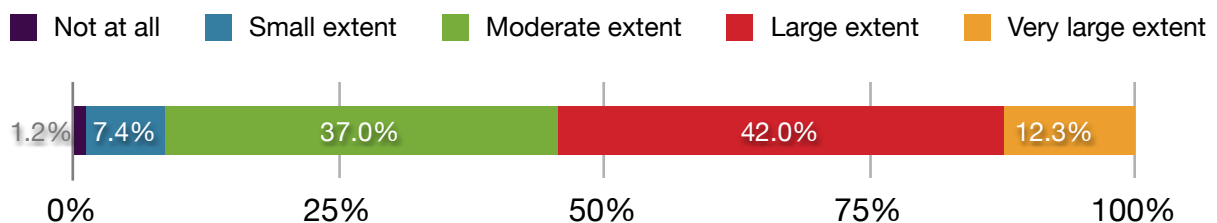
a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



b) Been helpful and approachable?



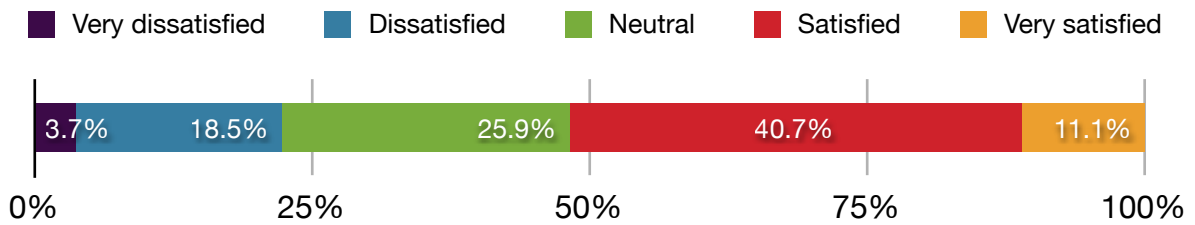
c) Created an engaging learning environment?



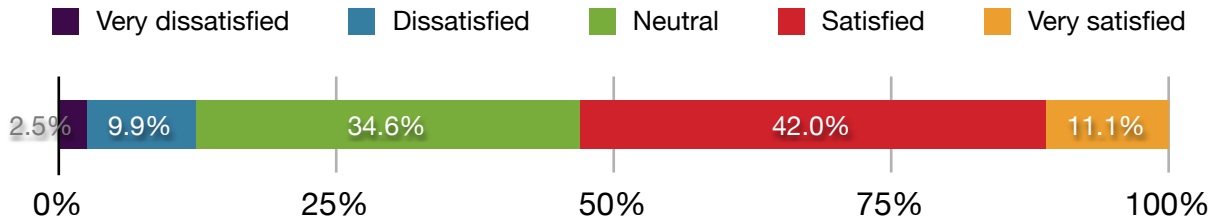
Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 81

a) The quality of the feedback that you receive on assessments?

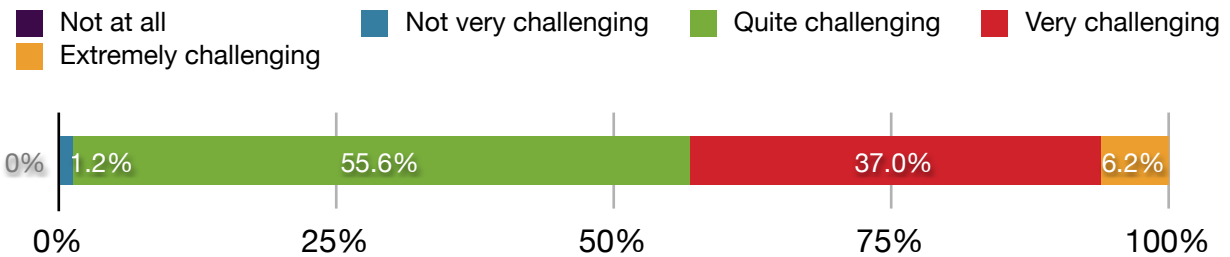


b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?



Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?

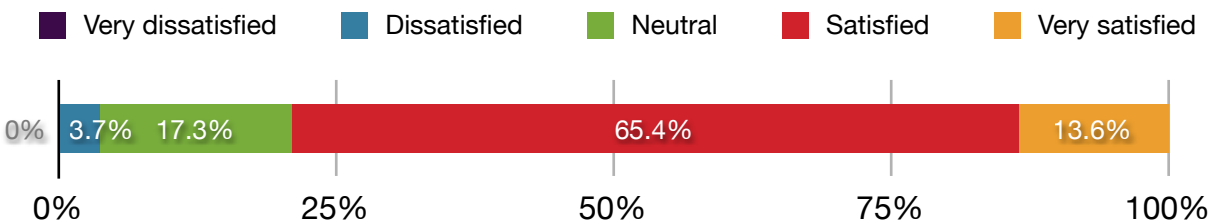
Responses: 81



Satisfaction Rating: Teaching

Question 15: Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of teaching at your law school?

Responses: 181



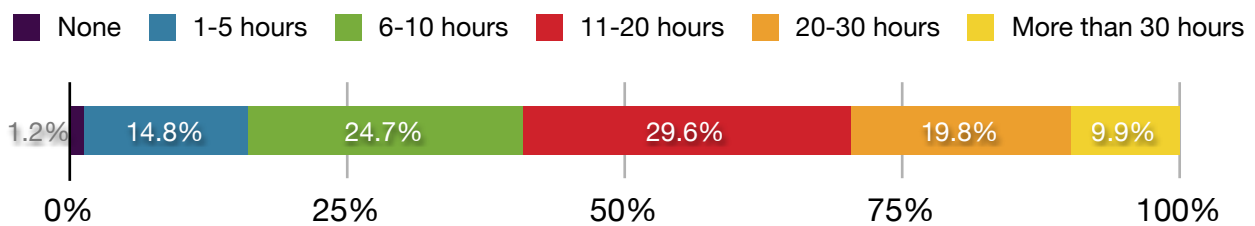
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
0	3	14	53	11

Part 3: Study

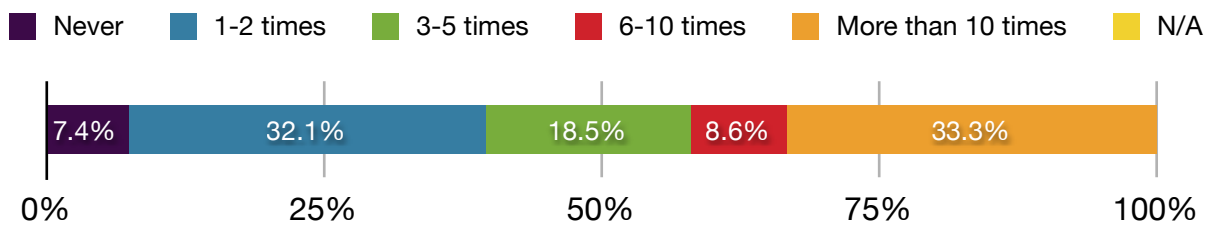
Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?

Responses: 81



Question 17: How often do you visit your law school/university library (as opposed to using online library resources) in a typical semester?

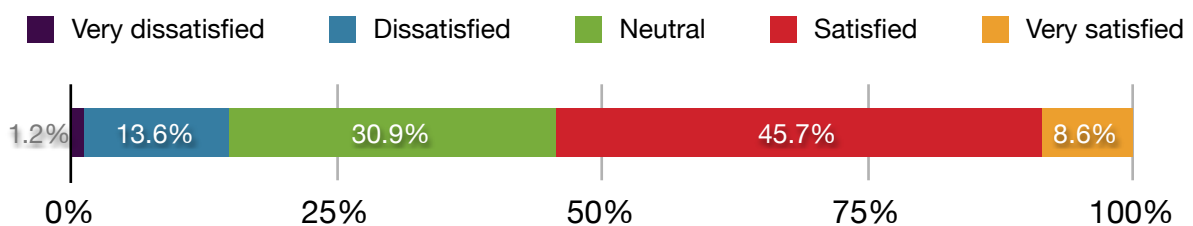
Responses: 81



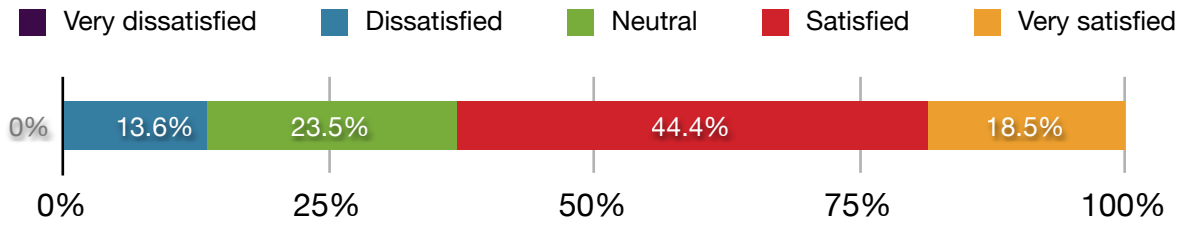
Question 18: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 81

a) The range of elective subjects available?



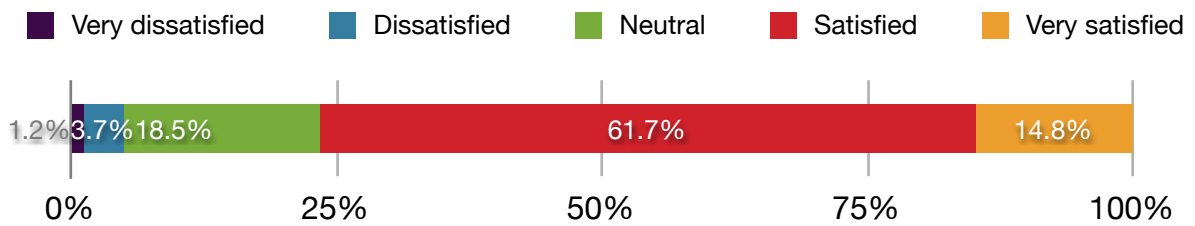
b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums?



Satisfaction Rating: Study

Question 19: Overall, how satisfied are you with the study experience at your law school?

Responses: 81



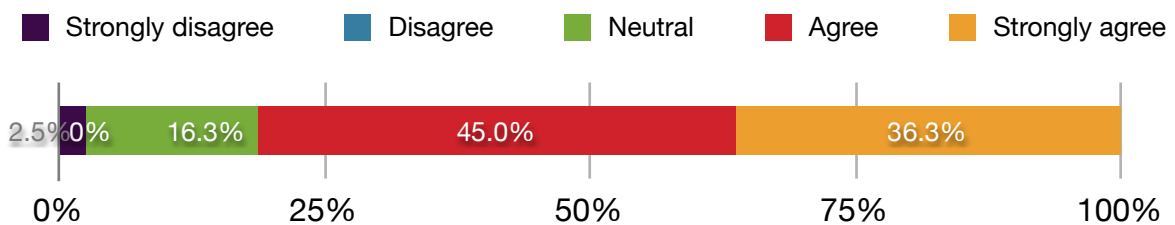
Responses

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
1		3	15	50	12

Part 4: Careers

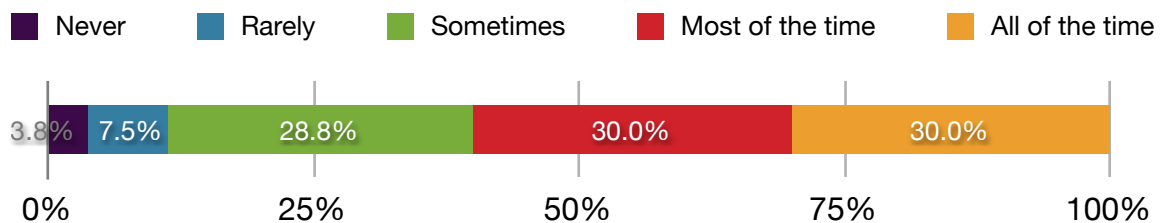
Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 80



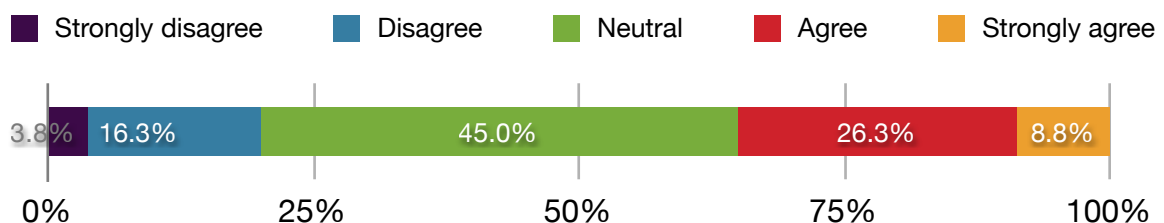
Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 80



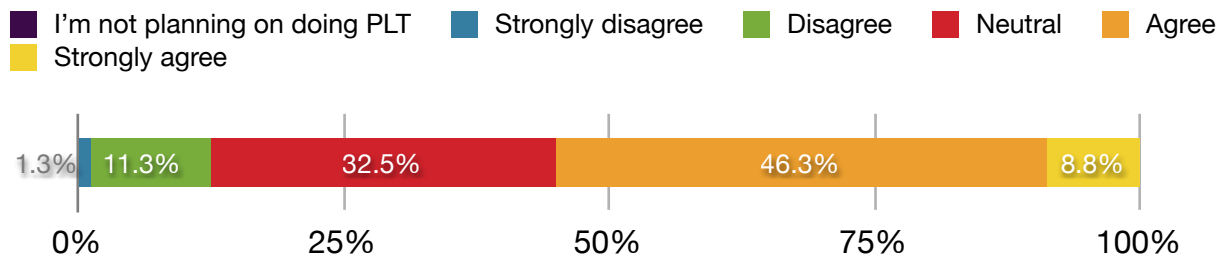
Question 22: My law school provides sufficient information about work experience/employment opportunities.

Responses: 80



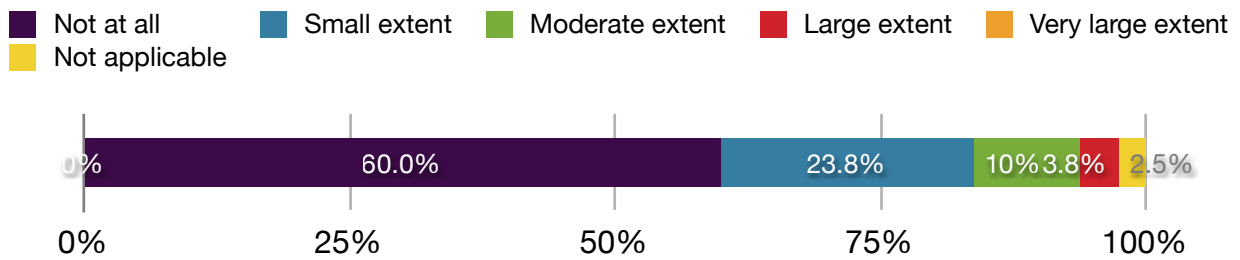
Question 23: I have access to sufficient information about my practical legal training (PLT) options for when I finish my degree.

Responses: 80



Question 24: To what extent have you used career support services at your university?

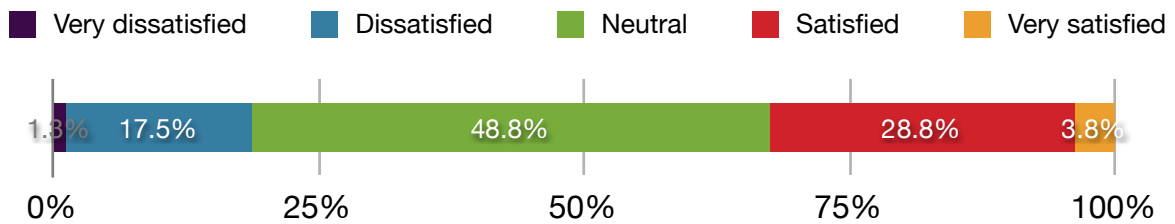
Responses: 80



Satisfaction Rating: Careers

Question 25: Overall, how satisfied are you with the level of career support provided at your law school?

Responses: 80



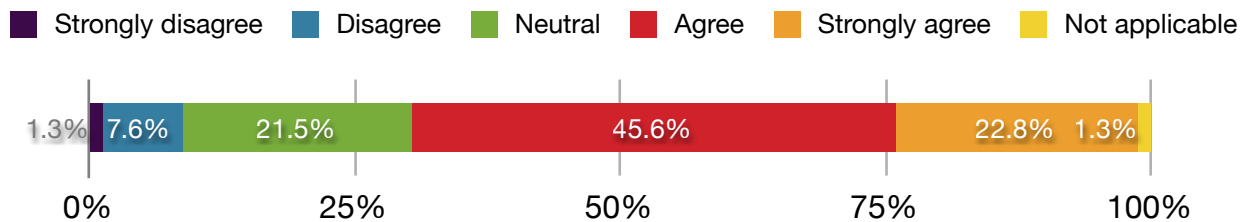
Responses

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
1	1	14	39	23	3

Part 5: Campus Life

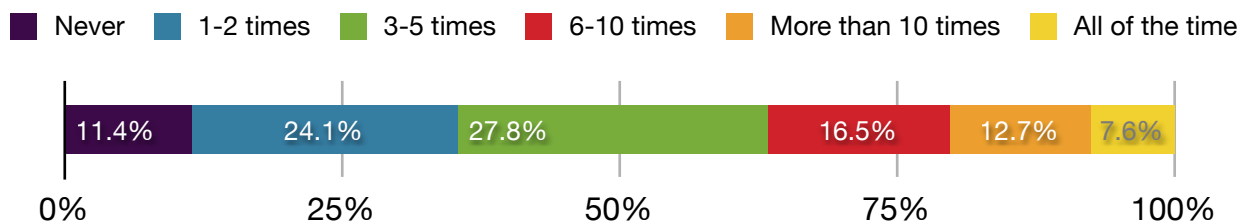
Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 79



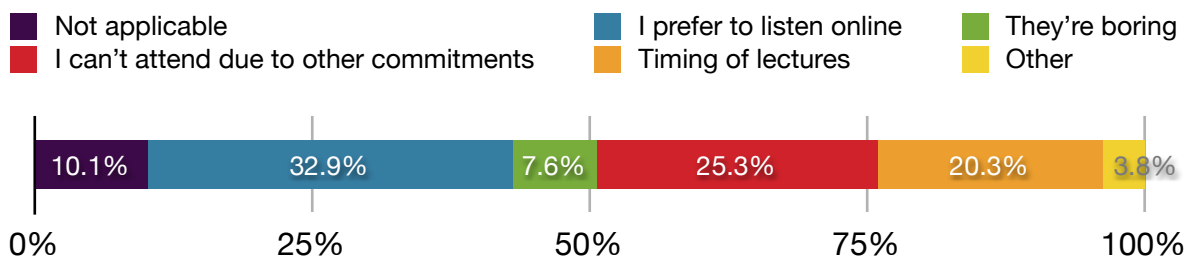
Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 79



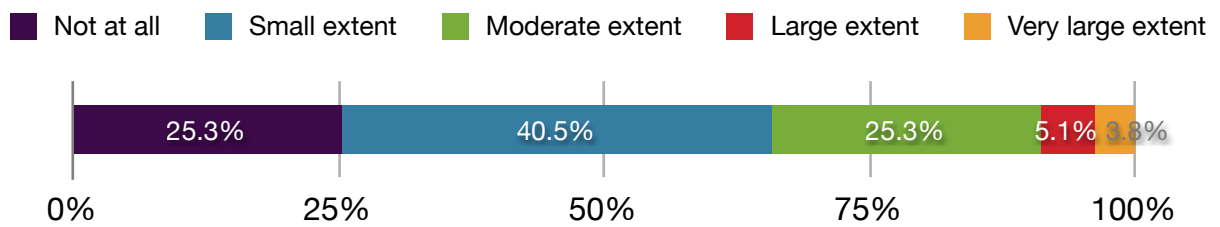
Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 79



Question 29: To what extent have you taken part in extra-curricular activities such as legal competitions, social events and clubs at your law school?

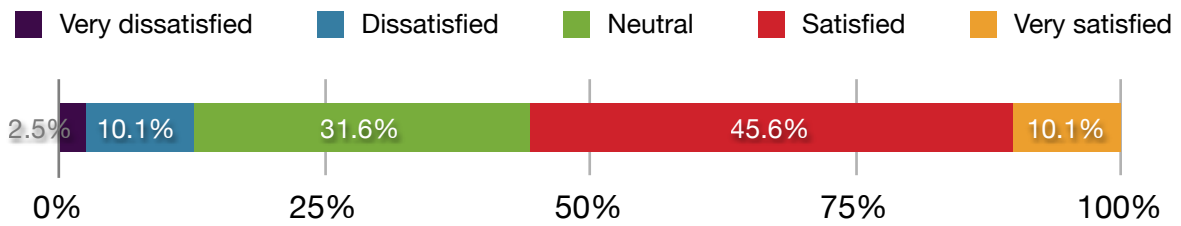
Responses: 79



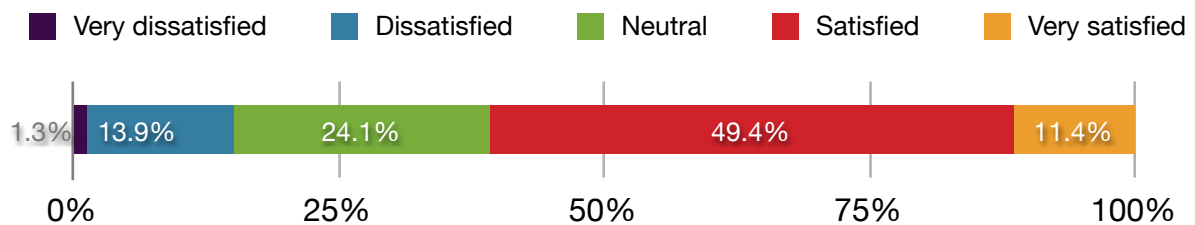
Question 30: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 79

a) the range of extra-curricular activities available at your law school?



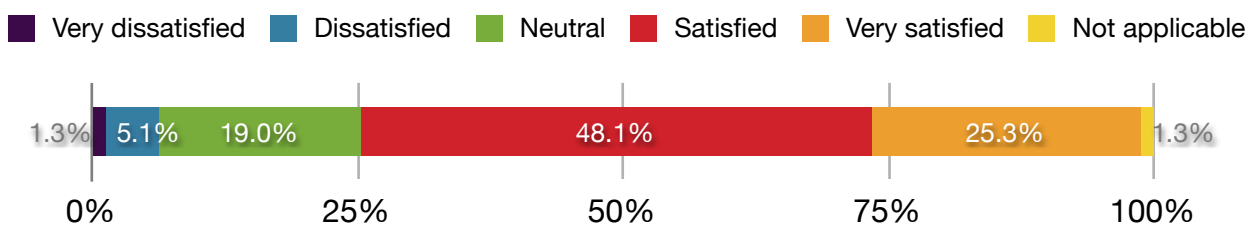
b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?



Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life

Question 31: Overall, how satisfied are you with campus life at your law school?

Responses: 79



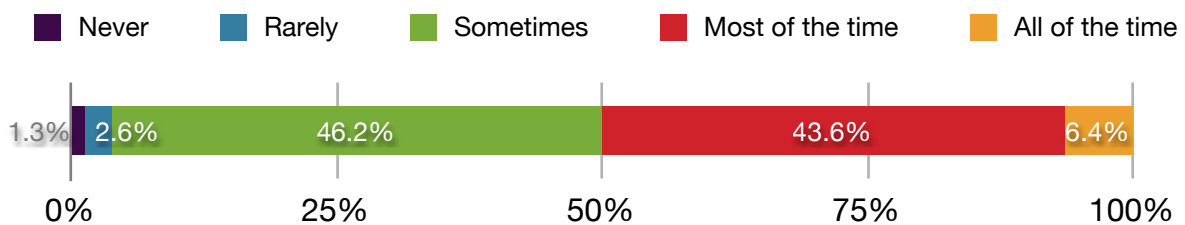
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
1	4	15	38	20	1

Part 6: Wellbeing

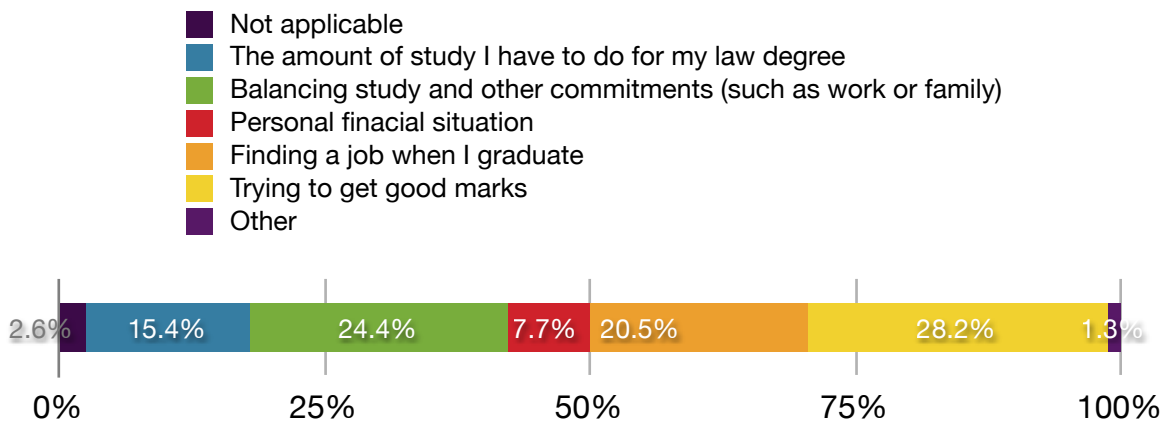
Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 78



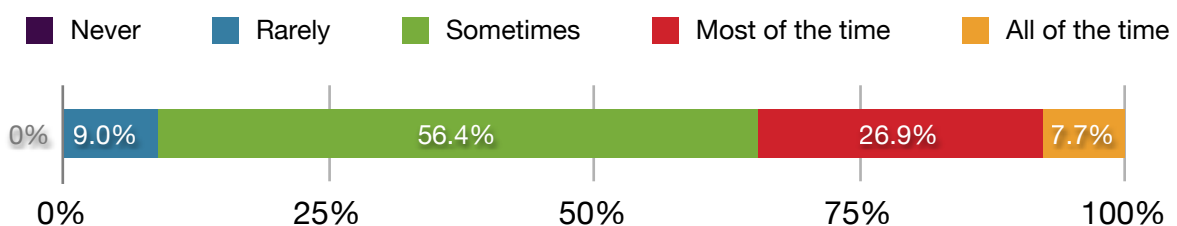
Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 78



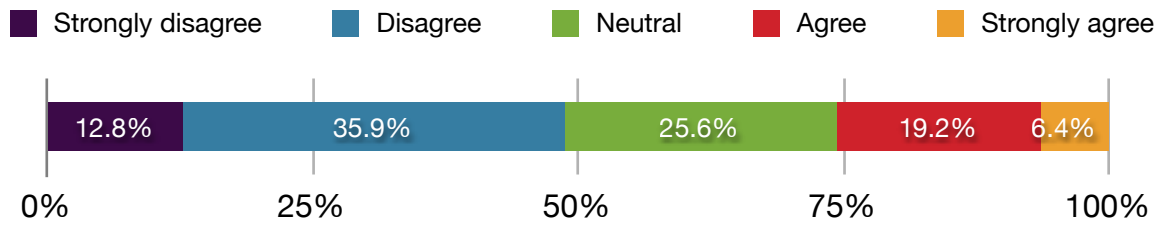
Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 78



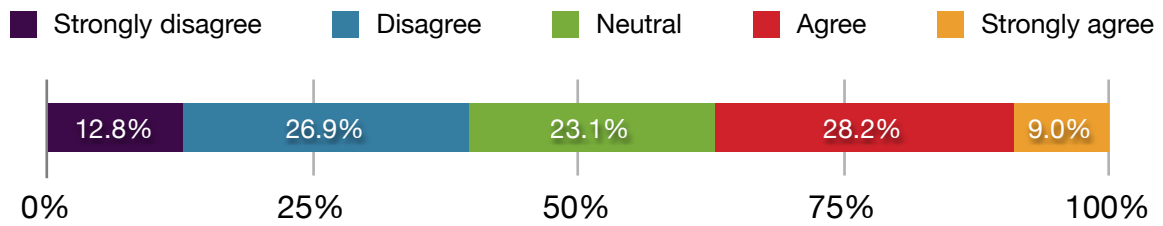
Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

Responses: 78



Question 36: I would feel comfortable seeking support from other law students if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

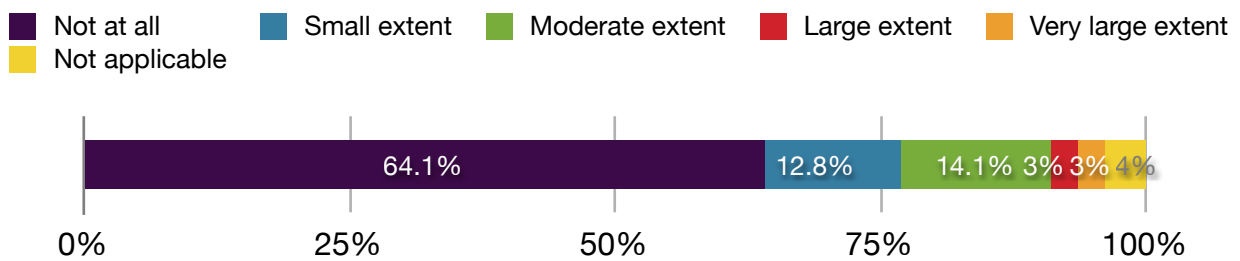
Responses: 78



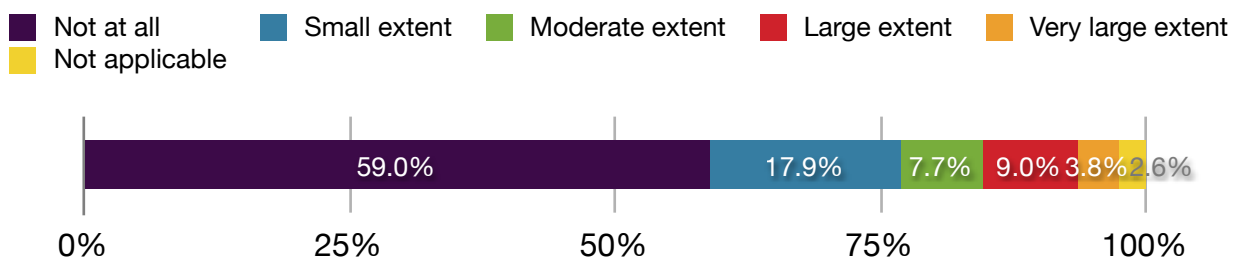
Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:

Responses: 78

a) Counselling



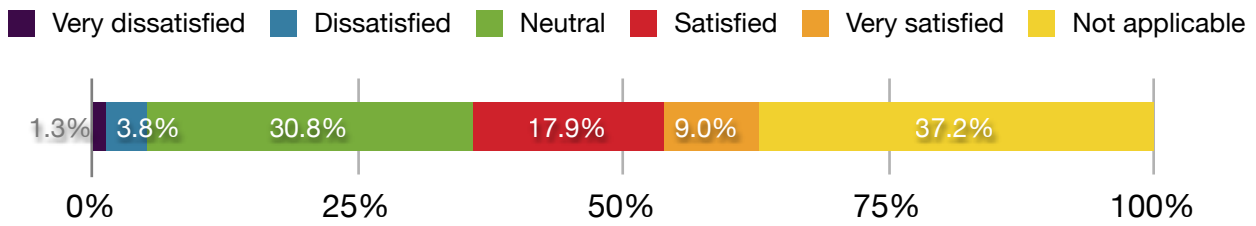
b) Peer mentoring



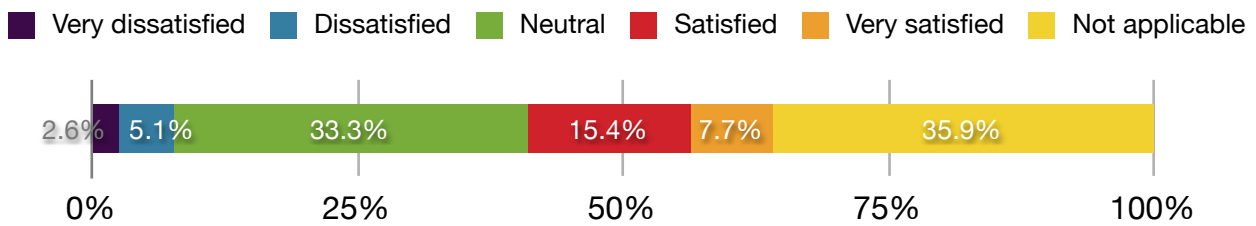
Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:

Responses: 78

a) Counselling



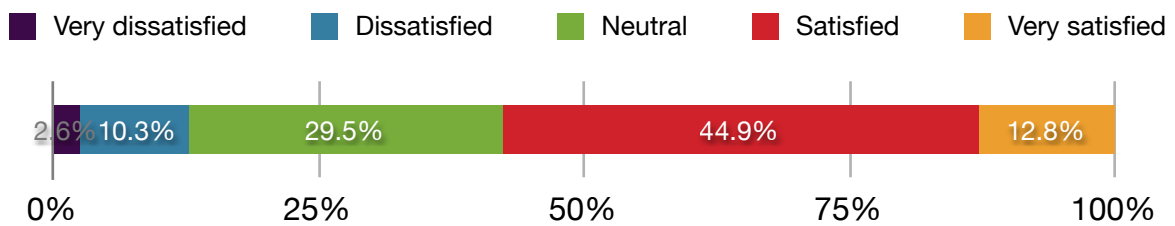
b) Peer mentoring



Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing

Question 39: Overall, how satisfied are you with your law school's support for your wellbeing?

Responses: 78



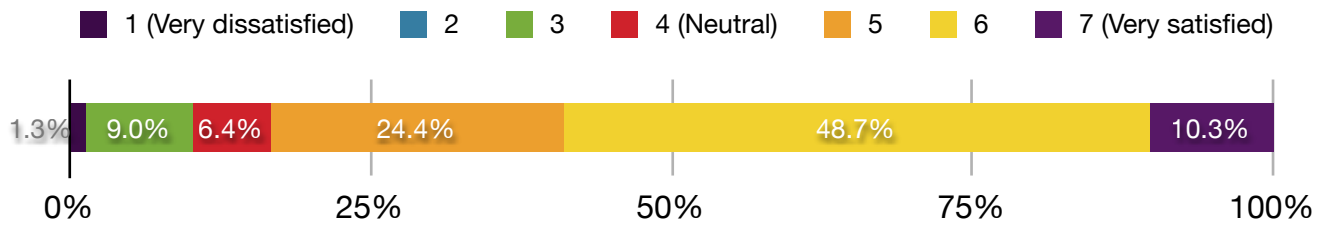
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	8	23	35	10

Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

Question 40: How satisfied are you with your law school overall?

Responses: 78



Rating	%	Responses
1 (Very dissatisfied)	1.3%	1
2	0%	0
3	9.0%	7
4 (Neutral)	6.4%	5
5	24.4%	19
6	48.7%	38
7 (Very satisfied)	10.3%	8

Part 8: Open Responses

Overview

Part 8 of the ALSSS contained two non-compulsory questions giving students the opportunity to state in their own words what they liked best about their law school and what they would most like to see improved.

A selection of the responses received are included below. Email contact@survivelaw.com for more information.

Question 41: What do you like best about your law school and why?

- There is a great social vibe, and it is very easy to make friends with other students. Although the facilities (i.e. the law library) is an old building, many students congregate there and it is a fantastic environment for social interaction.
- Great teachers, fantastic law library
- The lecturers and tutors at the law school are experts in their field. They are also extremely approachable and provide good insight into life after law school.
- It's well regarded and they provide a large range of guest lecturers and speakers
- There have been some engaging lecturers and tutors, which have stimulated a lot of interest in areas of law I had previously been unaware of / been not as interested in.

Question 42: What about your law school would you most like to see improved and why?

- We should be given example answers for different types of questions
- More problem question assessments during the semester so students are given more feedback before exams
Practical skills could be taught better eg how to brief a case, how to use online databases, how to use the library
- Support about employment opportunities, advice on clerkships and seminars on interview techniques. Many other law schools, such as Monash Uni, have such programs and I feel that those law students become more prepared with the realities of the situation that we as law students are in.
- Long lectures are very very boring, I struggle to concentrate on a 2 or more hour lecture. I wouldn't mind coming in for multiple lectures, if they were for one hour.
- More variety of assessment options because too much emphasis is placed on high pressure exams which don't really let you illustrate what you understand.