

SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

Charles Darwin University

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Demographics

Number of responses: 46

Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	84.8%	39
LLB/Double Degree	6.5%	3
LLM	0%	0
JD	0%	0
Other	8.7%	4

Question 3: What is your gender?

Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender

Gender	%	Responses
Female	69.6%	32
Male	28.3%	13
Other	2.2%	1

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	37.0%	17
Second	26.1%	12
Third	17.4%	8
Fourth	15.2%	7
Fifth	0%	0
Sixth or higher	4.4%	2

Question 5: Current study mode

Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	41.3%	19
Part-Time	58.7%	27

Question 6: Attendance mode

Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	6.5%	3
Off campus/distance	87.0%	40
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	6.5%	3

Question 7: Are you a domestic or international student?

Table 1.7: Survey responses by Domestic or International Student

Domestic/International	%	Responses
Domestic	95.7%	44
International	4.4%	2

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	71.7%	33
Regional	21.8%	10
Remote	2.2%	1
Overseas	4.4%	2

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	34.8%	16

Working while studying?	%	Responses
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	39.1%	18
Yes, but only during university holidays	2.2%	1
No	23.9%	11

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	17.4%	8
No	82.6%	38

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

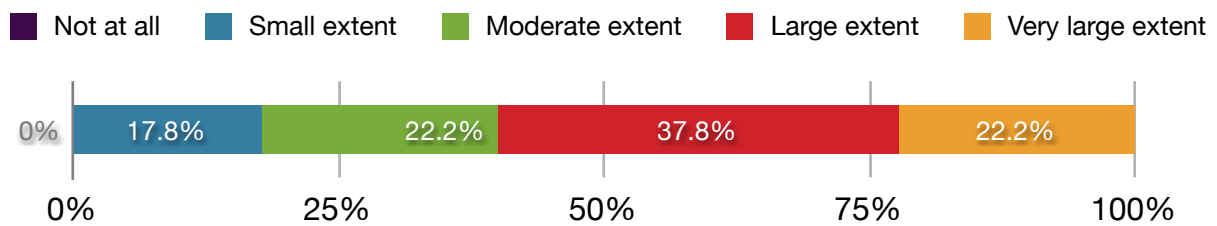
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	67.4%	31
No	4.4%	2
Unsure	28.6%	13

Part 2: Teaching

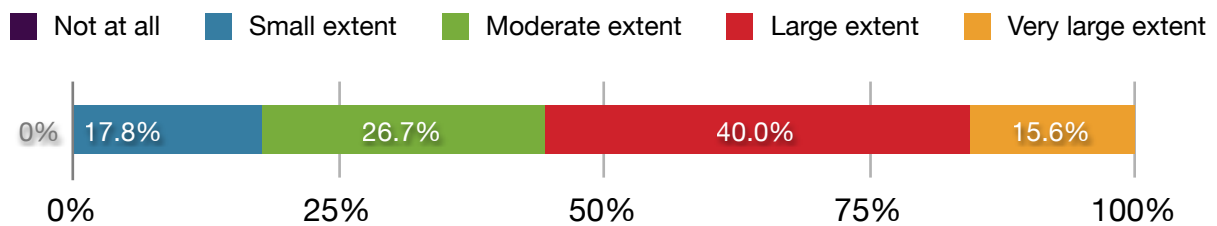
Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 45

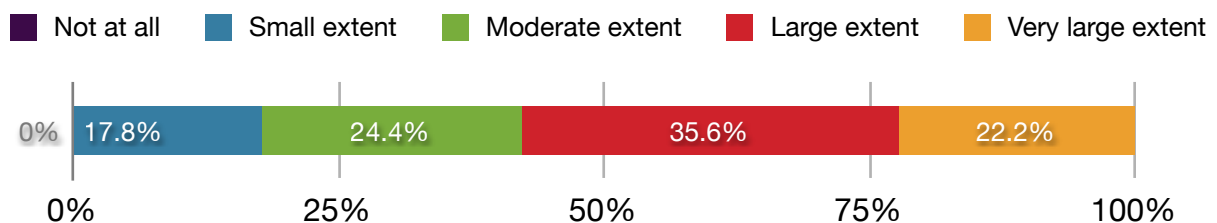
a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



b) Been helpful and approachable?



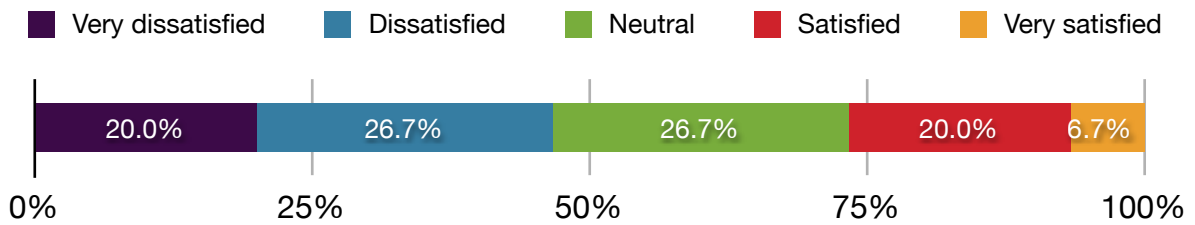
c) Created an engaging learning environment?



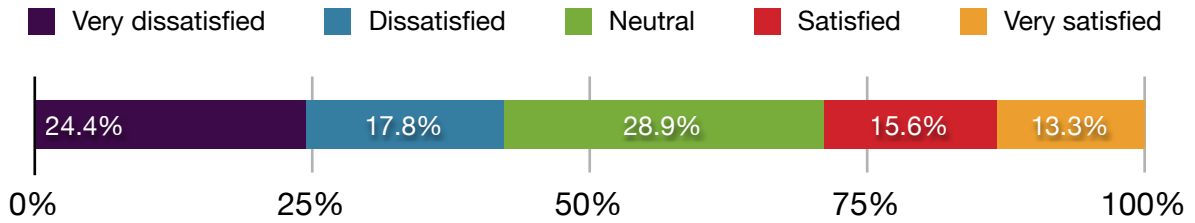
Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 45

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

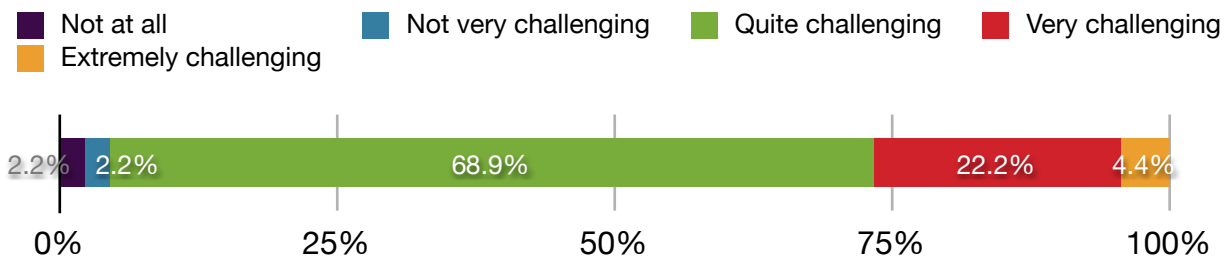


b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?



Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?

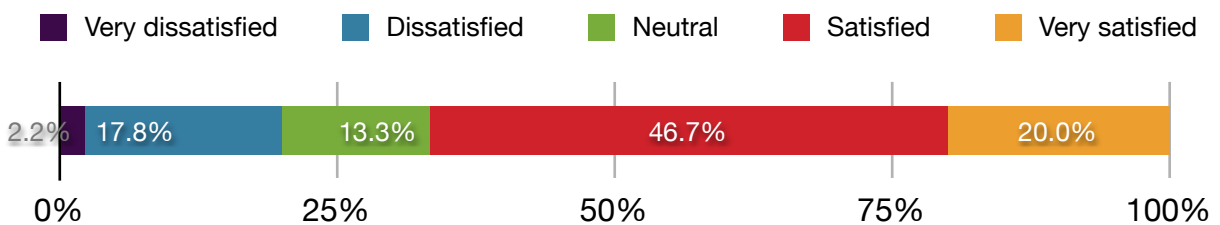
Responses: 45



Satisfaction Rating: Teaching

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

Responses: 45



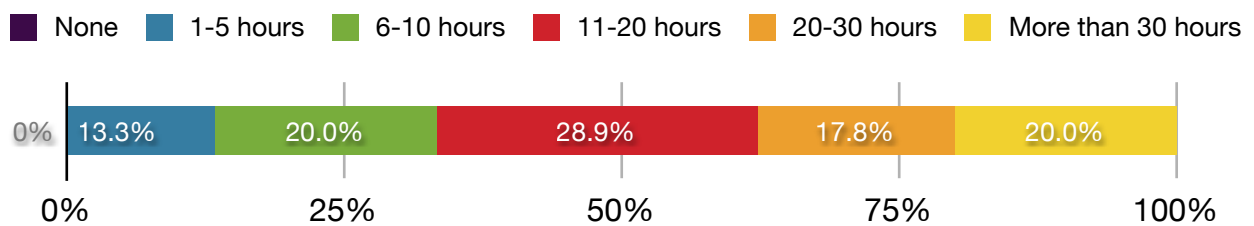
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
1	8	6	21	9

Part 3: Study

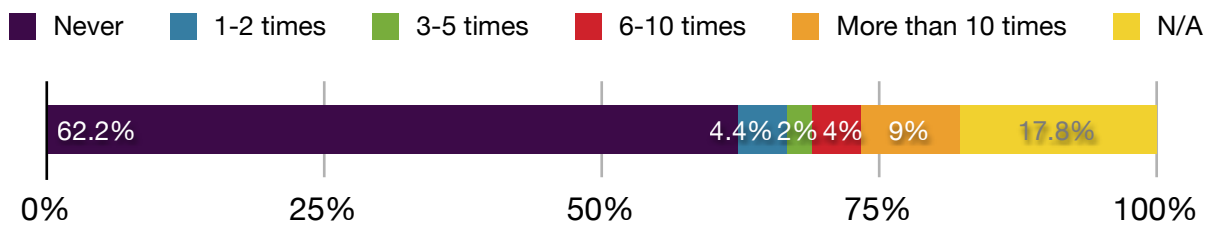
Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?

Responses: 45



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

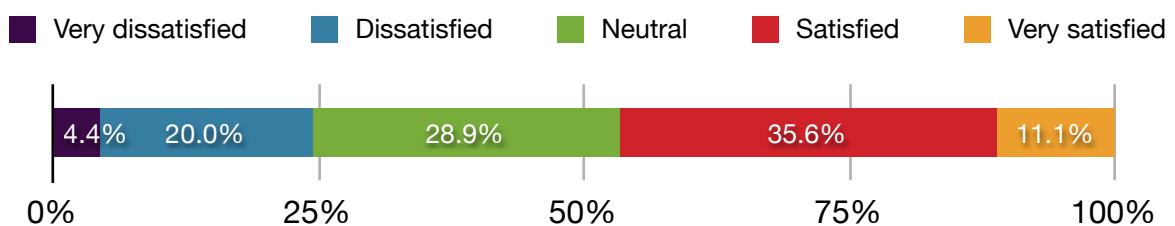
Responses: 45



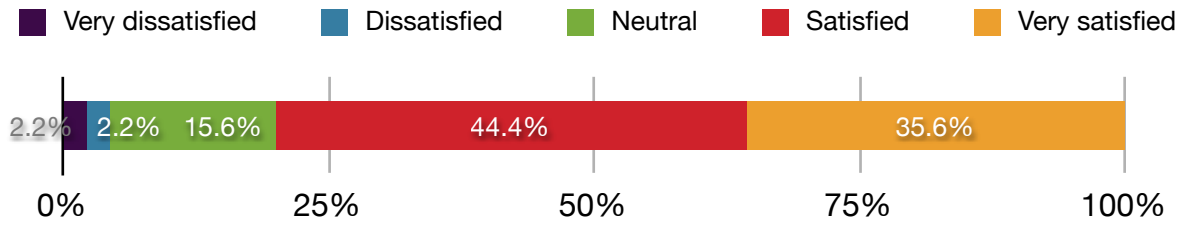
Question 18: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 45

a) The range of elective subjects available?



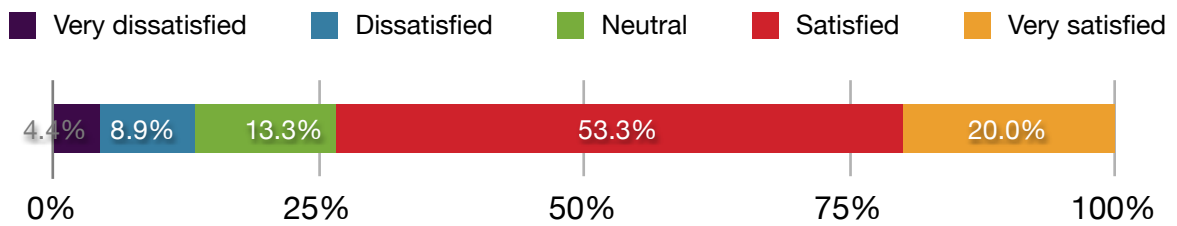
b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums?



Satisfaction Rating: Study

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

Responses: 45



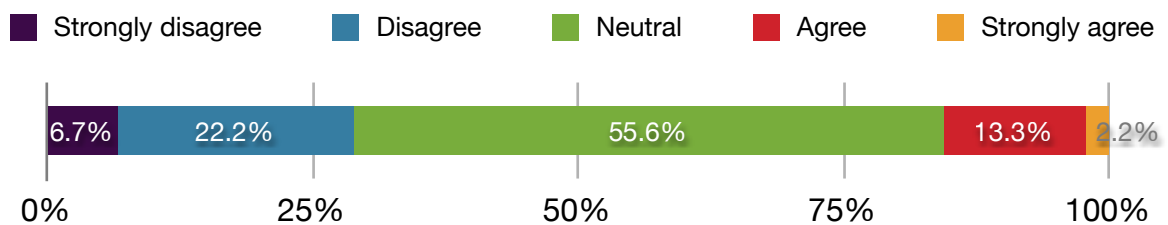
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	4	6	24	9

Part 4: Careers

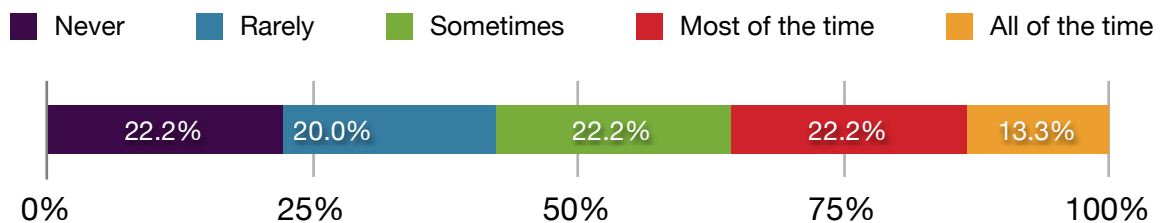
Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 45



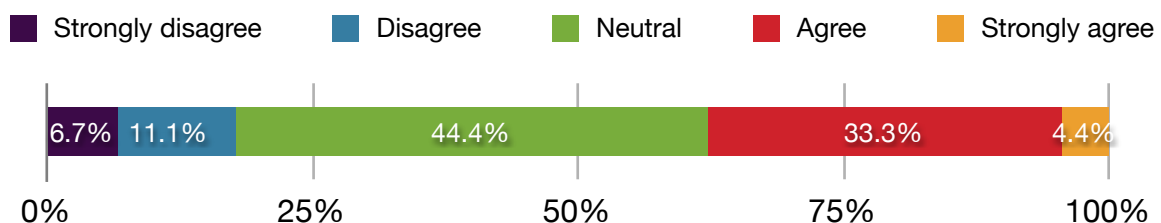
Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 45



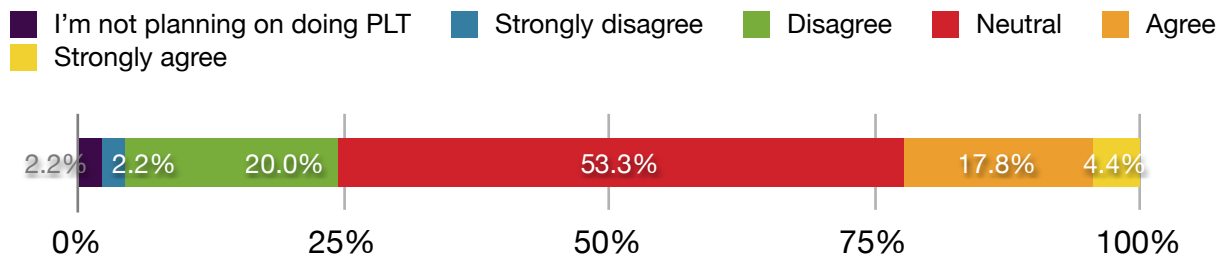
Question 22: My law school provides sufficient information about work experience/employment opportunities.

Responses: 45



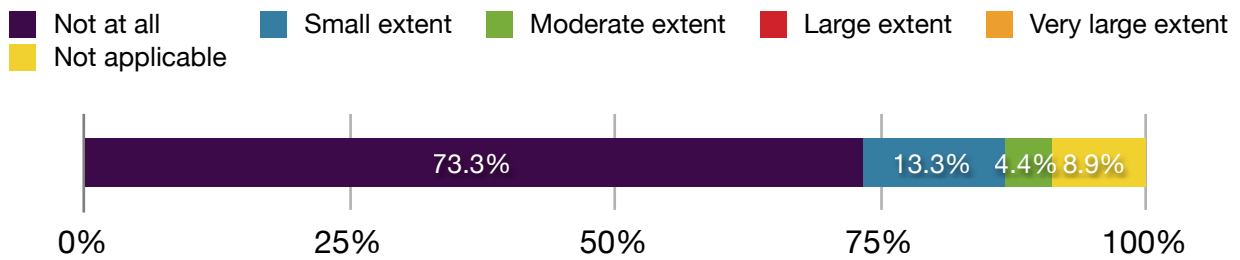
Question 23: I have access to sufficient information about my practical legal training (PLT) options for when I finish my degree.

Responses: 45



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

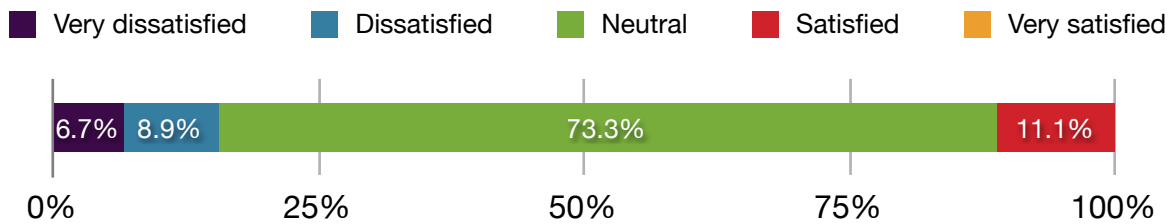
Responses: 45



Satisfaction Rating: Careers

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

Responses: 45



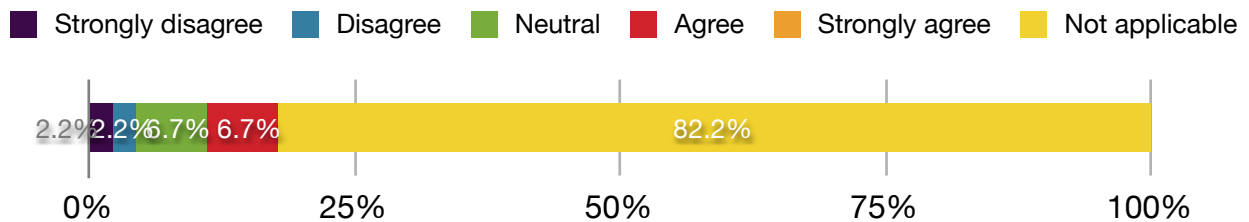
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
3	4	33	5	0

Part 5: Campus Life

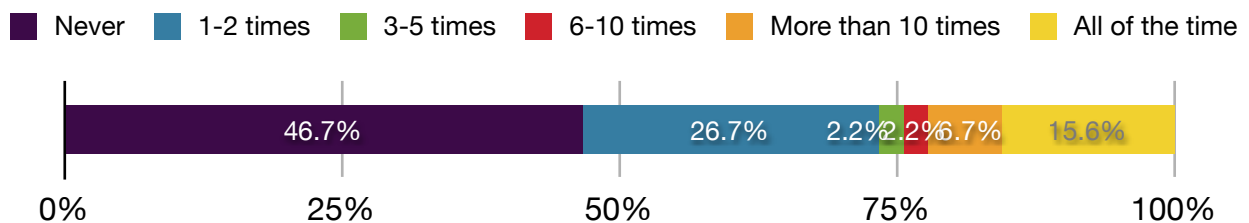
Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 45



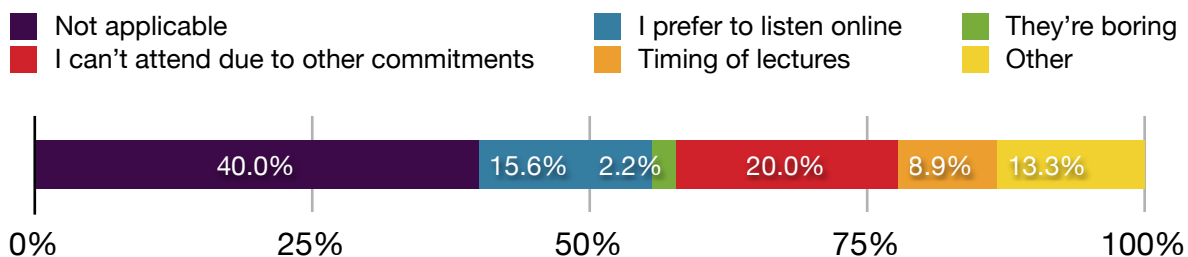
Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 45



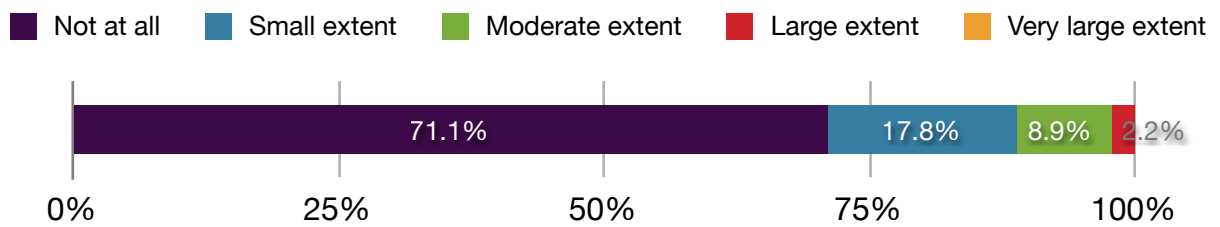
Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 45



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?

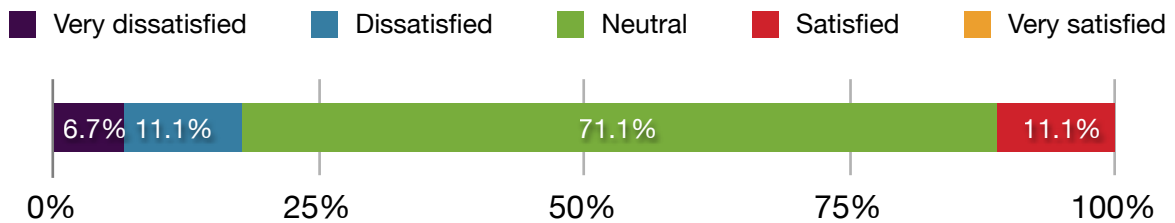
Responses: 45



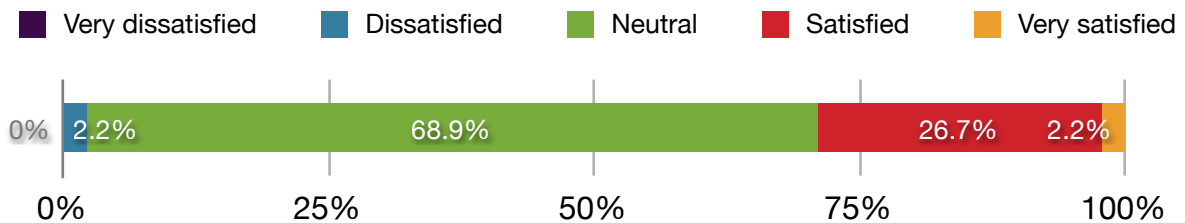
Question 30: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 45

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



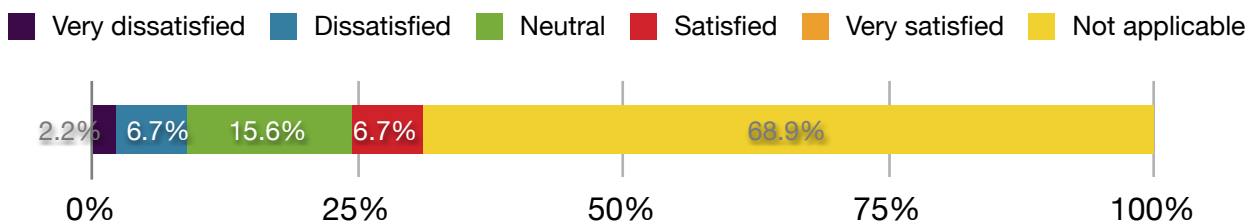
b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?



Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life

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

Responses: 45



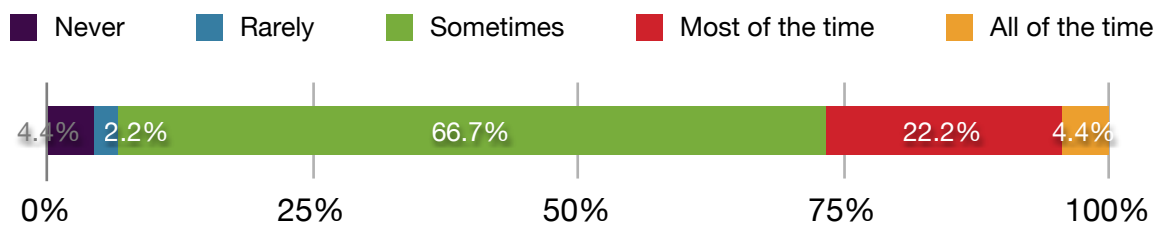
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
1	3	7	3	0	31

Part 6: Wellbeing

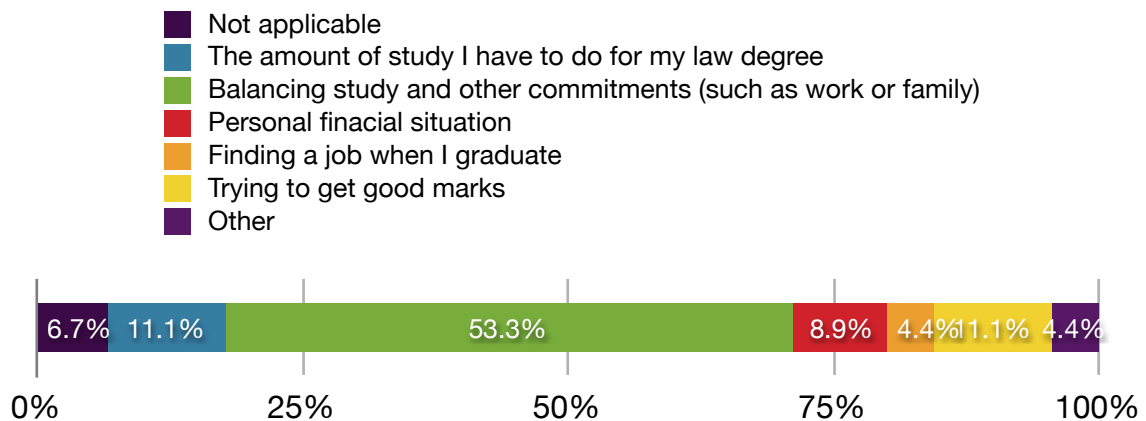
Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 45



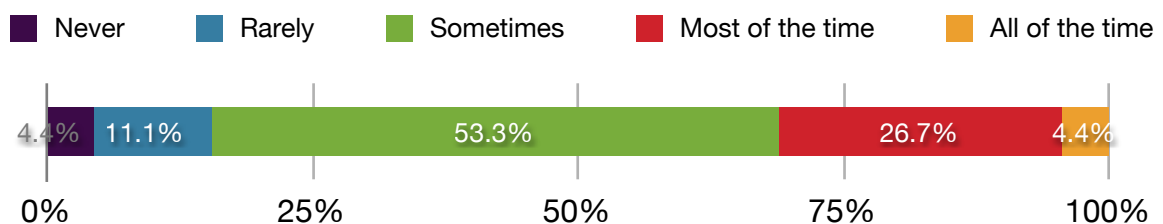
Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 45



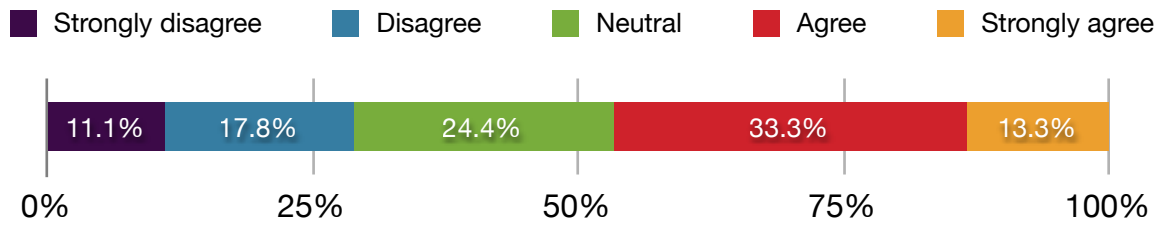
Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 45



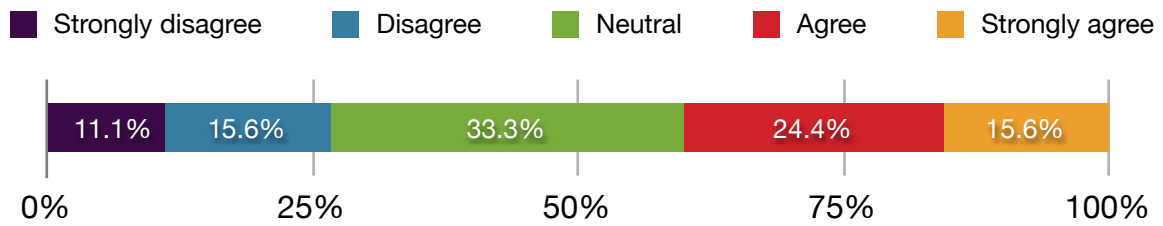
Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

Responses: 45



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

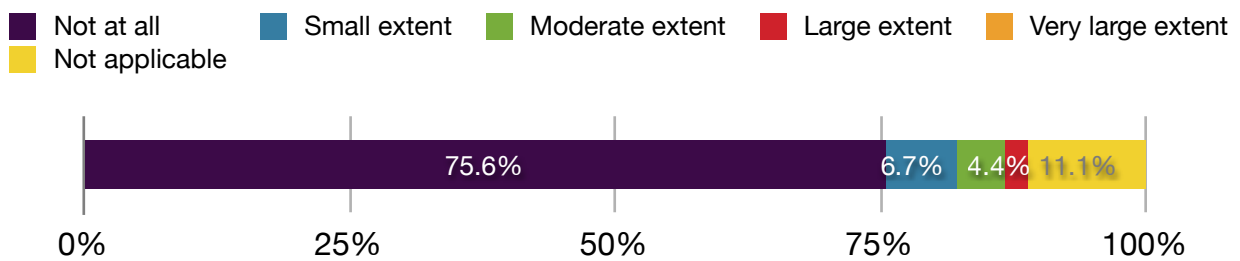
Responses: 45



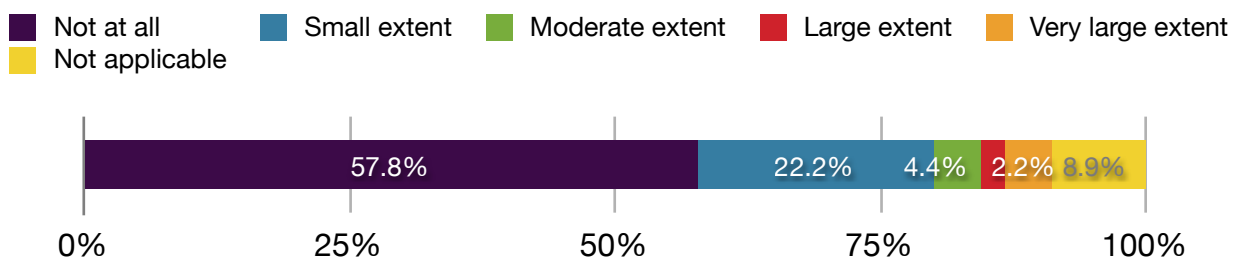
Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:

Responses: 45

a) Counselling



b) Peer mentoring

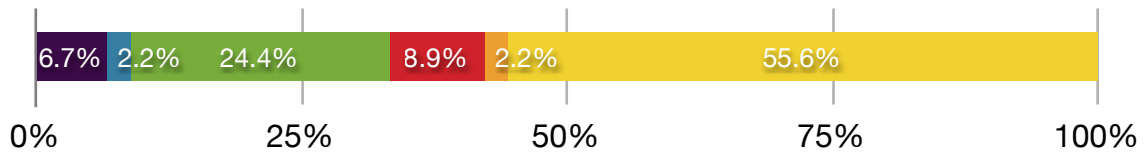


Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:

Responses: 45

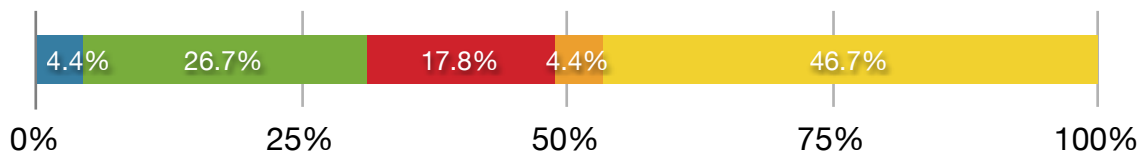
a) Counselling

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable



b) Peer mentoring

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable

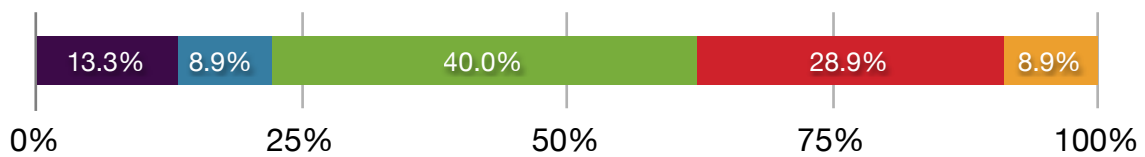


Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing

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

Responses: 45

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied



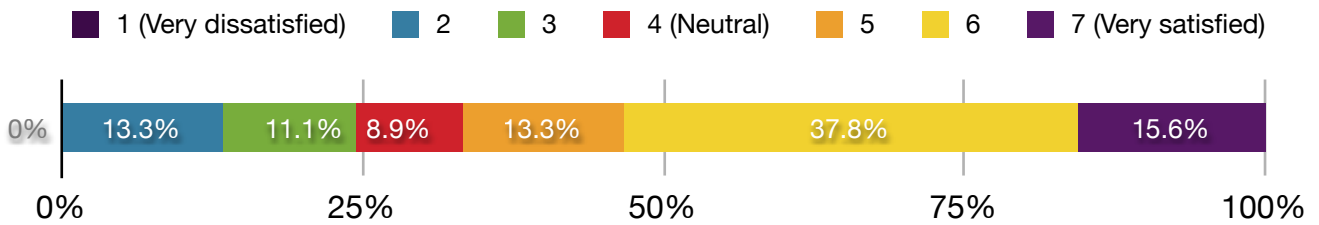
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
6	4	18	13	4

Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 45



Rating	%	Responses
1 (Very dissatisfied)	0%	0
2	13.3%	6
3	11.1%	5
4 (Neutral)	8.9%	4
5	13.3%	6
6	37.8%	17
7 (Very satisfied)	15.6%	7

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?

- Flexibility to accommodate adult learners real-life pressures and still maintain academic rigour.
- As a distance student I find the online Tutorial interaction really helpful
- The resources available to external students are excellent. The school is very mindful that most students are external and everything can be done online. Career opportunities are also sourced for us through careerhub, for example
- Convenience of studying internally or externally. The opportunity to do a practical component to an elective in a rural community legal centre.
- We have some terrific teachers/lecturers. They know us individually and we develop relationships which seem like they'll continue after graduation.

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

- I would like to see the prestige of the school increase relative to other universities. I think there may be a little stigma regarding studying at a less prestigious school. Also, since I am based in Adelaide, I would love to hear more about career opportunities in Adelaide. It also seems the school is understaffed, which is unfortunate.
- Too much emphasis on group work I'd like more emphasis on my work rather than being pulled down by others
- More support for external students, fulltime campus students always seem to be favoured over external students. Sometimes feels very disheartening and I feel left out!
- Assessment items should be returned to students as marked copies. This would improve learning. Unit outlines should be available to students whether or not they are enrolled in that particular unit. This would make course planning easier.
- Individual feedback on assessment is required. It is difficult to improve understanding of various areas of law when only general group feedback is given.