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Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

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Demographics

Number of responses: 64

Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	78.1%	50
LLB/Double Degree	18.8%	12
LLM	0%	0
JD	0%	0
Other	3.1%	2

Question 3: What is your gender?

Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender

Gender	%	Responses
Female	60.9%	39
Male	37.5%	24
Other	1.6%	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	40.6%	26
Second	20.3%	13
Third	17.2%	11
Fourth	14.1%	9
Fifth	6.3%	4
Sixth or higher	1.6%	1

Question 5: Current study mode

Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	53.1%	34
Part-Time	46.9%	30

Question 6: Attendance mode

Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	46.9%	30
Off campus/distance	34.4%	22
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	18.8%	12

Question 7: Are you a domestic or international student?

Table 1.7: Survey responses by Domestic or International Student

Domestic/International	%	Responses
Domestic	93.8%	60
International	6.3%	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	89.1%	51
Regional	7.8%	5
Remote	1.6%	1
Overseas	1.6%	1

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	31.3%	20
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	43.8%	28
Yes, but only during university holidays	1.6%	1
No	23.4%	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	21.9%	14
No	78.1%	50

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

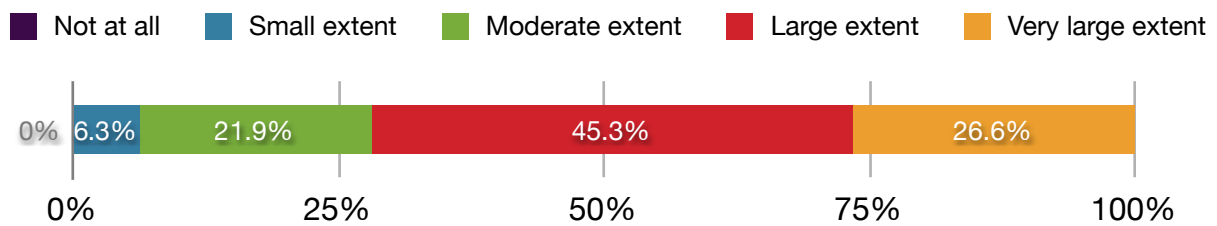
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	79.7%	51
No	4.7%	3
Unsure	15.6%	10

Part 2: Teaching

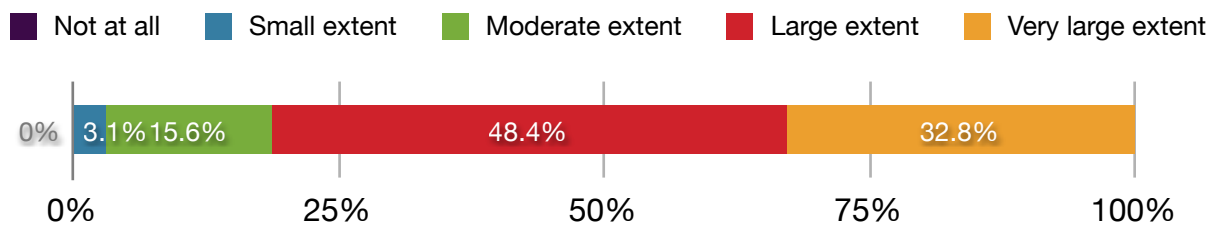
Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 64

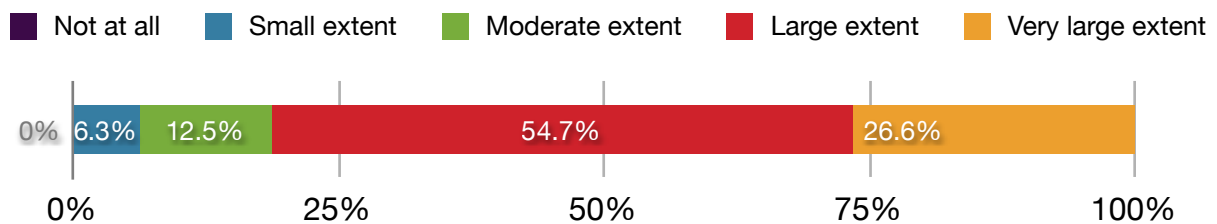
a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



b) Been helpful and approachable?



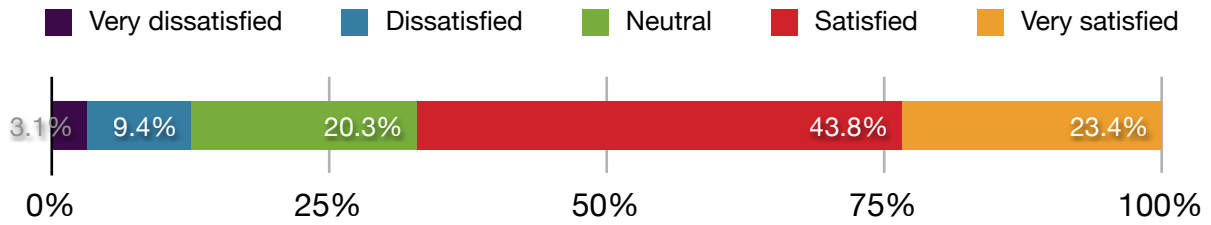
c) Created an engaging learning environment?



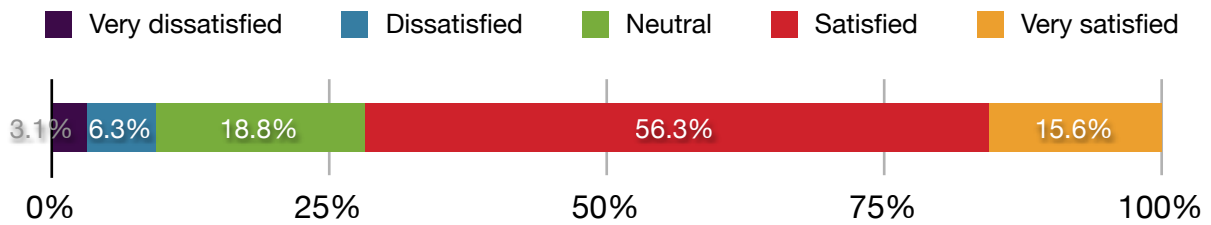
Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 64

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

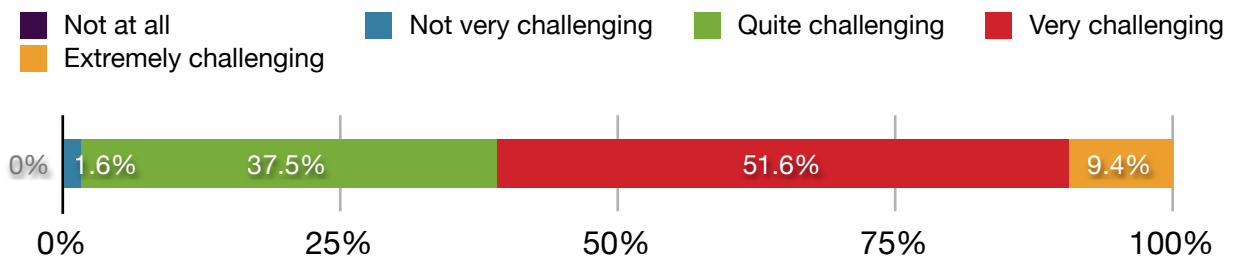


b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?



Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?

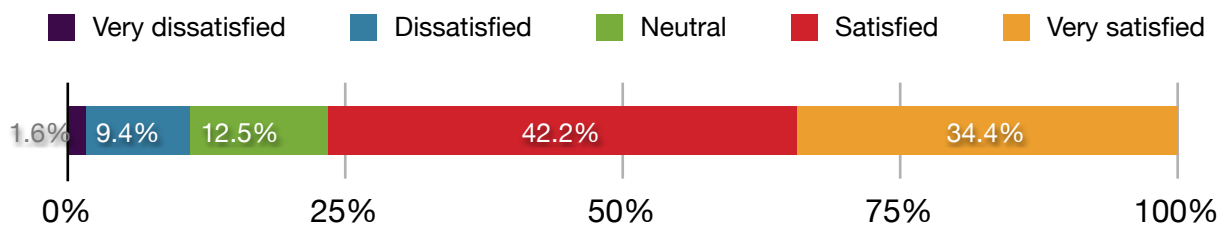
Responses: 64



Satisfaction Rating: Teaching

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

Responses: 64



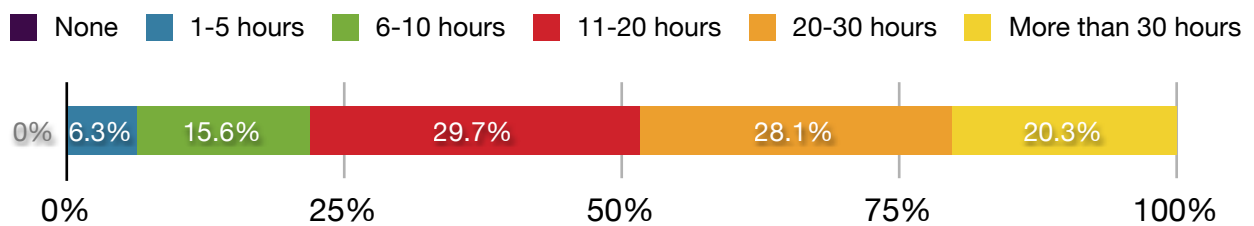
Responses

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
1	6	8	27	22	

Part 3: Study

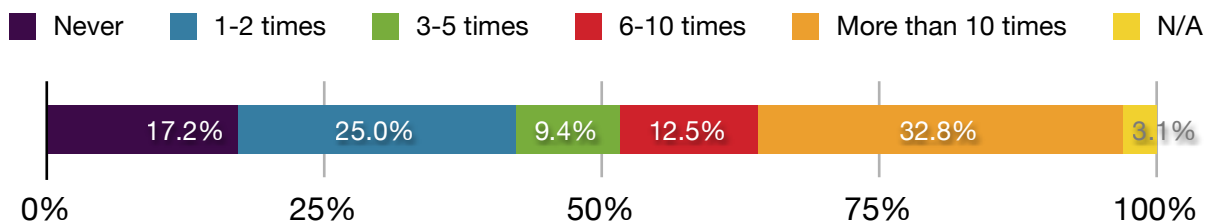
Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?

Responses: 64



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

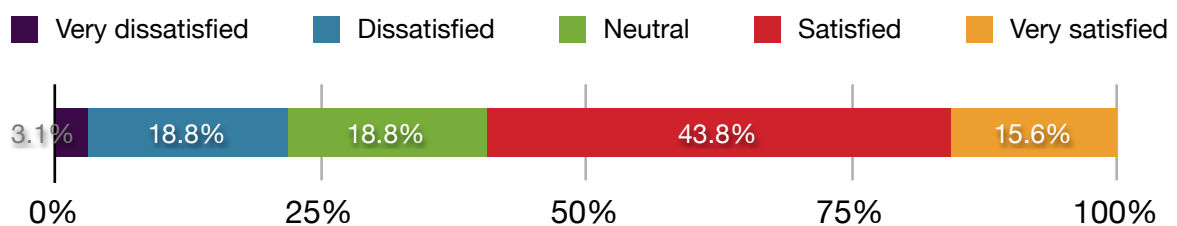
Responses: 64



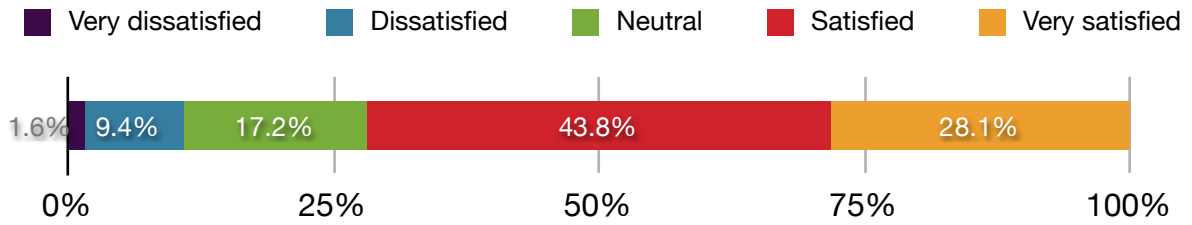
Question 18: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 64

a) The range of elective subjects available?



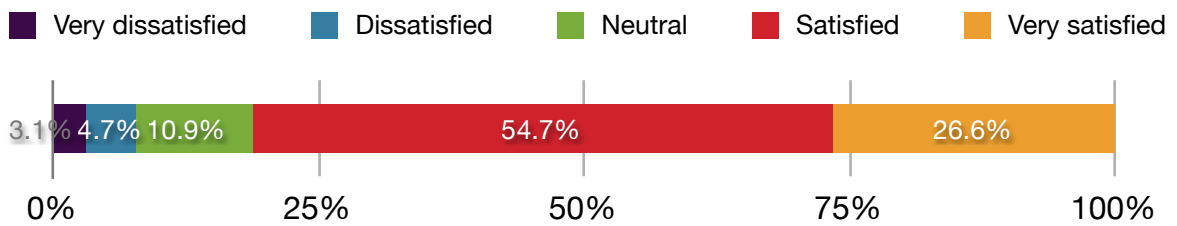
b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums?



Satisfaction Rating: Study

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

Responses: 65



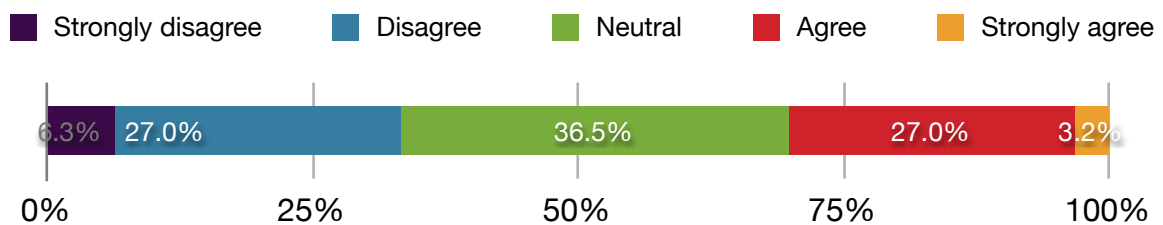
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	3	7	35	17

Part 4: Careers

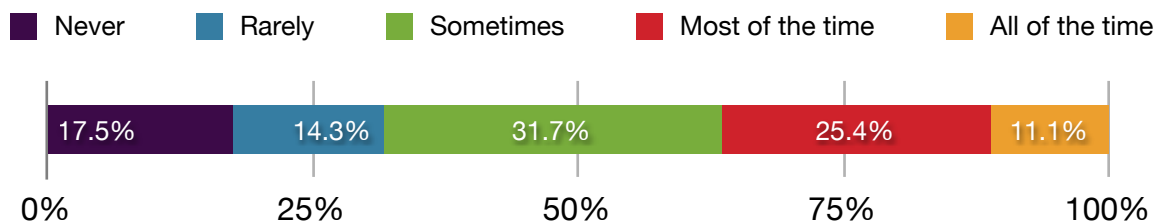
Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 63



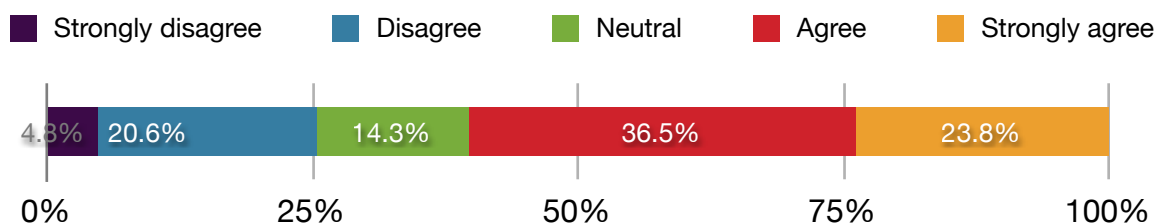
Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 63



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

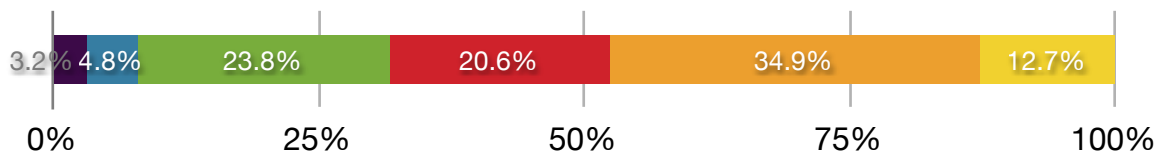
Responses: 80



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

Responses: 63

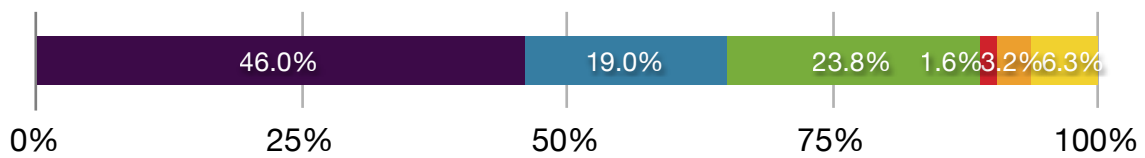
■ I'm not planning on doing PLT
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly agree



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

Responses: 63

■ Not at all
 ■ Small extent
 ■ Moderate extent
 ■ Large extent
 ■ Very large extent
 ■ Not applicable

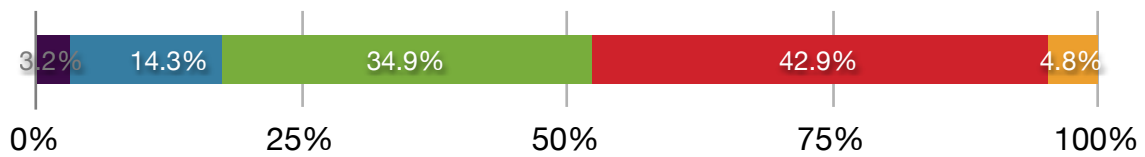


Satisfaction Rating: Careers

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

Responses: 63

■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Dissatisfied
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Satisfied
 ■ Very satisfied



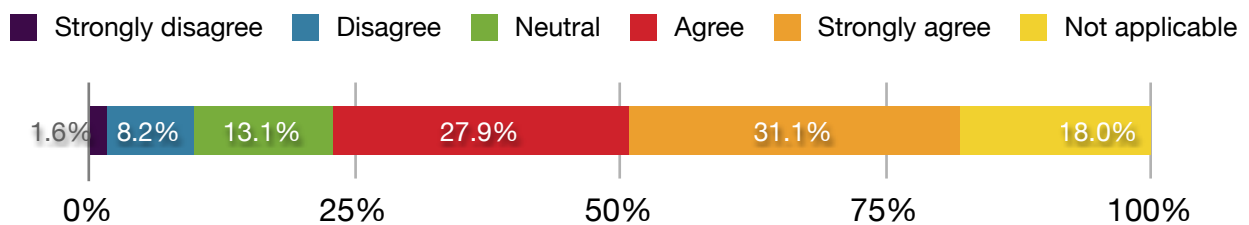
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	9	22	27	3

Part 5: Campus Life

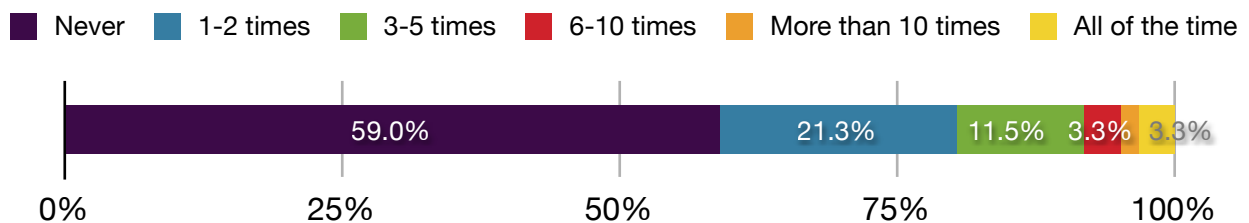
Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 61



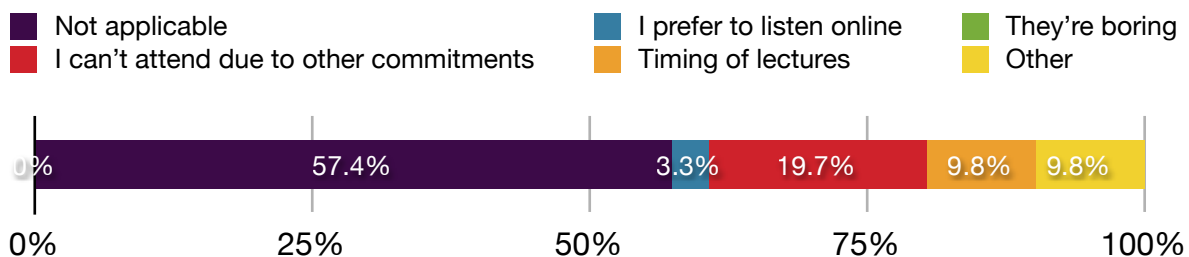
Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 61



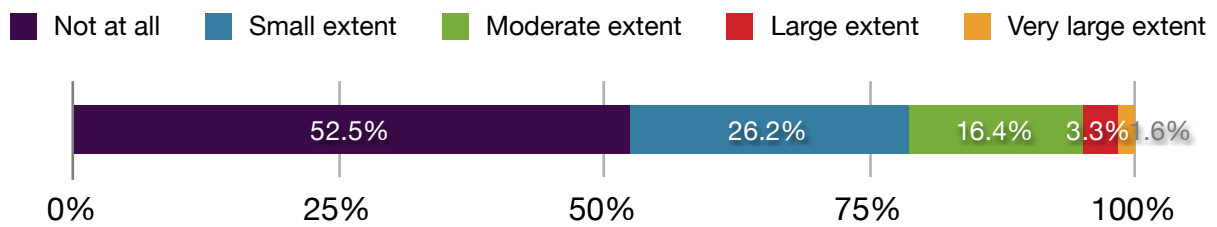
Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 61



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?

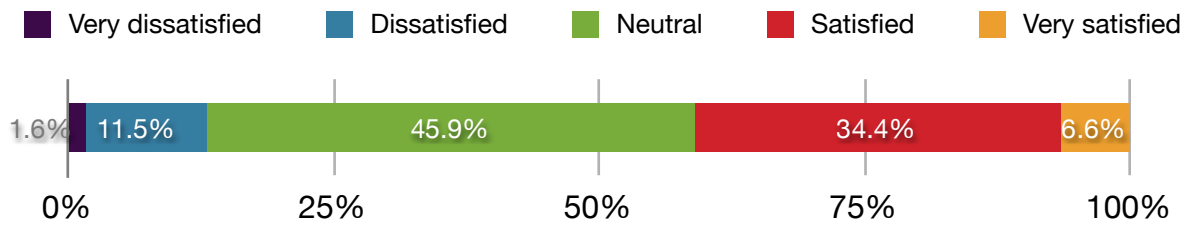
Responses: 61



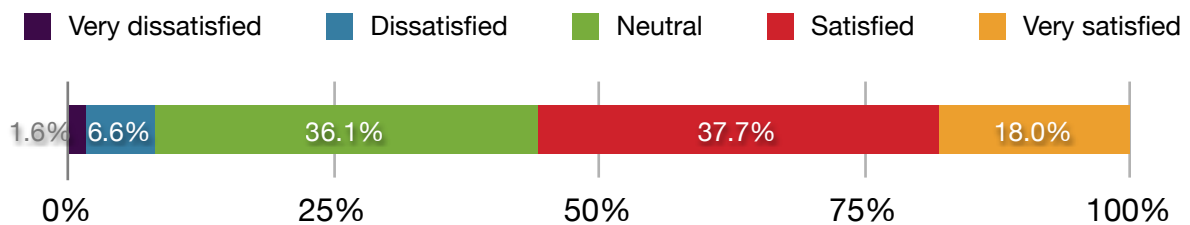
Question 30: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 61

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



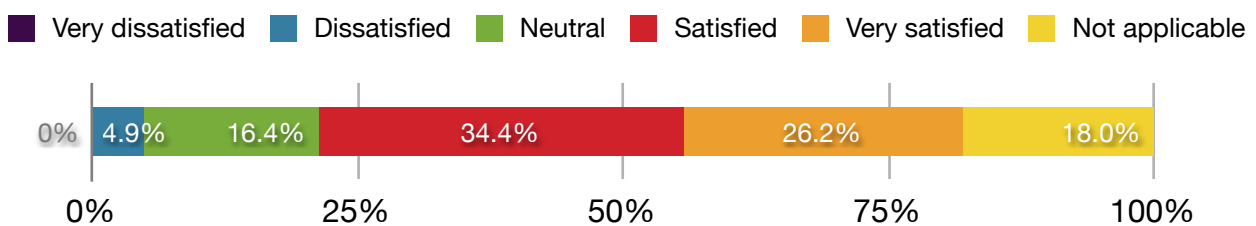
b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?



Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life

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

Responses: 61



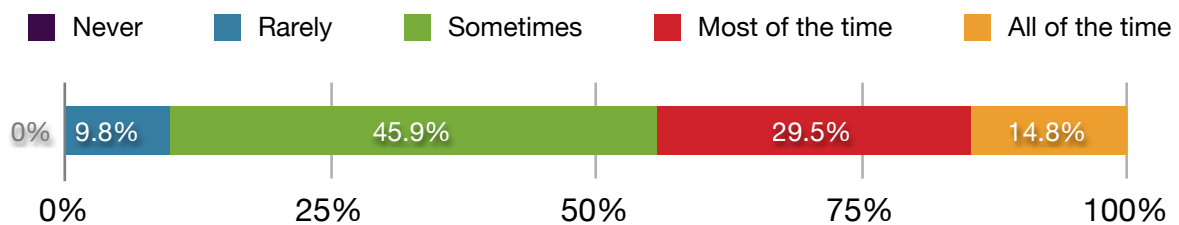
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
0	3	10	21	16	11

Part 6: Wellbeing

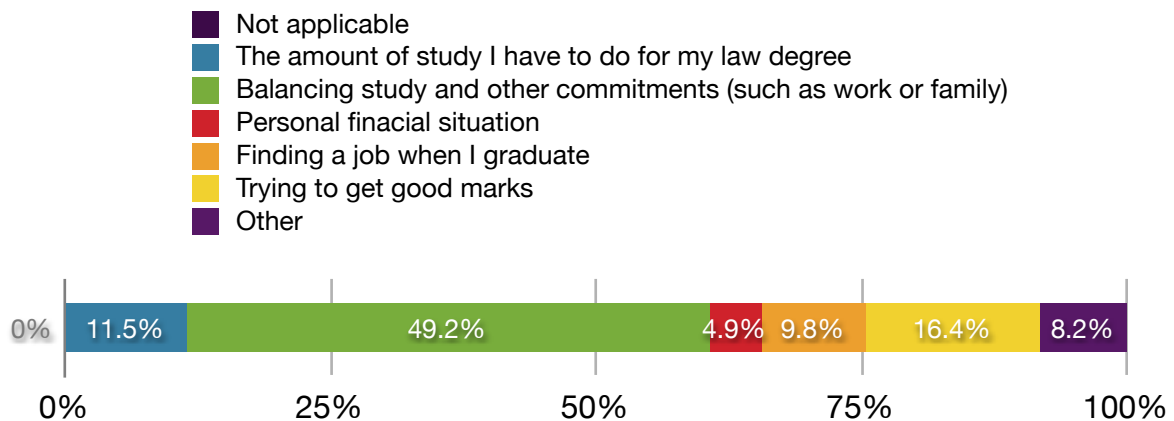
Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 61



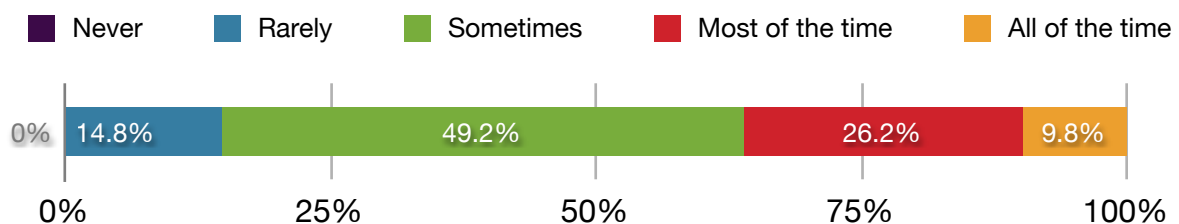
Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 61



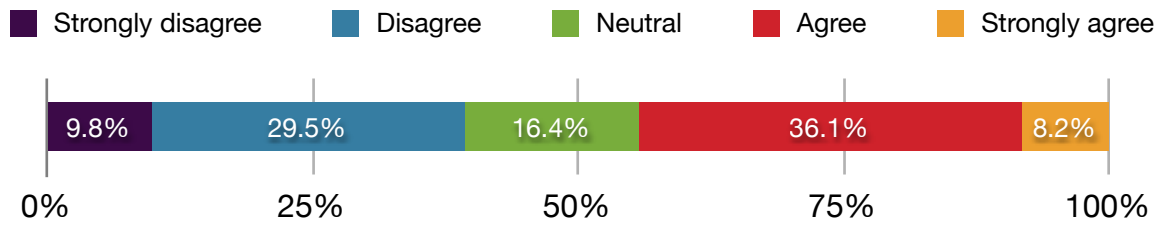
Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 61



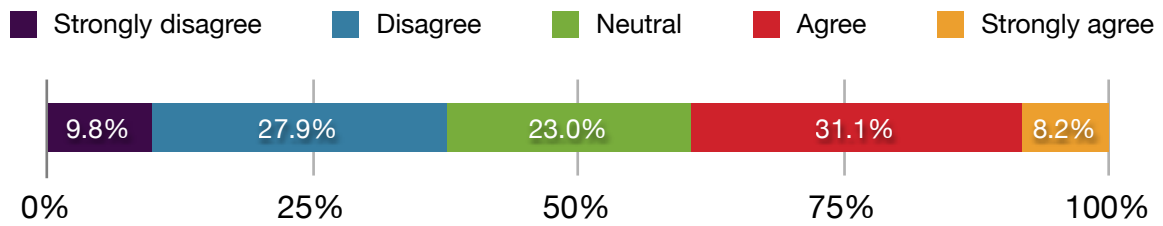
Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

Responses: 61



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

Responses: 61

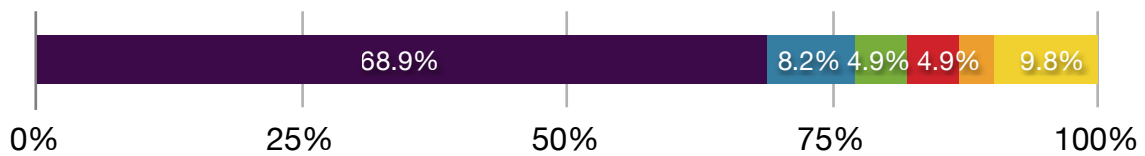


Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:

Responses: 61

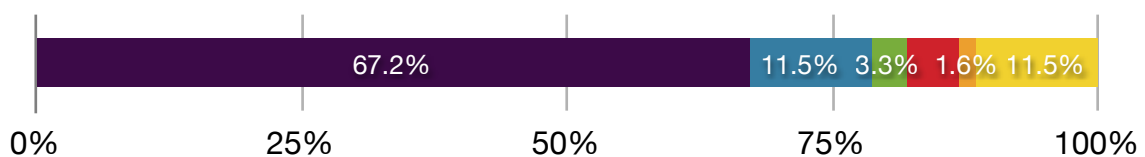
a) Counselling

■ Not at all
 ■ Small extent
 ■ Moderate extent
 ■ Large extent
 ■ Very large extent
 ■ Not applicable



b) Peer mentoring

■ Not at all
 ■ Small extent
 ■ Moderate extent
 ■ Large extent
 ■ Very large extent
 ■ Not applicable

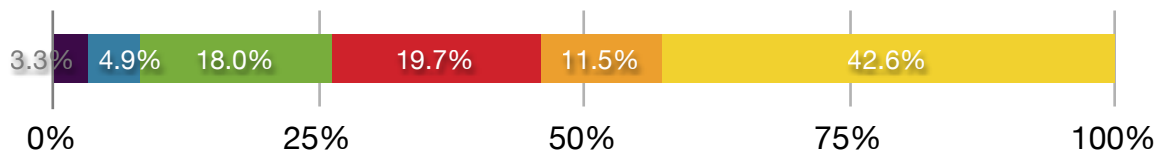


Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:

Responses: 61

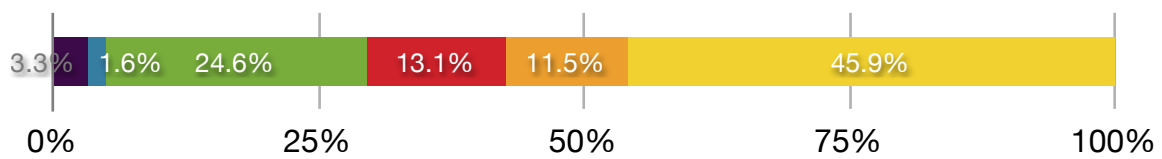
a) Counselling

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable



b) Peer mentoring

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable

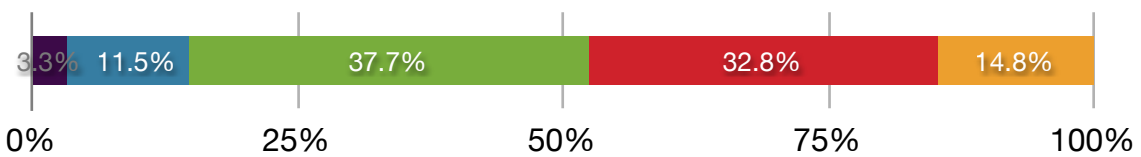


Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing

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

Responses: 61

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied



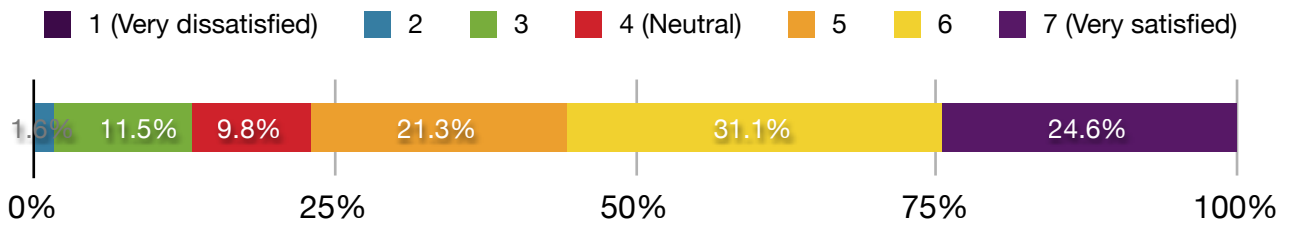
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	7	23	20	9

Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 59



Rating	%	Responses
1 (Very dissatisfied)	0%	0
2	1.6%	1
3	11.6%	7
4 (Neutral)	9.8%	6
5	21.3%	13
6	31.1%	19
7 (Very satisfied)	24.6%	15

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?

- Friendly staff
- The teachers are amazing, approachable, engaging and highly competent
- The online resources are great. The Law Librarian is very helpful and prompt. The content of units is interesting.
- Flexibility of online learning Professionalism and knowledge of lecturers and tutors
- I have only just commenced studies online. One of the units offered interactive lectures on line, which I found most helpful and interesting.
- As a mature age student trying to balance work, family and university - I appreciate the relaxed attitude to walking into lectures late, leaving early, or answering phone calls in the middle of a lecture. I have heard that some universities are not so accommodating!

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

- Longer maximum length of time available to complete the degree.
- Often assignments receive a mark but no comment. At times I have asked for feedback about how to improve my assignments, but the response has been vague to the point of unhelpful. Most exams are worth 60% of our final unit mark and I find that does not accurately reflect our understanding or retention of the Law. It is a better measurement of ability to remain calm under time and pressure constraints.
- More opportunity for onliners to get together with lecturers and other students.
- More live lectures for those studying online. They most definitely helped me to feel connected and to interact with both the lecturer and other students.
- I would like to see more of a focus on the law area, possible mock law court rooms, lecture rooms, we are using science rooms for our tutorials. I think more of a focus on the law area would be greatly appreciated.