

# SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

James Cook University

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## Demographics

Number of responses: 96

### Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

**Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program**

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	75.0%	72
LLB/Double Degree	24.0%	23
LLM	0%	0
JD	1.0%	1
Other	0%	0

### Question 3: What is your gender?

**Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender**

Gender	%	Responses
Female	67.7%	65
Male	31.25%	30
Other	1.0%	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	26.0%	25
Second	26.0%	25
Third	20.8%	20
Fourth	19.8%	19
Fifth	6.3%	6
Sixth or higher	1.0%	1

### Question 5: Current study mode

**Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode**

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	92.7%	89
Part-Time	7.3%	7

**Question 6: Attendance mode**

**Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode**

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	93.8%	90
Off campus/distance	1.0%	1
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	5.2%	5

**Question 7: Are you a domestic or international student?**

**Table 1.7: Survey responses by Domestic or International Student**

Domestic/International	%	Responses
Domestic	92.7%	89
International	7.3%	7

**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	14.6%	14
Regional	85.4%	82
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	5.2%	5
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	51.0%	49
Yes, but only during university holidays	9.4%	9
No	34.4%	33

**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	10.4%	10
No	89.6%	86

**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**

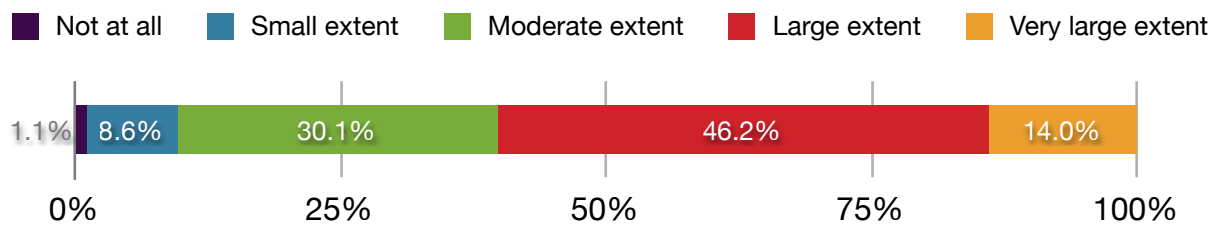
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	69.8%	67
No	5.2%	5
Unsure	25.0%	24

# Part 2: Teaching

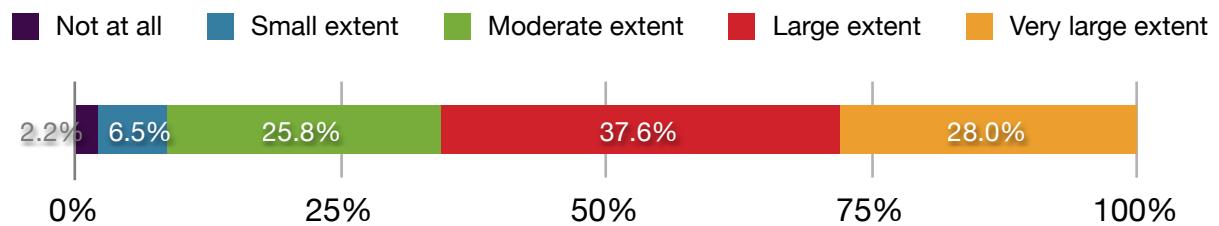
## Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 93

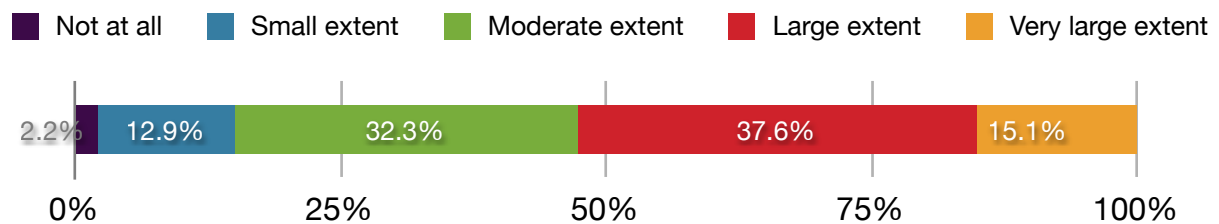
### a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



### b) Been helpful and approachable?



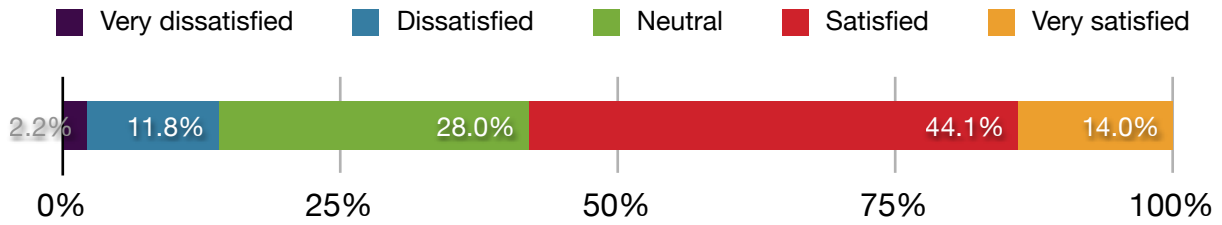
### c) Created an engaging learning environment?



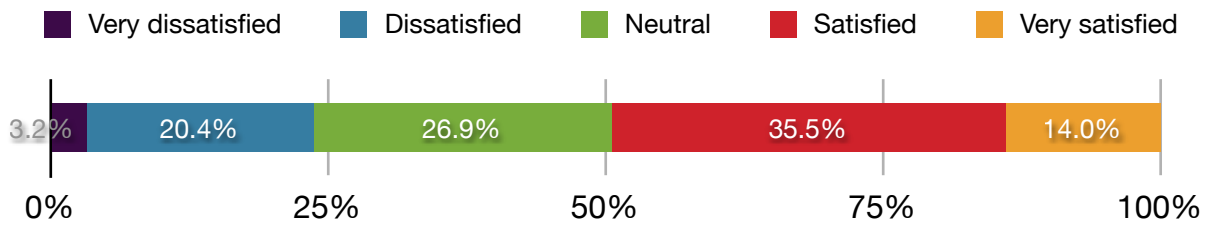
## Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 93

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

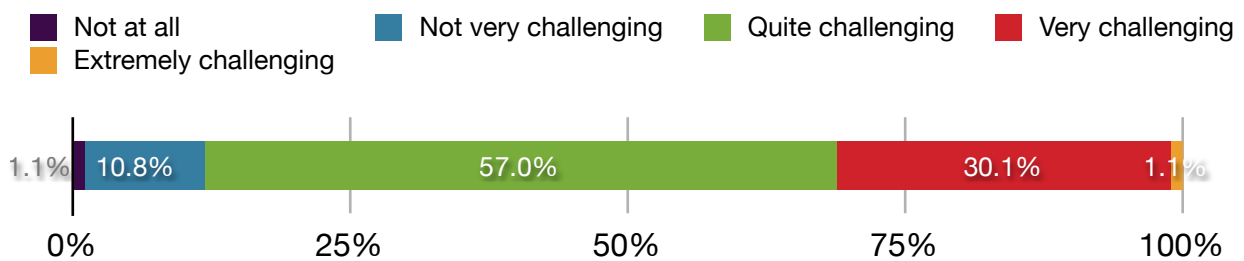


**b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?**



**Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?**

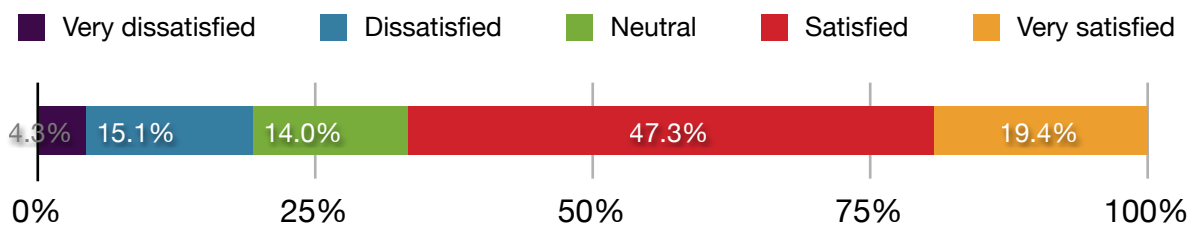
Responses: 93



**Satisfaction Rating: Teaching**

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

Responses: 93



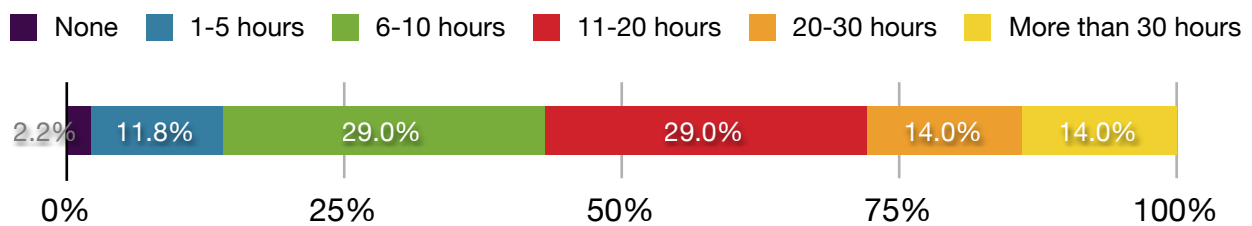
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
4	14	13	44	18

# Part 3: Study

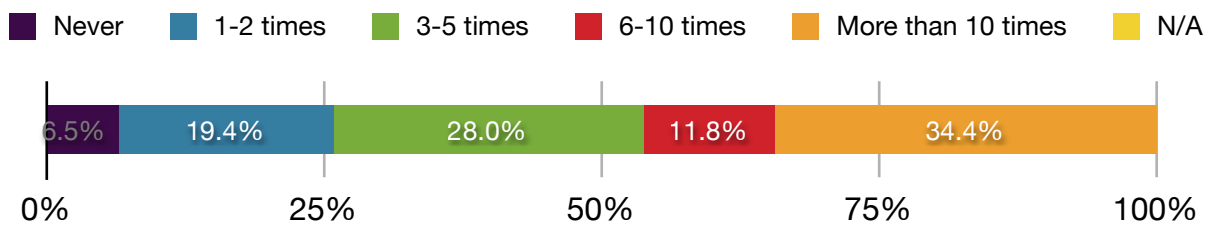
**Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?**

Responses: 93



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

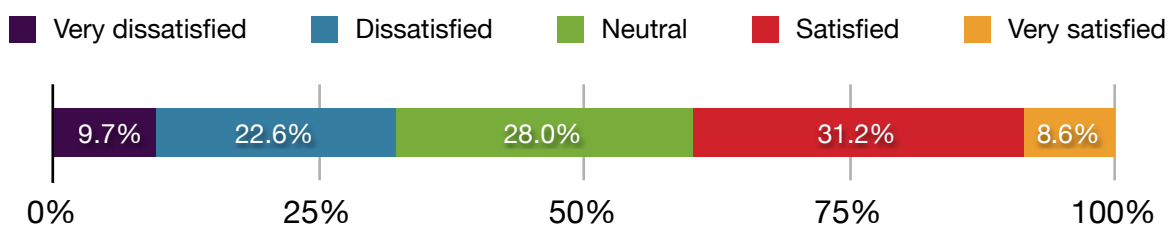
Responses: 93



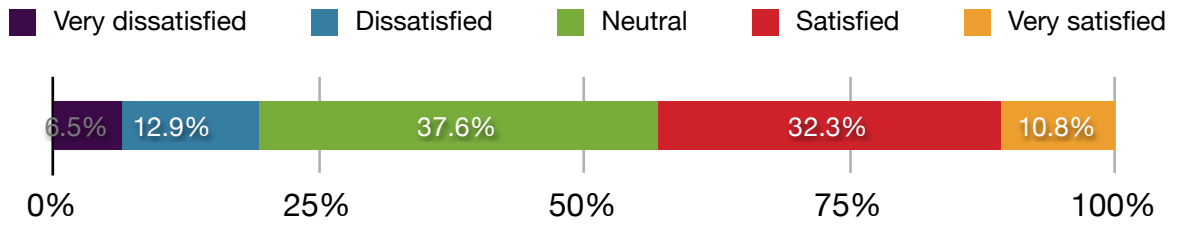
**Question 18: How satisfied are you with:**

Responses: 93

**a) The range of elective subjects available?**



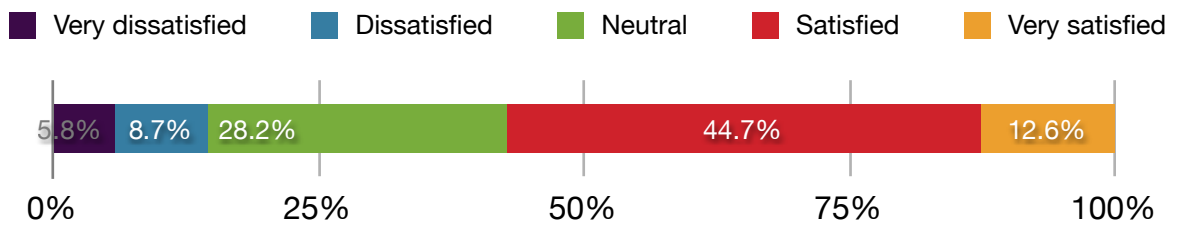
**b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums?**



**Satisfaction Rating: Study**

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

Responses: 93



**Responses**

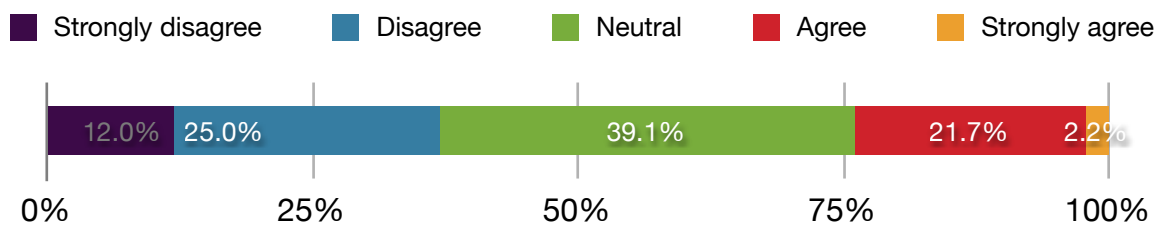
Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
6	9	19	46	13



# Part 4: Careers

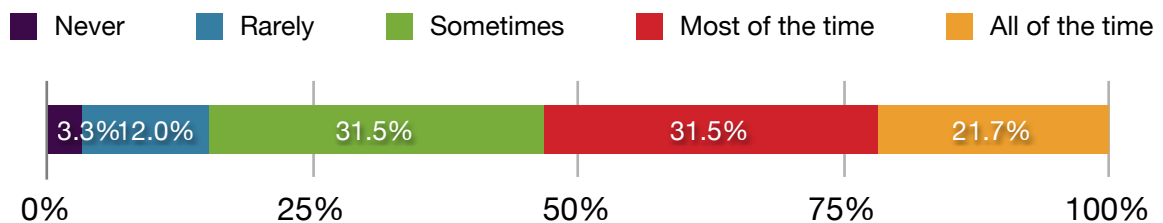
**Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.**

Responses: 92



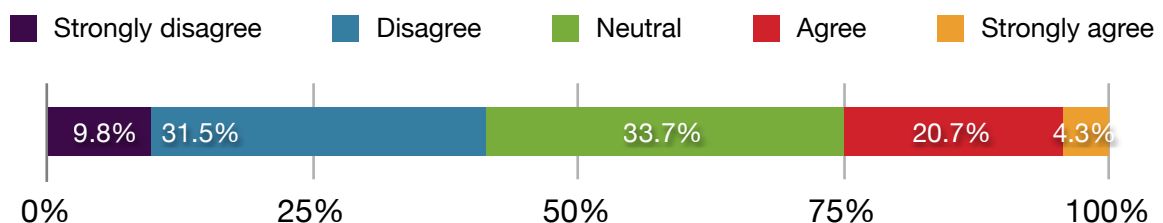
**Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?**

Responses: 92



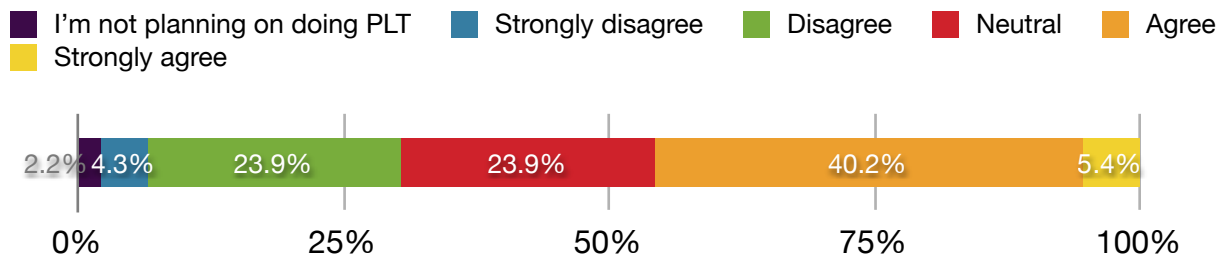
**Question 22: My law school provides sufficient information about work experience/employment opportunities.**

Responses: 92



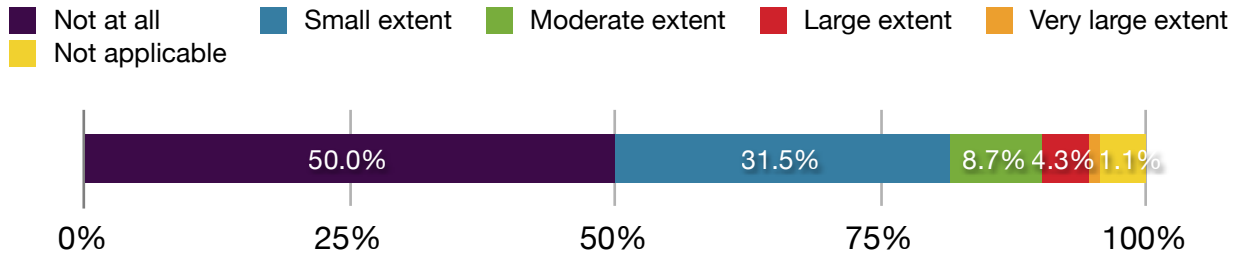
**Question 23: I have access to sufficient information about my practical legal training (PLT) options for when I finish my degree.**

Responses: 92



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

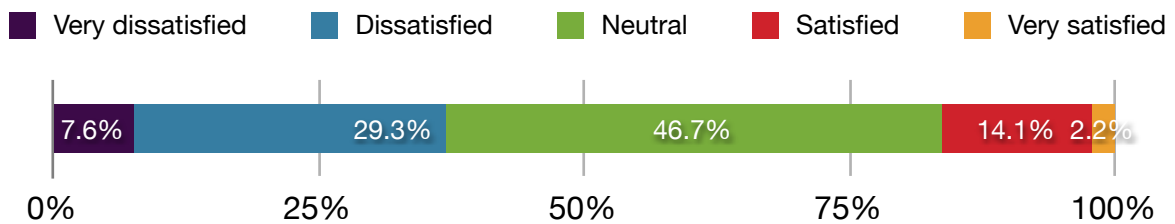
Responses: 92



**Satisfaction Rating: Careers**

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

Responses: 92



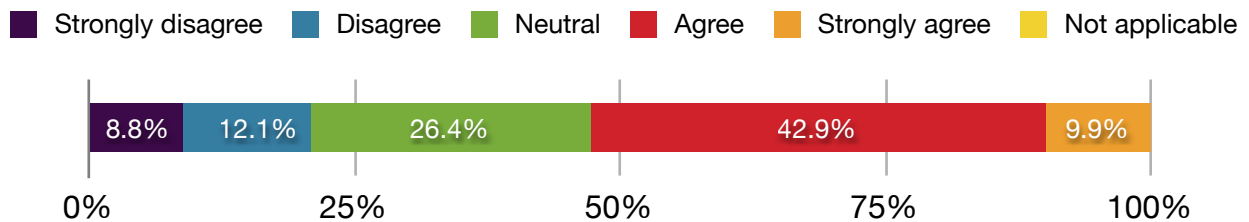
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
7	27	43	13	2

# Part 5: Campus Life

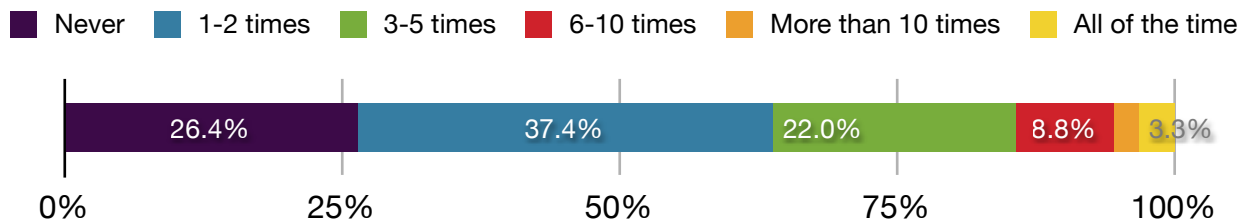
## Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 91



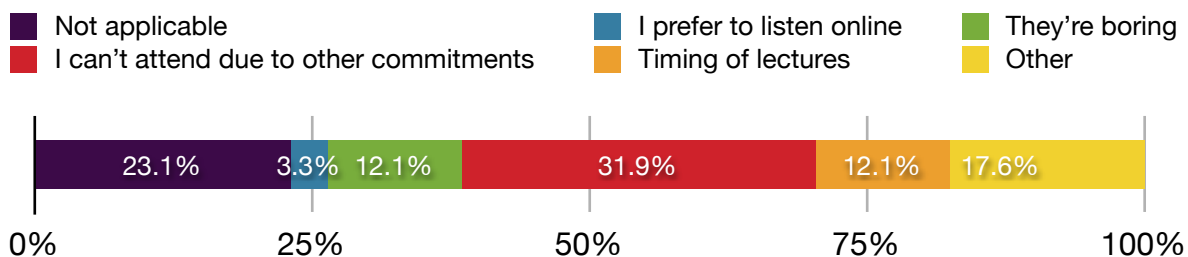
## Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 91



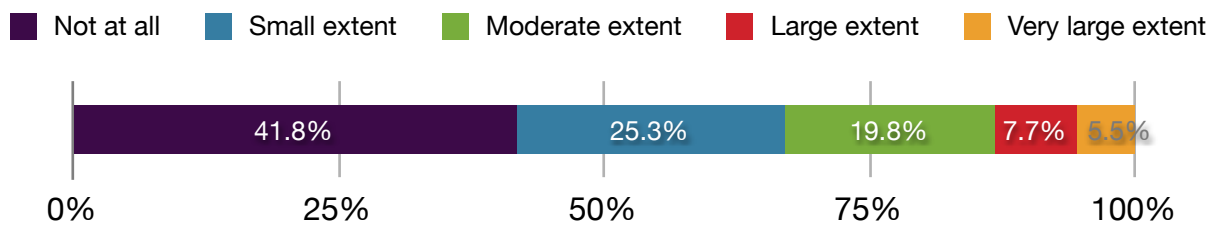
## Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 91



## 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?

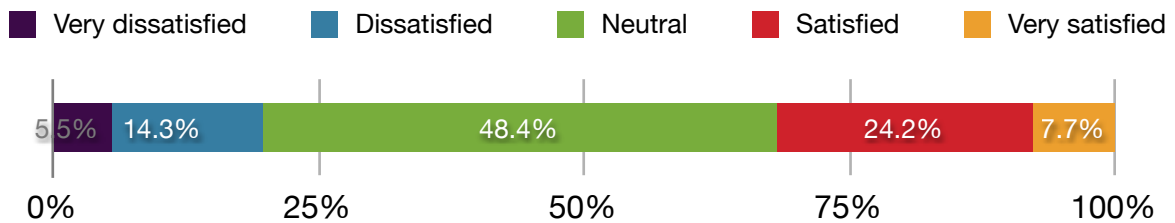
Responses: 91



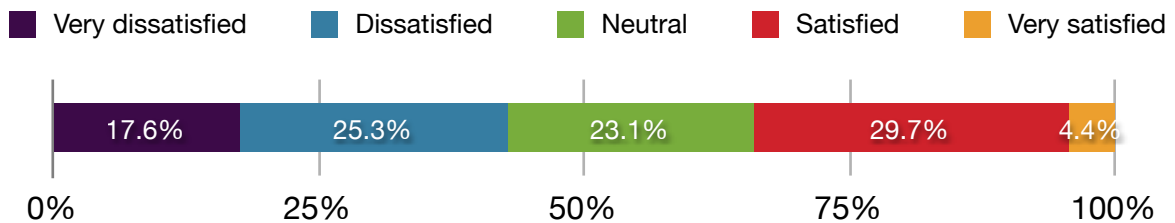
**Question 30: How satisfied are you with:**

Responses: 91

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



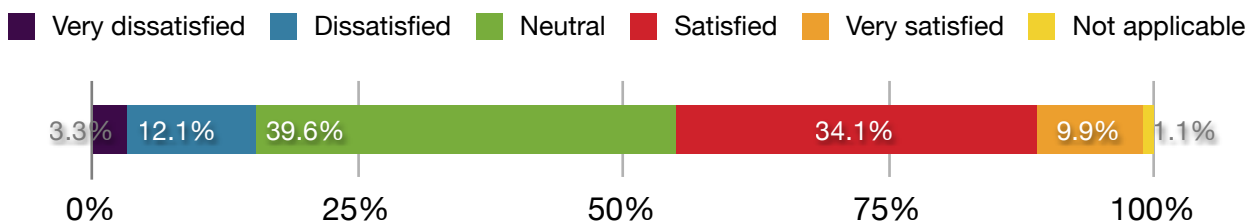
**b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?**



**Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life**

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

Responses: 91



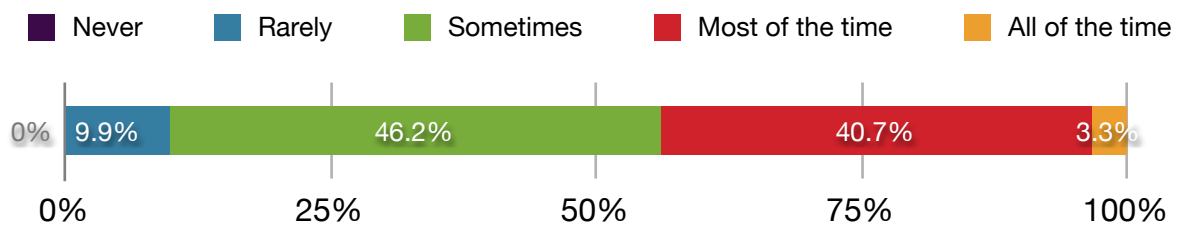
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
3	11	36	31	9	1

# Part 6: Wellbeing

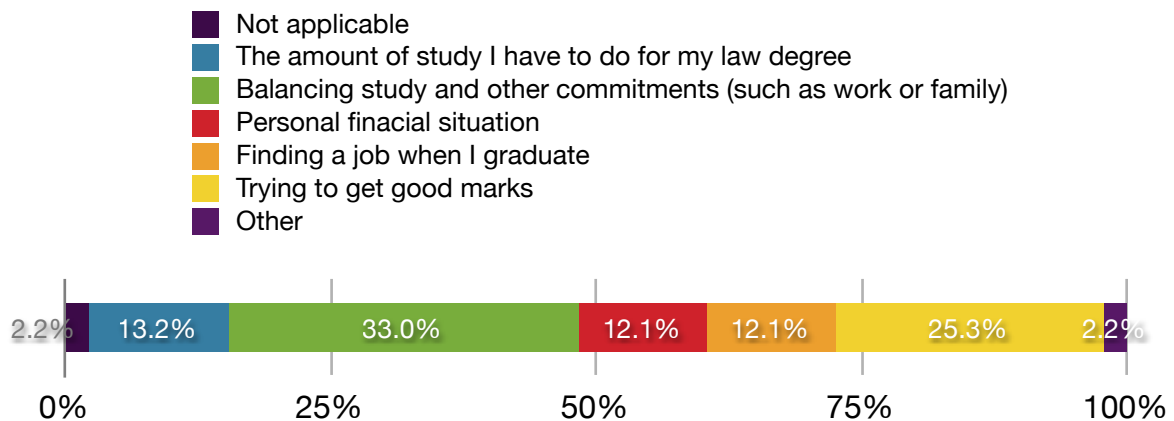
## Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 91



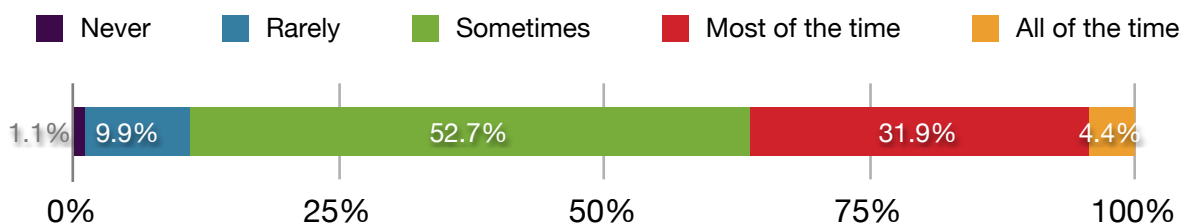
## Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 91



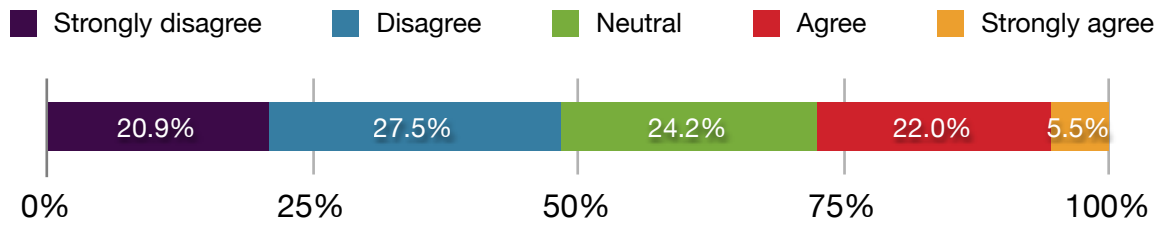
## Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 91



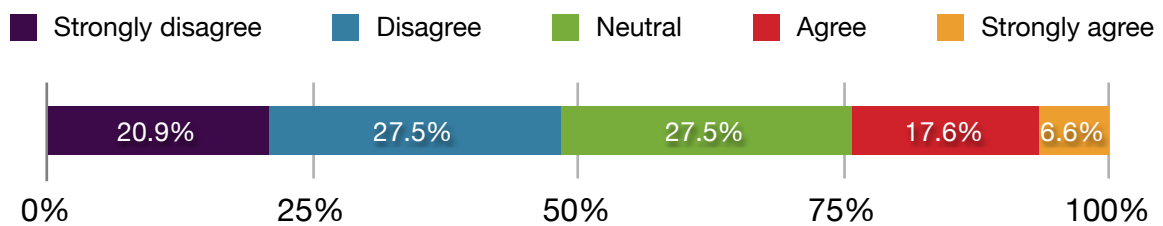
**Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.**

Responses: 91



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

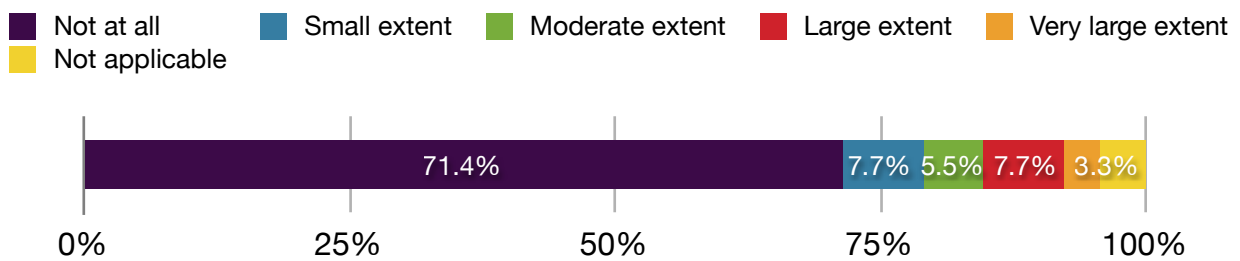
Responses: 91



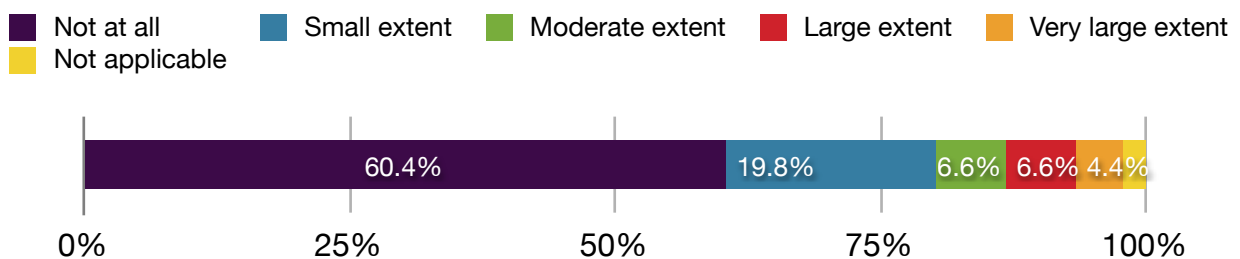
**Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:**

Responses: 91

**a) Counselling**



**b) Peer mentoring**

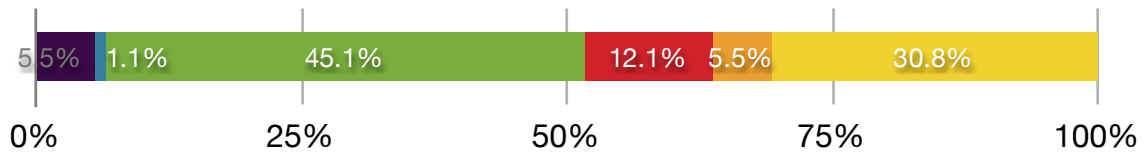


**Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:**

Responses: 91

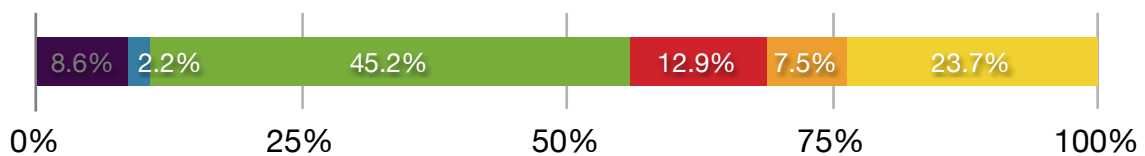
**a) Counselling**

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable



**b) Peer mentoring**

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable

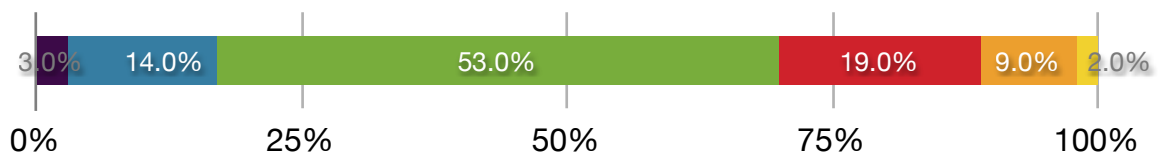


**Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing**

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

Responses: 91

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Untitled 1



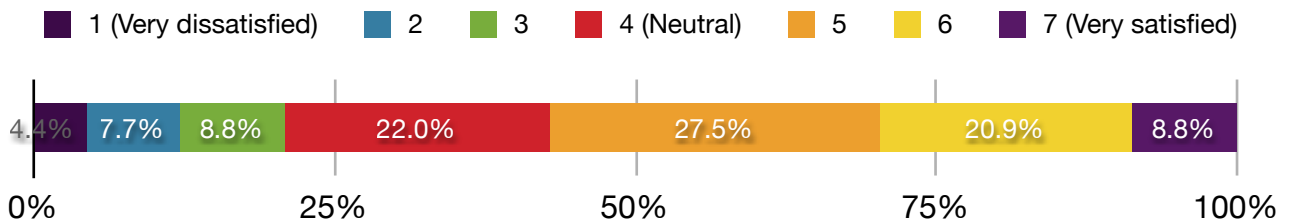
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
3	14	53	19	2

# Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 91



Rating	%	Responses
<b>1 (Very dissatisfied)</b>	4.4%	4
<b>2</b>	7.7%	7
<b>3</b>	8.8%	8
<b>4 (Neutral)</b>	22%	20
<b>5</b>	27.5%	25
<b>6</b>	20.9%	19
<b>7 (Very satisfied)</b>	8.8%	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](mailto:contact@survivelaw.com) for more information.

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

- Small class numbers
- The approachability of staff. The Head of School...reaches out to students and is incredibly helpful, bending over backwards to get us what we need. The first year program is also really helpful and the staff in general are always there to help. It's very relaxed but not unprofessional.
- Did not have to move to attend. Regional focus.
- My law school has high-quality lecturers and practicing professionals as tutors. I also feel that my university is more concerned for student's well-being than maintaining its own image, leading to a more personal and enjoyable learning experience.
- Small classroom sizes and lecturers teaching tutorials create a friendly and supportive atmosphere. You can really tell the teachers care.

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

- There should be more transparency in markings, grading especially for the final exam ie. explanation as to where you went wrong. There should be more help for you health and well-being ie. more personal as it generally takes a week to see someone.
- further development opportunities for lecturers and teaching staff - this can only be of benefit to all students.
- Nicer facilities. Ive been to other universities and it's really quite clear we don't have nearly as much money.
- I would like to see the law school have it's own lecture theatre.
- Having an actual building designed for law students with more mock court rooms to practice mooting.