

SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

University of New South Wales

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Demographics

Number of responses: 108

Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	4.6%	5
LLB/Double Degree	66.7%	72
LLM	0%	0
JD	28.7%	31
Other	0%	0

Question 3: What is your gender?

Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender

Gender	%	Responses
Female	63.9%	69
Male	36.1%	39
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	24.1%	26
Second	24.1%	26
Third	16.7%	18
Fourth	18.5%	20
Fifth	15.7%	17
Sixth or higher	0.9%	1

Question 5: Current study mode

Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	92.6%	100
Part-Time	7.4%	8

Question 6: Attendance mode

Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	98.2%	106
Off campus/distance	0%	0
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	1.9%	2

Question 7: Are you a domestic or international student?

Table 1.7: Survey responses by Domestic or International Student

Domestic/International	%	Responses
Domestic	91.7%	99
International	8.3%	9

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	98.2%	106
Regional	1.9%	2
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	1.9%	2
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	79.6%	86
Yes, but only during university holidays	5.6%	6
No	13.0%	14

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	38.9%	42
No	61.1%	66

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

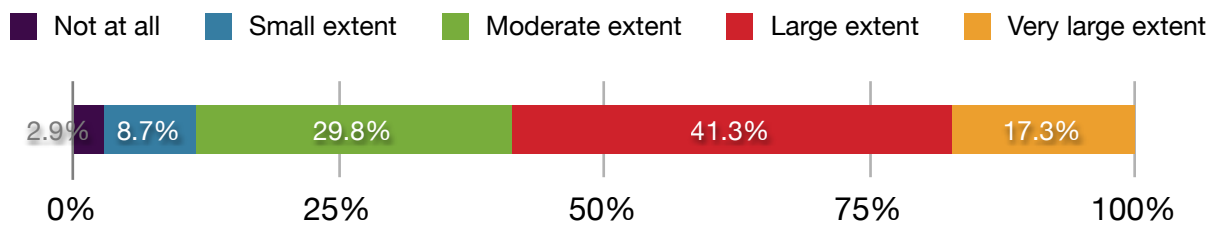
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	77.8%	84
No	4.6%	5
Unsure	17.6%	19

Part 2: Teaching

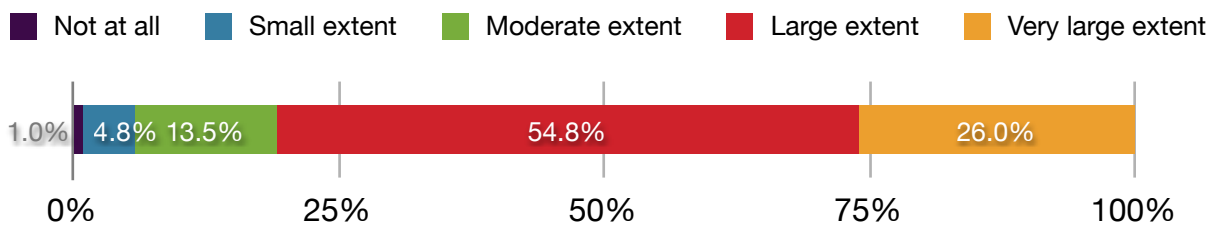
Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 104

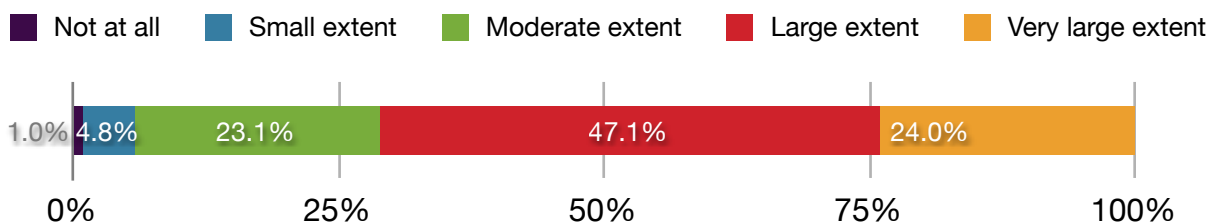
a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



b) Been helpful and approachable?



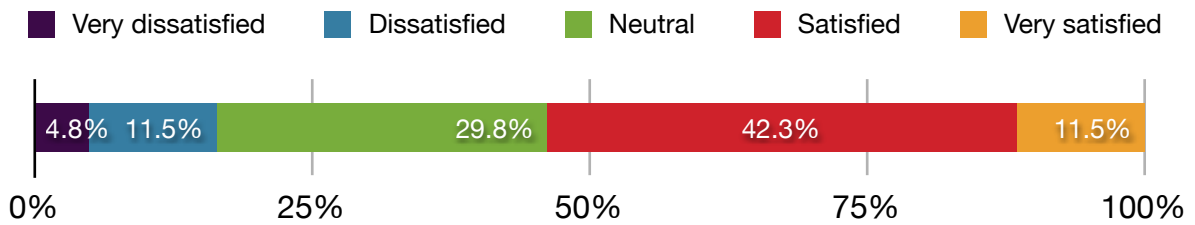
c) Created an engaging learning environment?



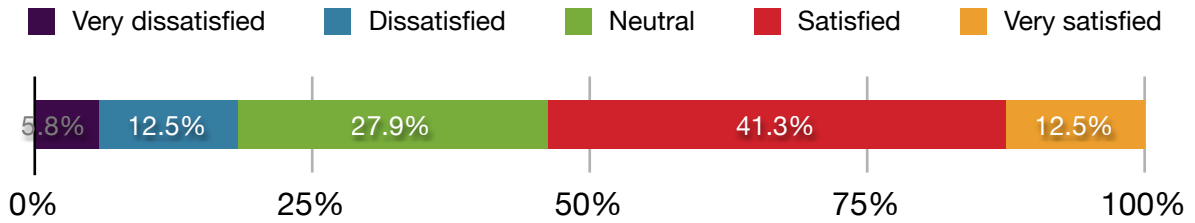
Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 104

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

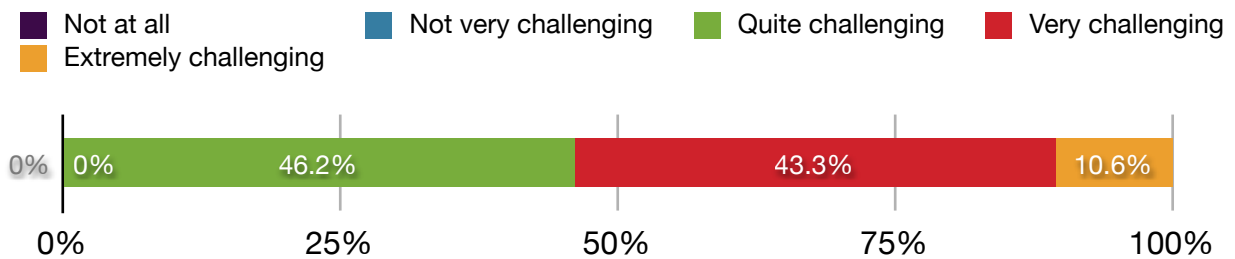


b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?



Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?

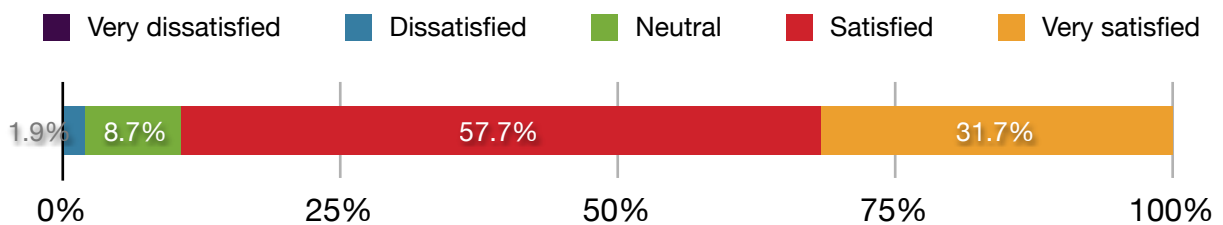
Responses: 104



Satisfaction Rating: Teaching

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

Responses: 104



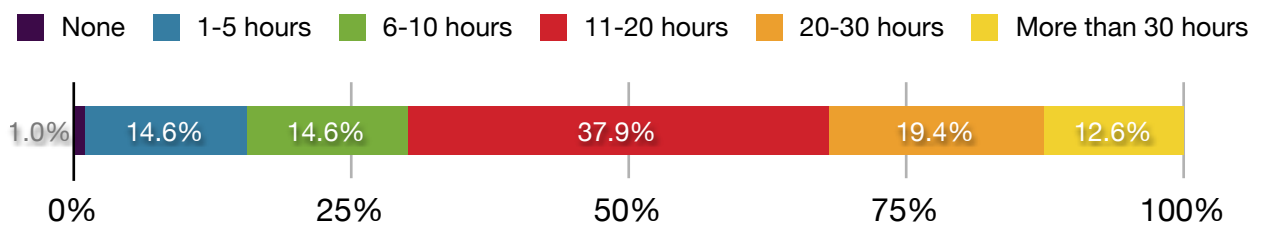
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
0	2	9	60	33

Part 3: Study

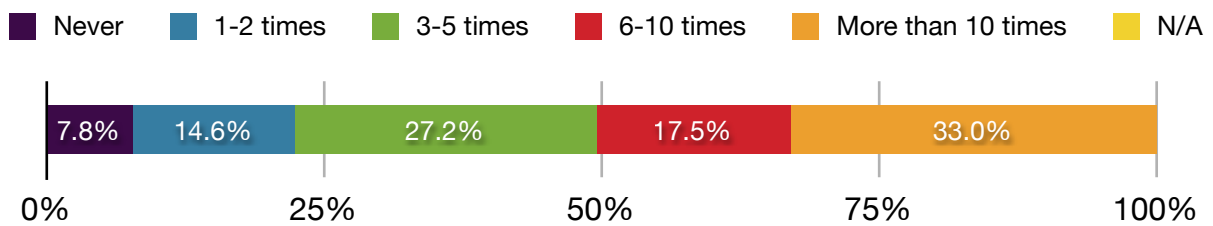
Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?

Responses: 103



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

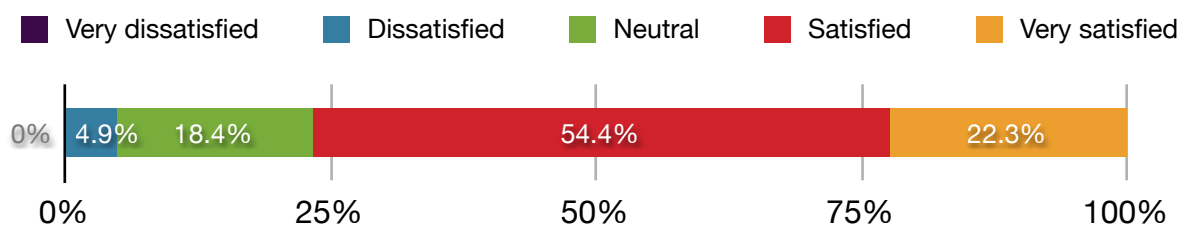
Responses: 103



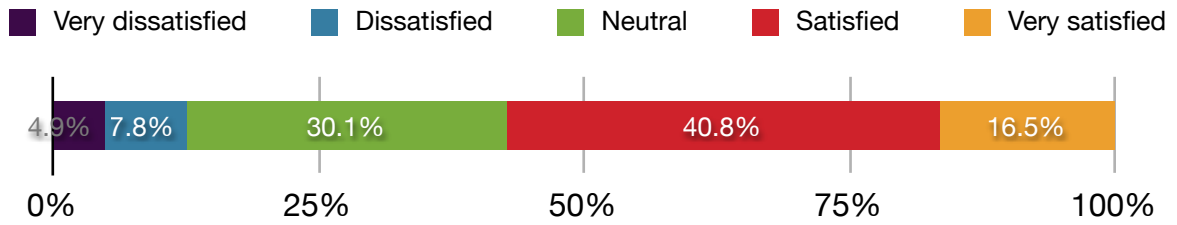
Question 18: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 103

a) The range of elective subjects available?



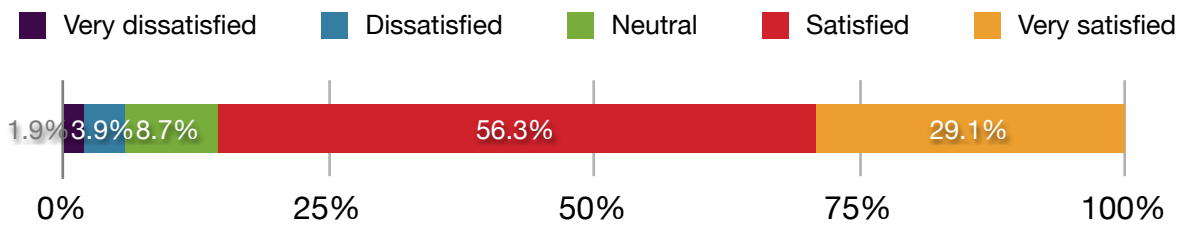
b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums?



Satisfaction Rating: Study

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

Responses: 103



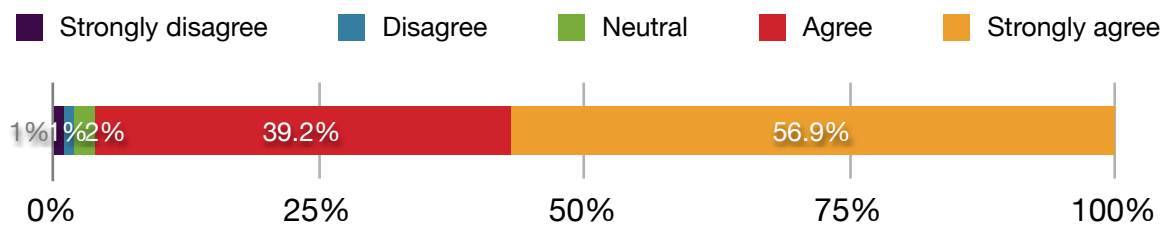
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	4	9	58	30

Part 4: Careers

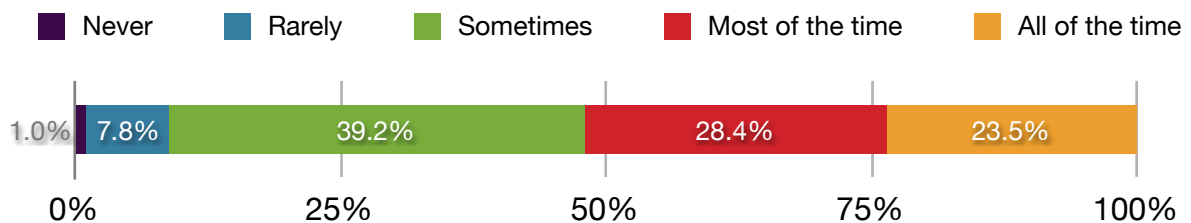
Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 102



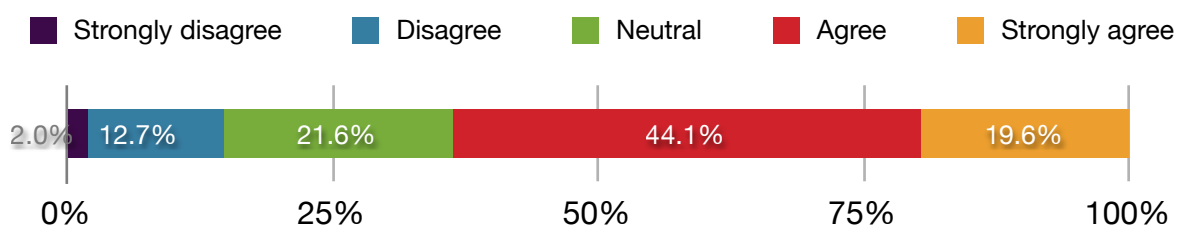
Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 102



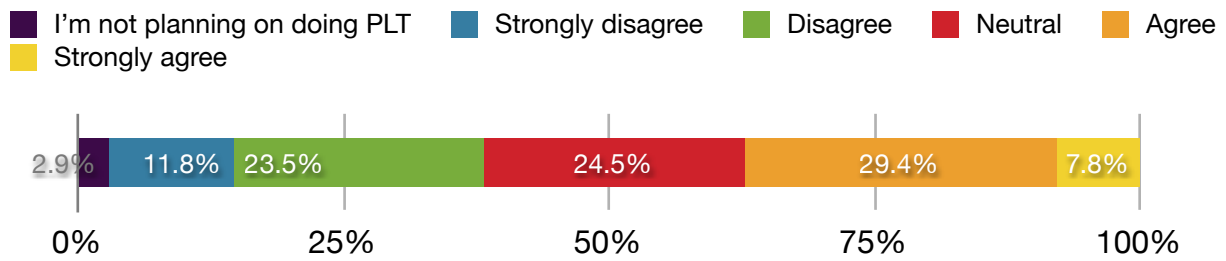
Question 22: My law school provides sufficient information about work experience/employment opportunities.

Responses: 102



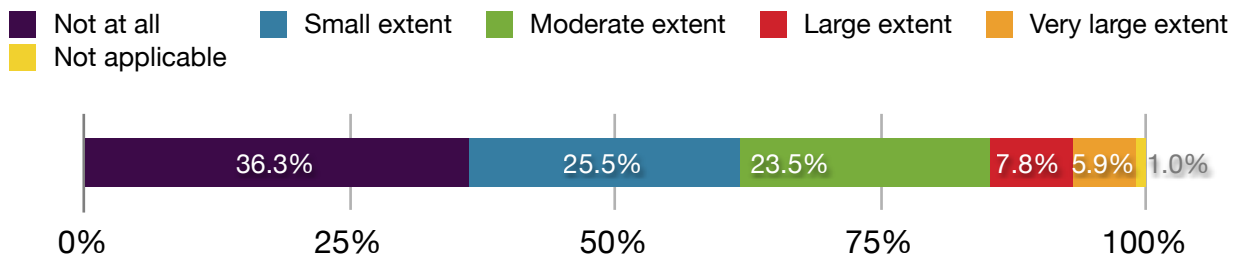
Question 23: I have access to sufficient information about my practical legal training (PLT) options for when I finish my degree.

Responses: 102



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

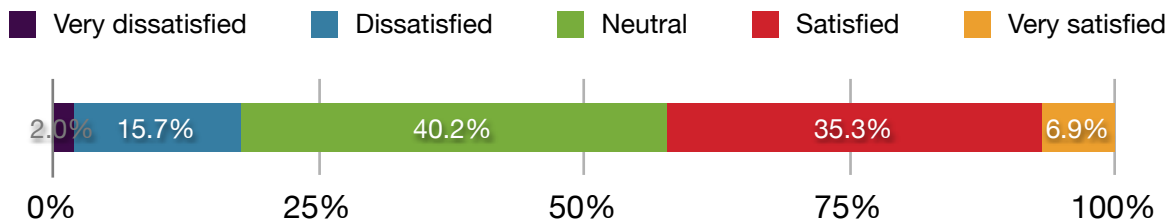
Responses: 102



Satisfaction Rating: Careers

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

Responses: 102



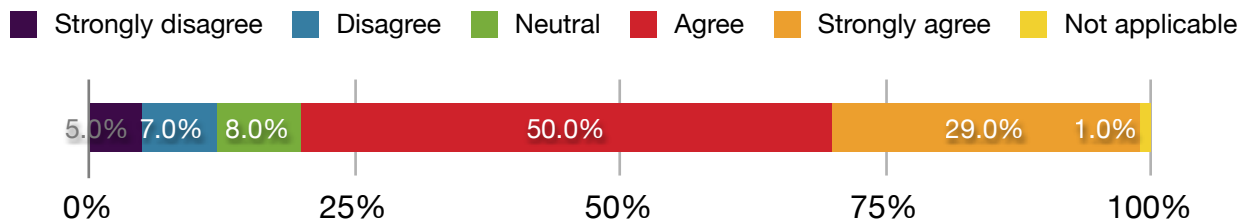
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	16	41	36	7

Part 5: Campus Life

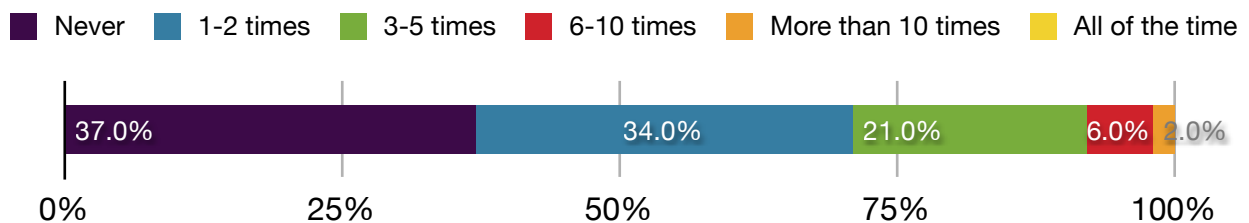
Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 100



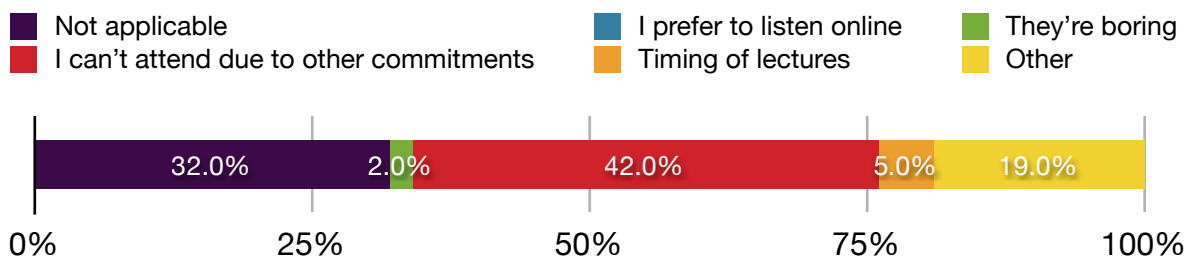
Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 100



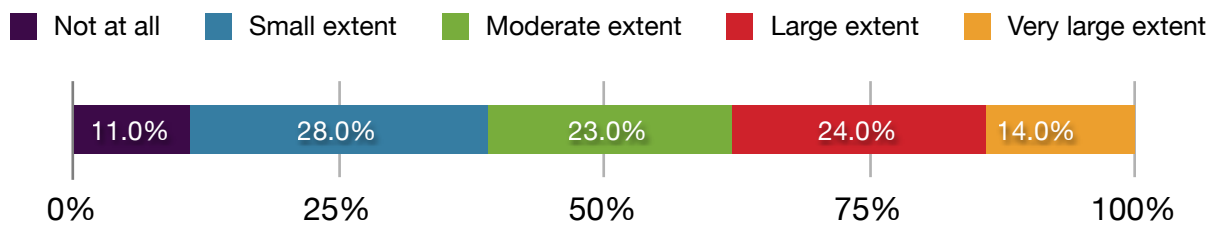
Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 100



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?

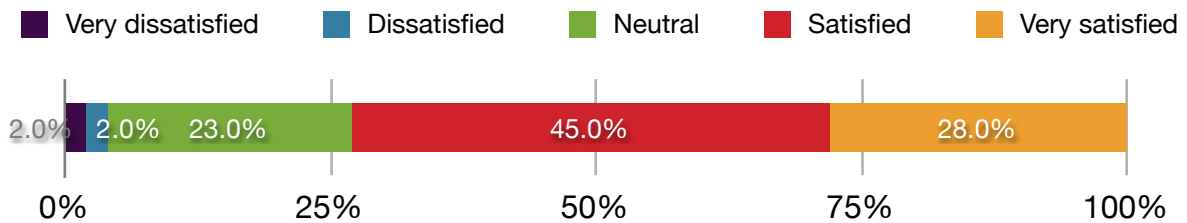
Responses: 100



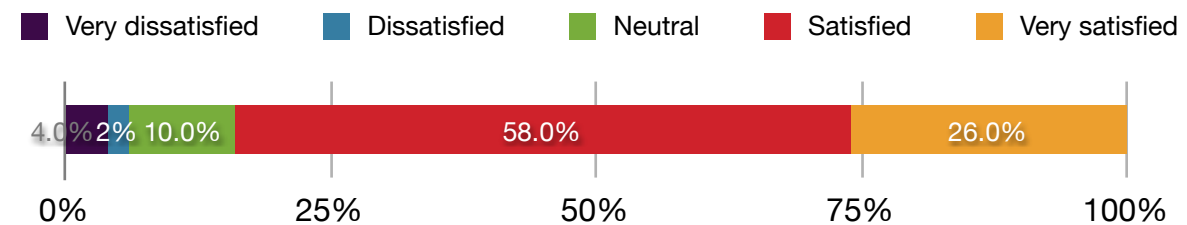
Question 30: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 100

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



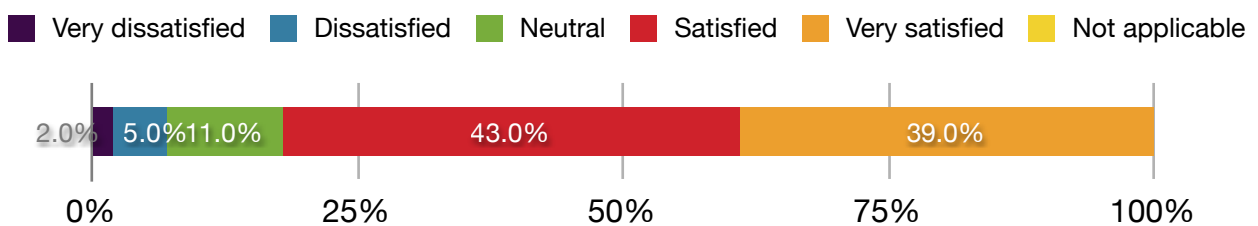
b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?



Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life

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

Responses: 100



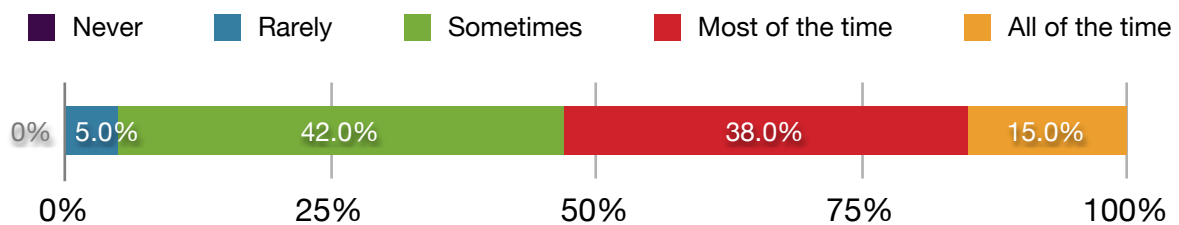
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
2	5	11	43	39	0

Part 6: Wellbeing

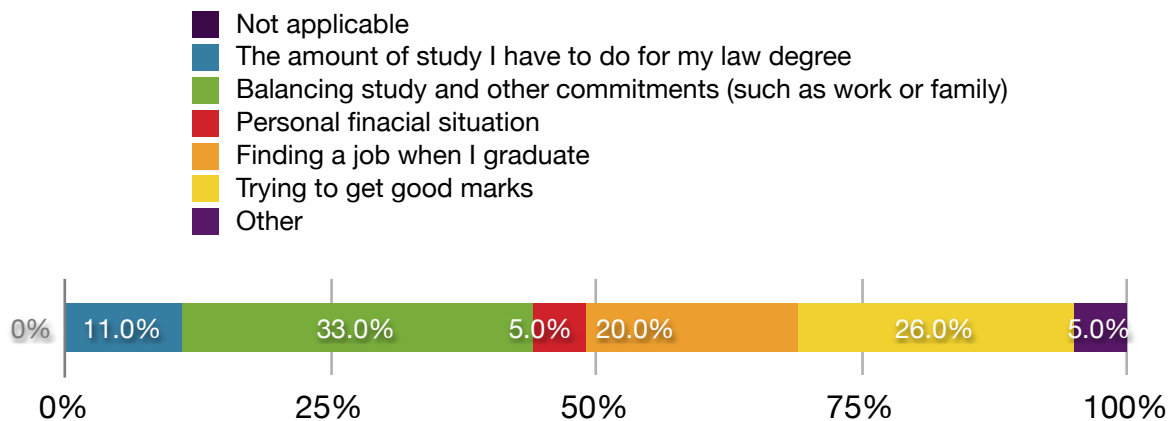
Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 100



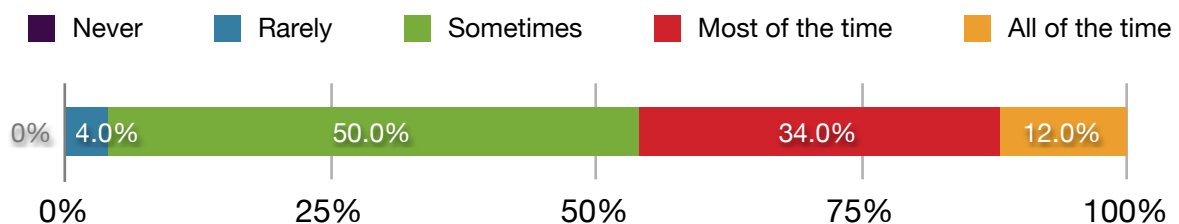
Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 100



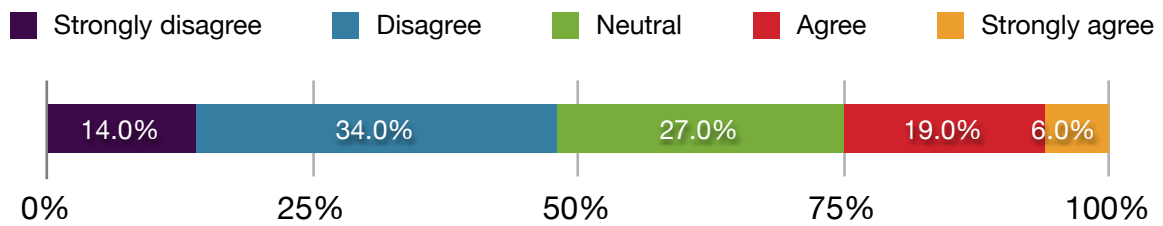
Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 100



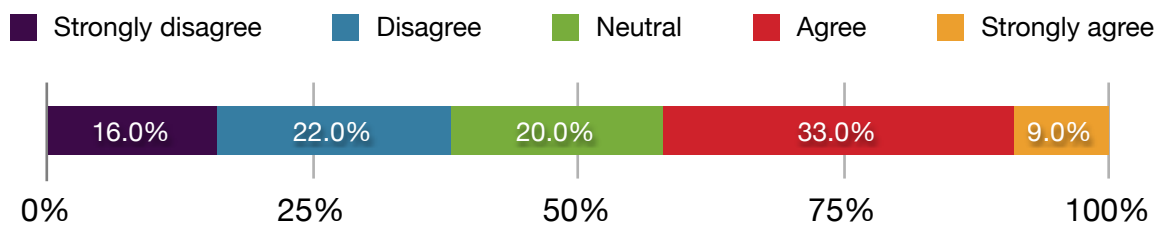
Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

Responses: 100



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

Responses: 100

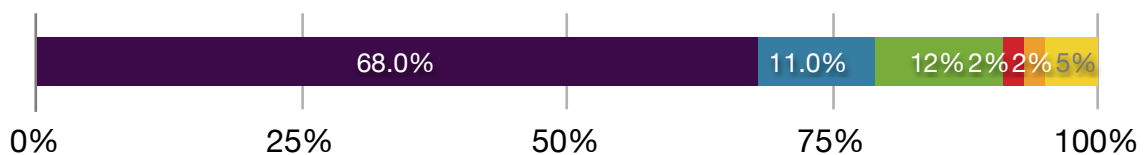


Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:

Responses: 100

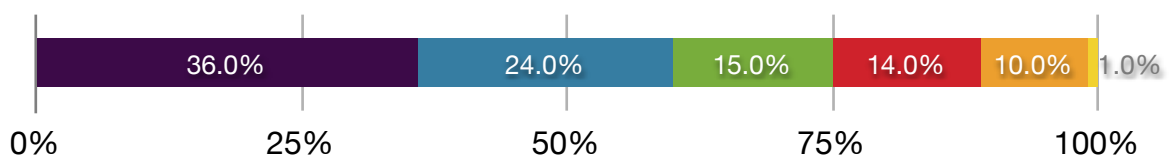
a) Counselling

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

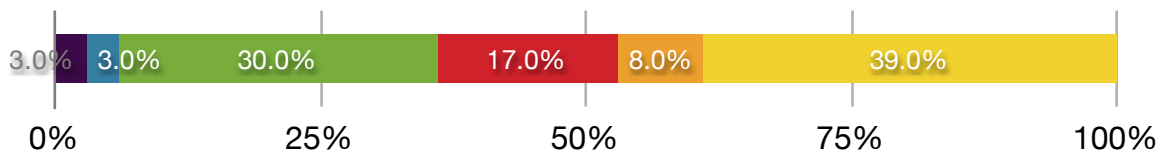


Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:

Responses: 100

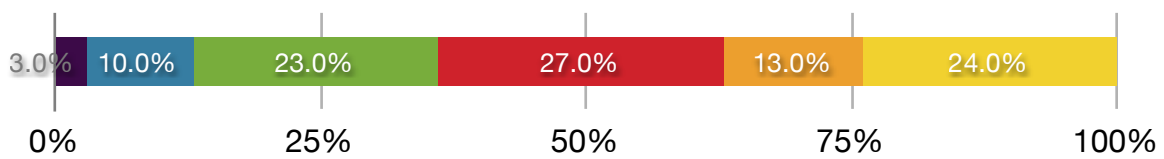
a) Counselling

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable



b) Peer mentoring

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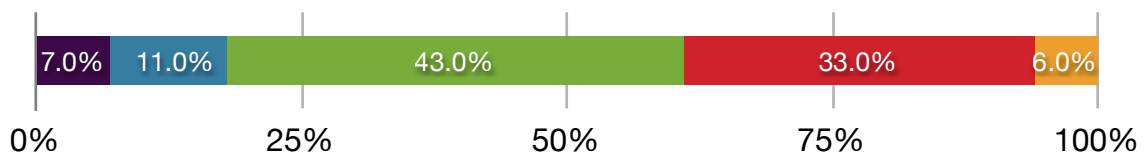


Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing

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

Responses: 100

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied



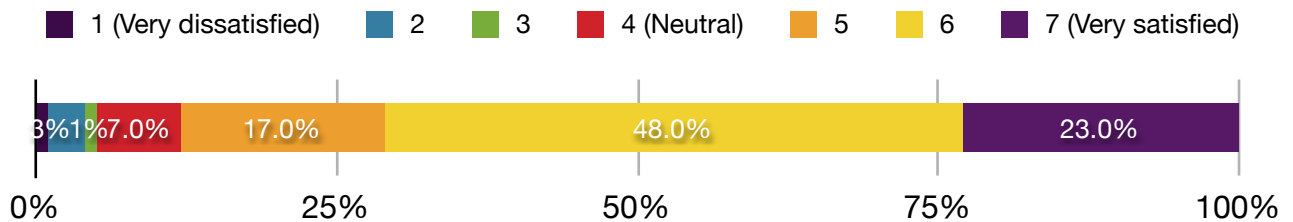
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
7	11	43	33	6

Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 78



Rating	%	Responses
1 (Very dissatisfied)	1.0%	1
2	3.0%	3
3	1.0%	1
4 (Neutral)	7.0%	7
5	17.0%	17
6	48.0%	48
7 (Very satisfied)	23.0%	23

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?

- Course content offers strong legal grounding, lecturers are knowledgeable and approachable, offers range of extra curricular lecture series and presentations, places emphasis on law and justice
- Quality of teaching.
- Class sizes, resources, and teaching style. Classes are often very interactive with lots of conversation
- Most of the lecturers are experienced practitioners currently working in the field. The Dean is very approachable and engaged. Buildings (library, classrooms etc) are of a high standard.
- I like that the law school is well-regarded and has really good facilities for learning.
- UNSW has a diverse range of electives and many (if not the most) practical experiences of any law school in Australia. They have a great collection of leading law academics and practitioners and the JD program in particular is flexible and accessible.

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

- Online audio recordings of lectures, more practical experience opportunities
- More flexibility for those who study part time and work full time.
- More of a focus on non-corporate careers and how to break in to them. It seems that among my friends, the majority of our stress comes from finding a job after we graduate.
- I would like to see the culture shift to one where other people in law school (whether it be academics or students) are more approachable, especially when it comes to wellbeing. Being such an intense and difficult course, I feel like there is far too little focus on how to deal with stress and discussion about the stress involved in law school. There is so much pressure to do well, and I feel like talking about that would reduce the sense of isolation felt, and recommending strategies or coping mechanisms would further enhance my ability to feel more included and motivated.
- A student service that is more accessible and open to talk about course choices and timetable issues.