

SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

University of Wollongong

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Demographics

Responses: 84

Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	6.0%	5
LLB/Double Degree	94.1%	79
LLM	0%	0
JD	0%	0
Other	0%	0

Question 3: What is your gender?

Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender

Gender	%	Responses
Female	65.5%	55
Male	34.5%	29
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	28.6%	24
Second	11.9%	10
Third	22.6%	19
Fourth	25.0%	21
Fifth	9.52%	8
Sixth or higher	2.38%	2

Question 5: Current study mode

Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	92.9%	78
Part-Time	7.1%	6

Question 6: Attendance mode

Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	100%	84
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	100%	84
International	0%	0

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	53.6%	45
Regional	46.4%	39
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	6.0%	5
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	71.4%	60
Yes, but only during university holidays	8.3%	7
No	14.3%	12

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	13.1%	11
No	86.9%	73

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

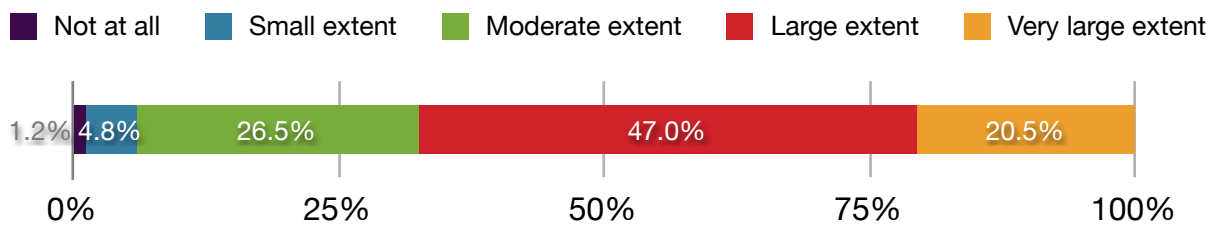
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	53.6%	45
No	11.9%	10
Unsure	34.5%	29

Part 2: Teaching

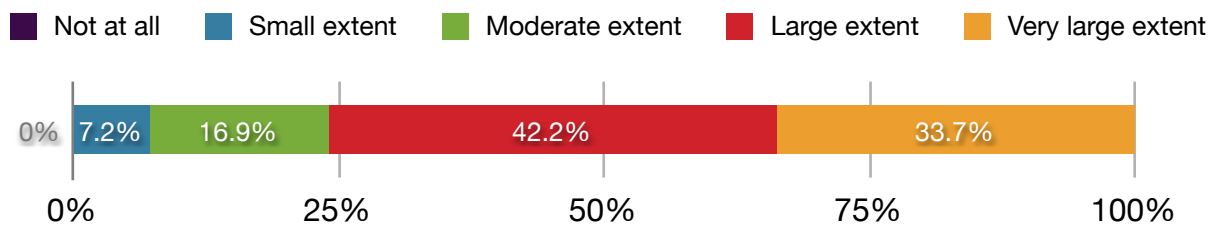
Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 83

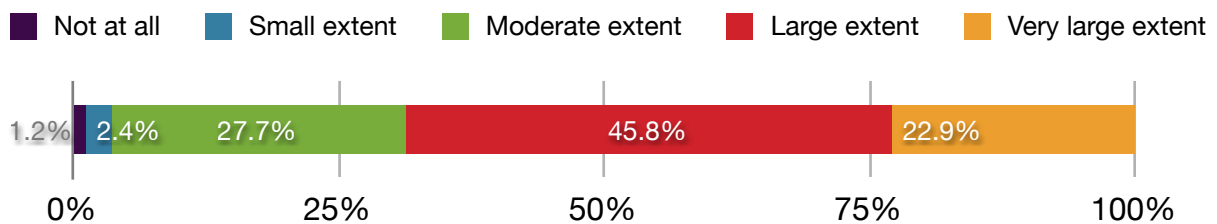
a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



b) Been helpful and approachable?



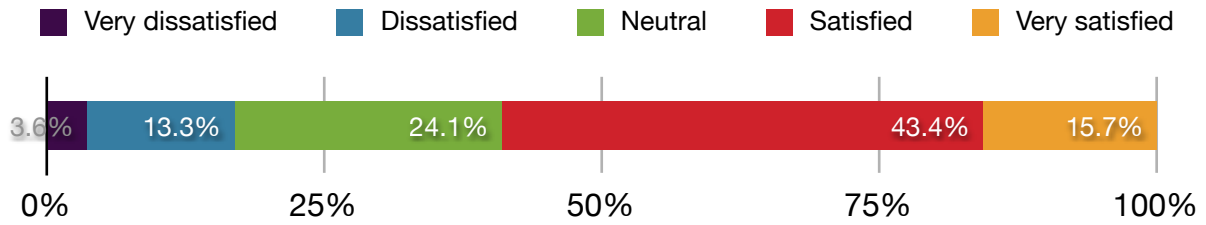
c) Created an engaging learning environment?



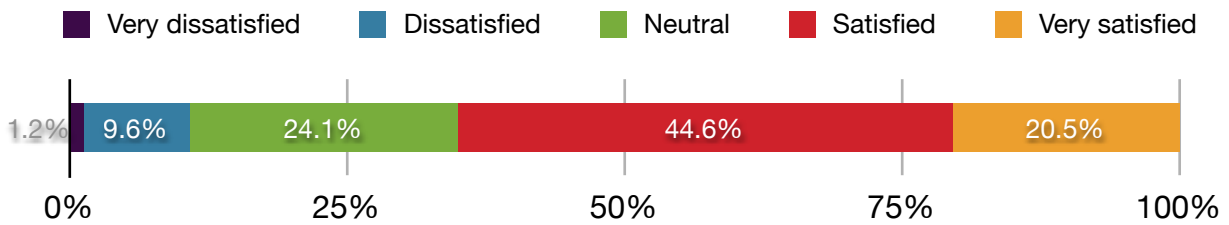
Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 83

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

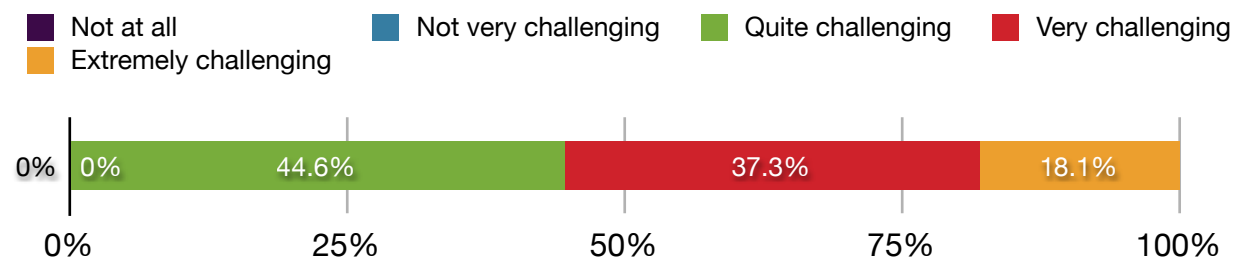


b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?



Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?

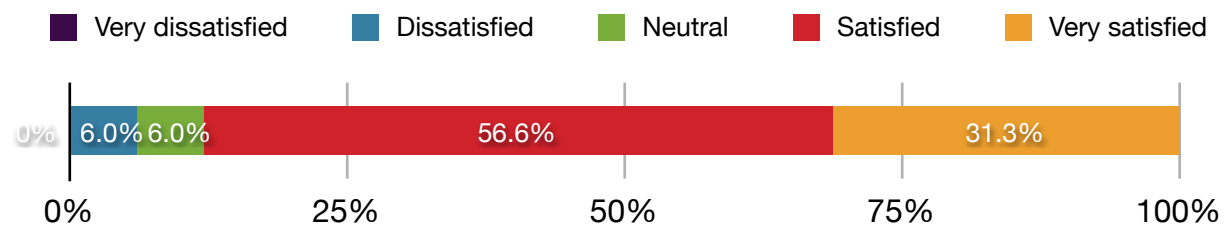
Responses: 83



Satisfaction Rating: Teaching

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

Responses: 83



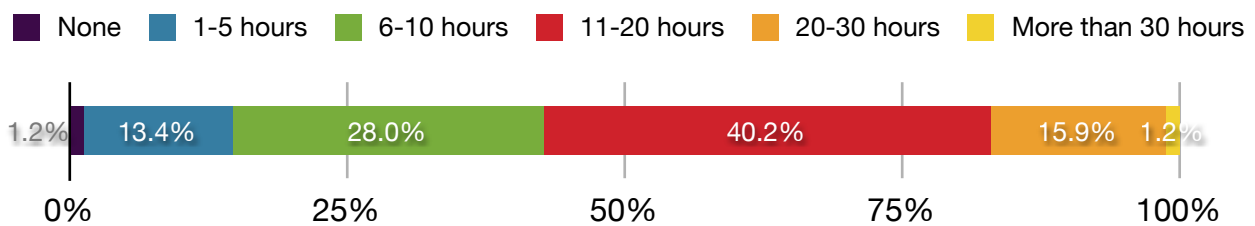
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
0	5	5	47	26

Part 3: Study

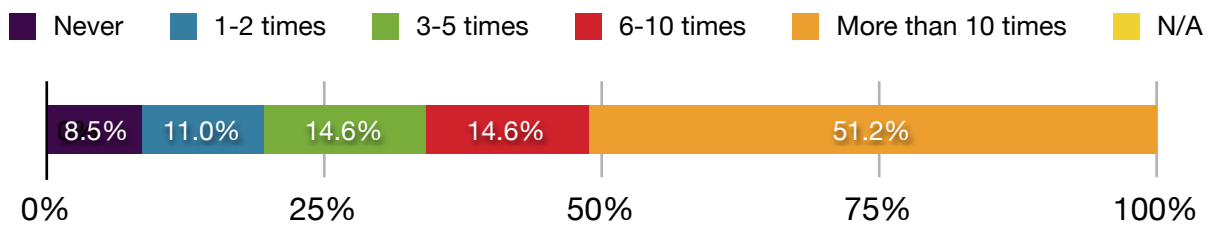
Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?

Responses: 82



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

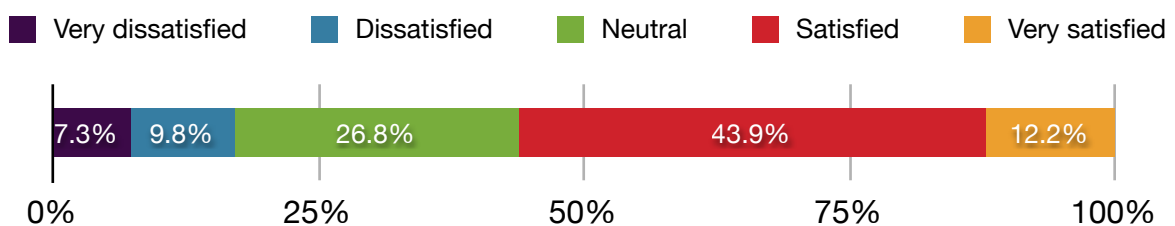
Responses: 82



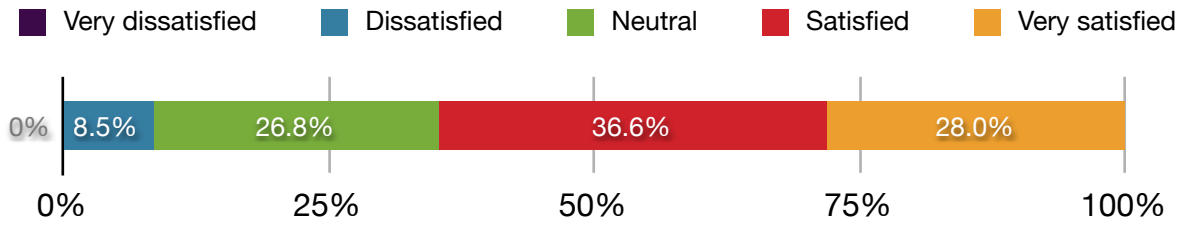
Question 18: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 82

a) The range of elective subjects available?



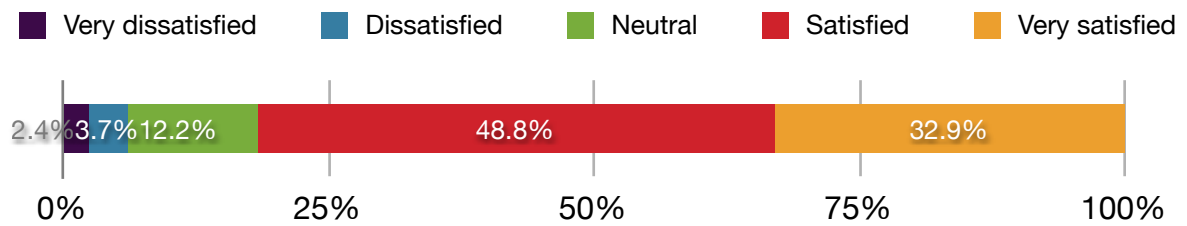
b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums



Satisfaction Rating: Study

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

Responses: 82



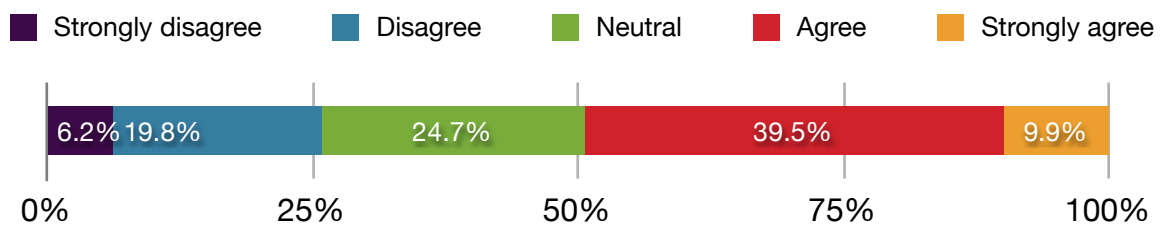
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	3	10	40	27

Part 4: Careers

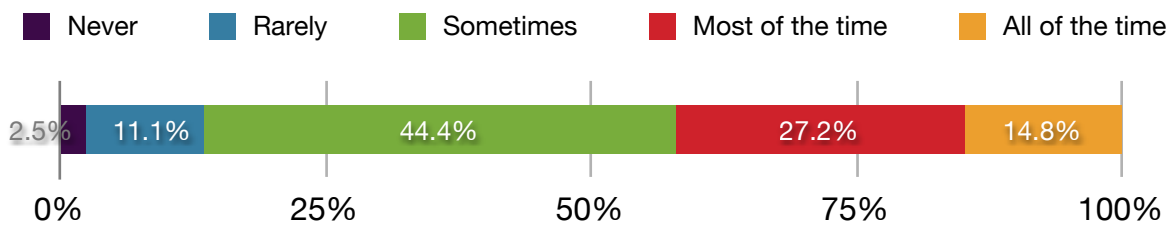
Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 81



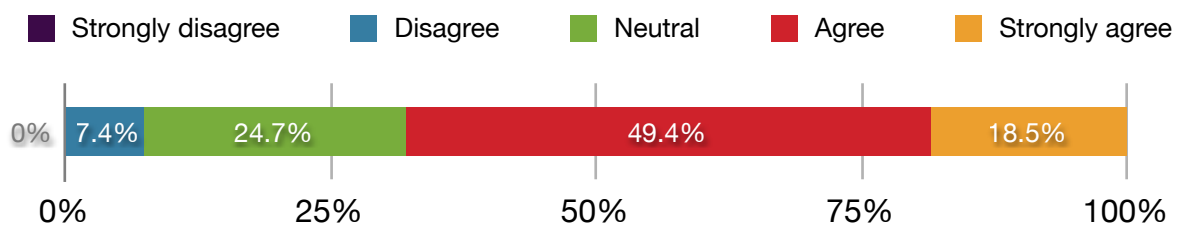
Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 81



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

Responses: 81

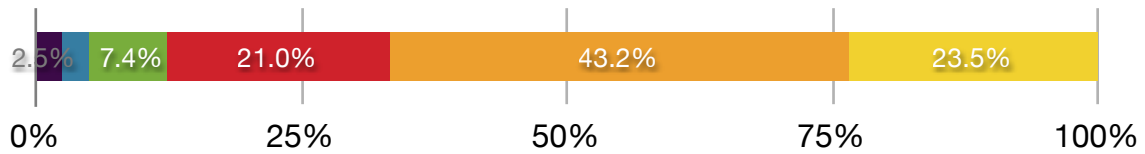


Question 23: I have access to sufficient information about my practical legal training (PLT) options for when I finish my degree.

Responses: 81

2.5%

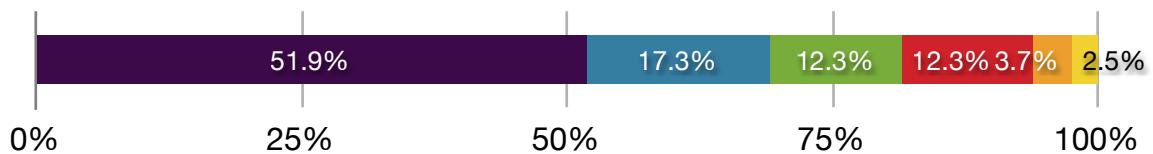
- I'm not planning on doing PLT
- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree



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

Responses: 81

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

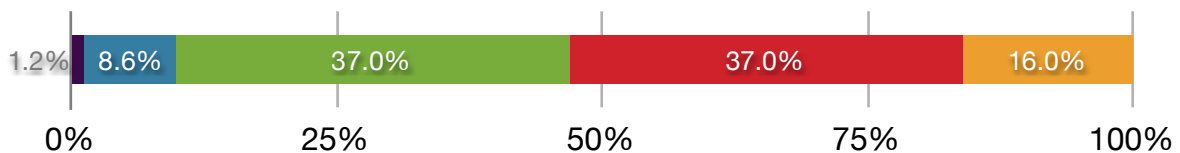


Satisfaction Rating: Careers

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

Responses: 81

- Very dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Neutral
- Satisfied
- Very satisfied



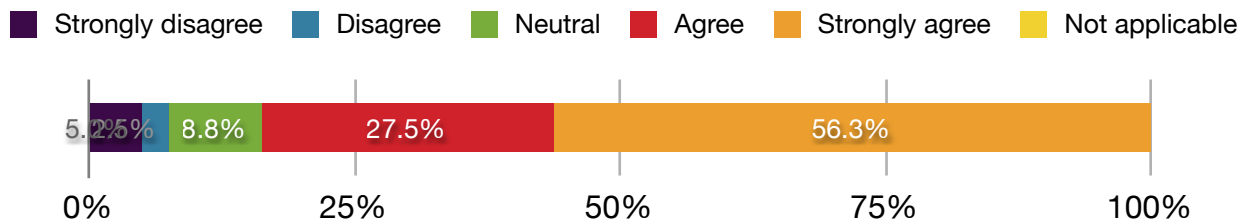
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
1	7	30	30	13

Part 5: Campus Life

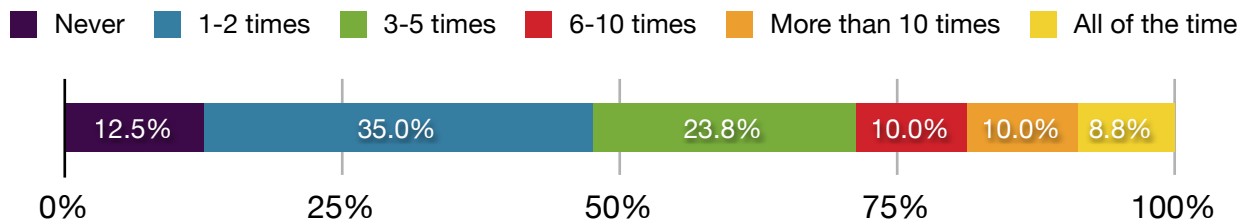
Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 80



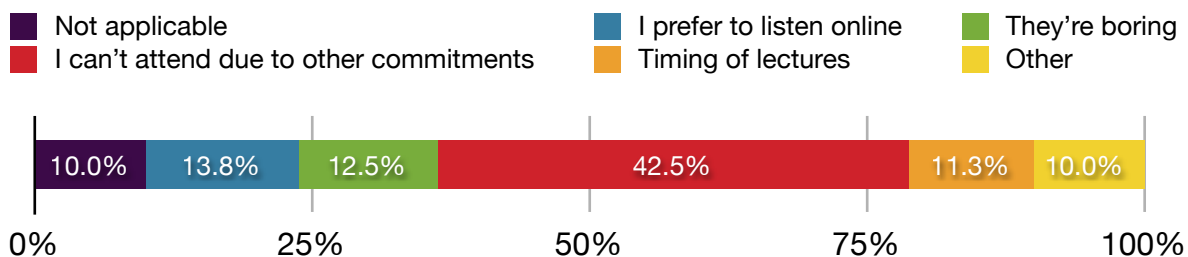
Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 80



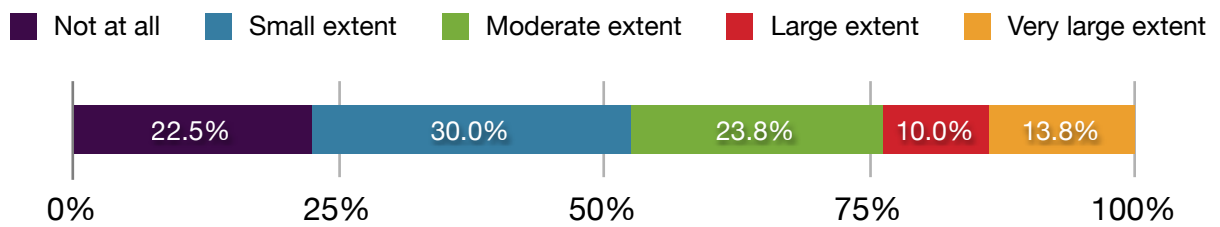
Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 80



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?

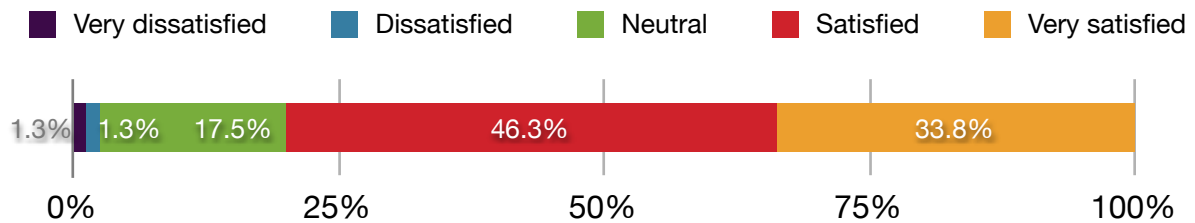
Responses: 80



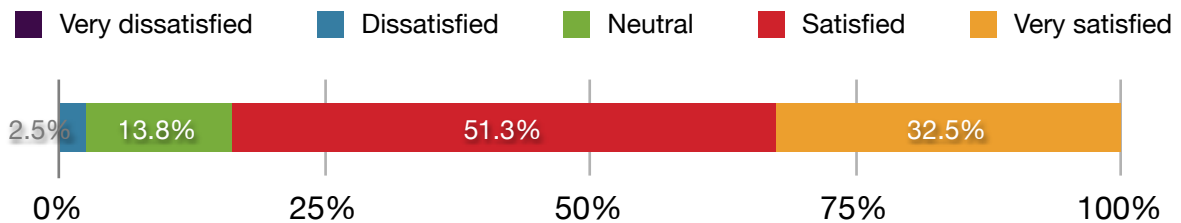
Question 30: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 80

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



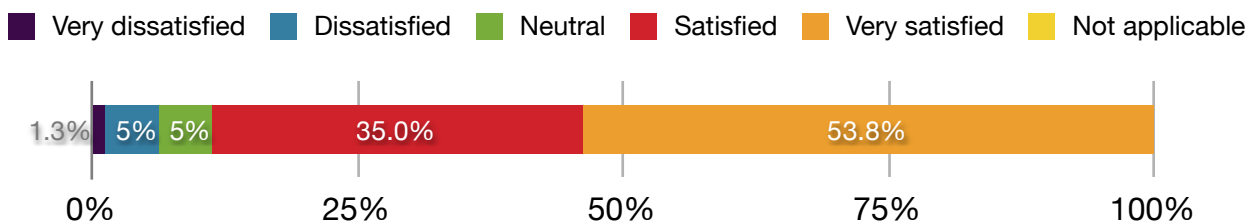
b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?



Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life

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

Responses: 80



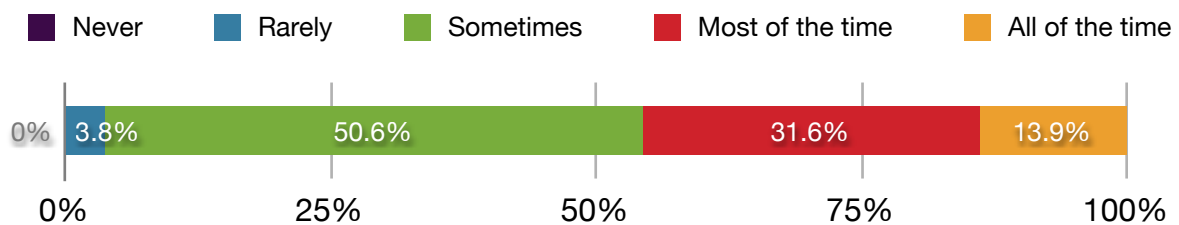
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
1	4	4	28	43	0

Part 6: Wellbeing

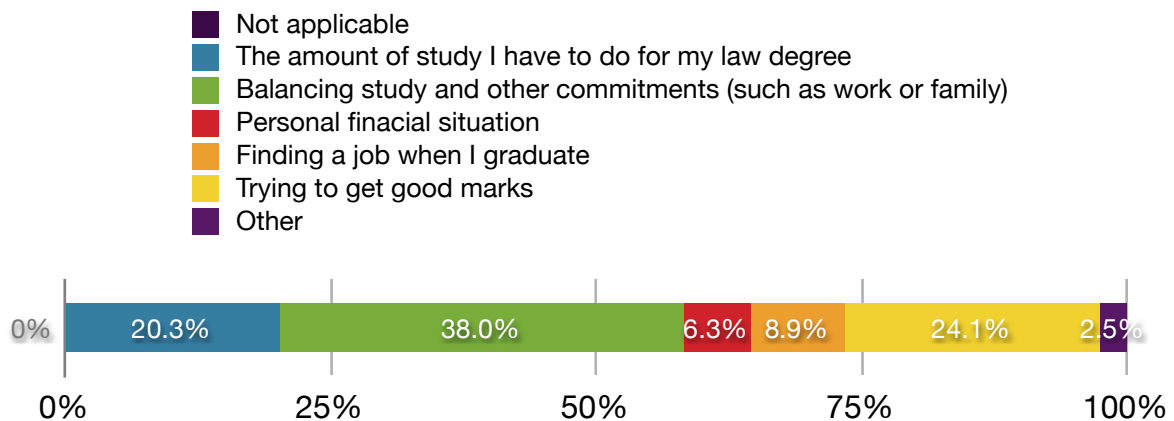
Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 79



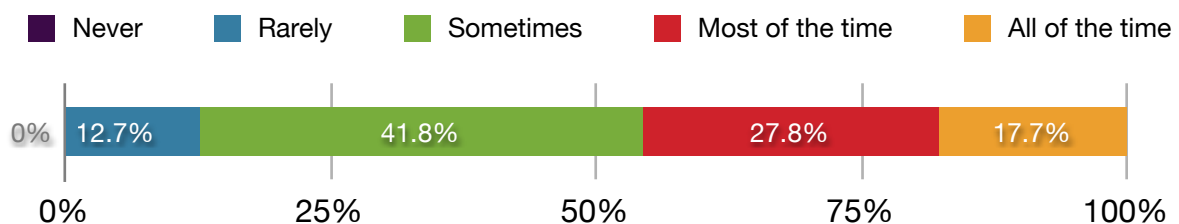
Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 79



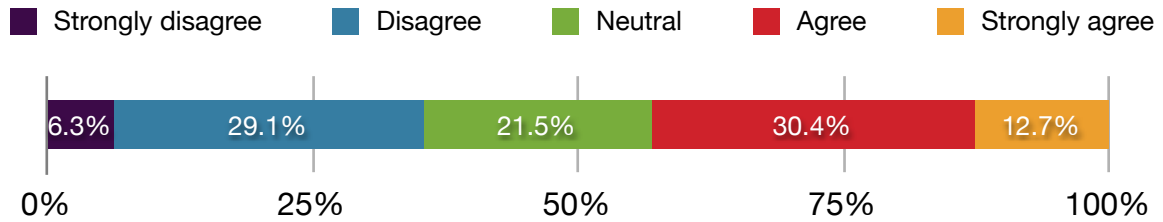
Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 79



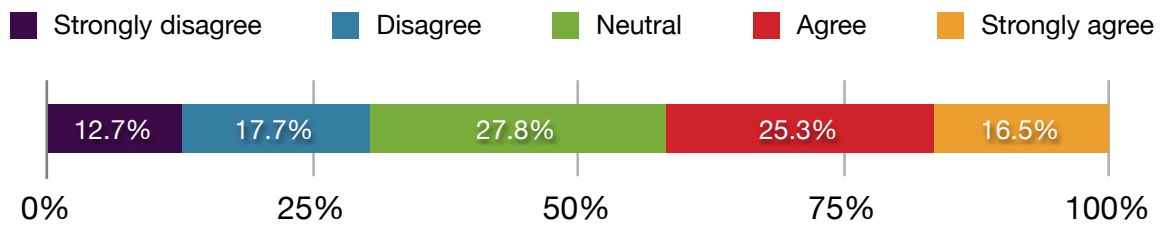
Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

Responses: 79



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

Responses: 79

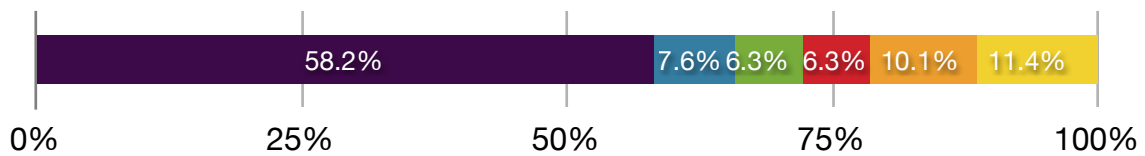


Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:

Responses: 79

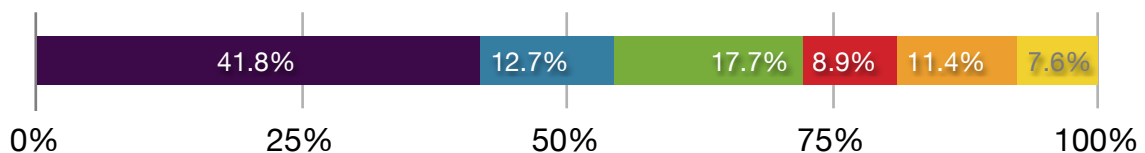
a) Counselling

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b) Peer mentoring

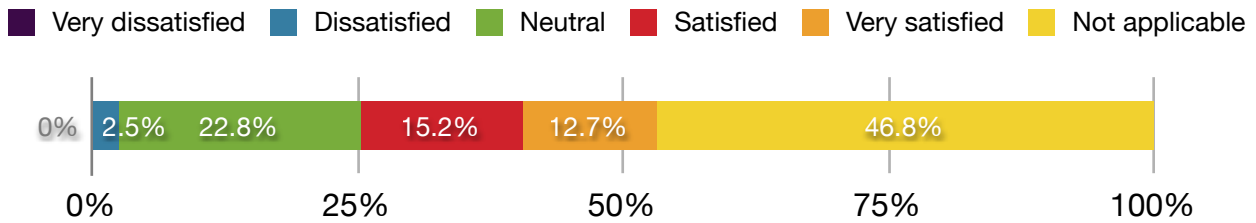
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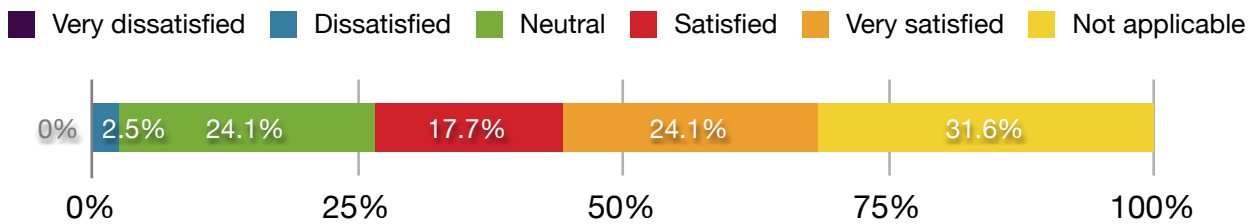
Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:

Responses: 79

a) Counselling



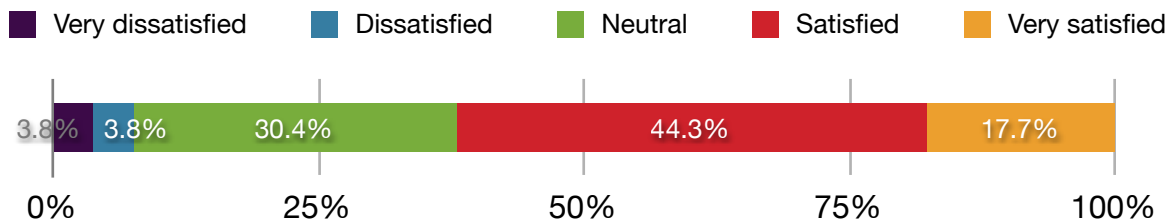
b) Peer mentoring



Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing

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

Responses: 79



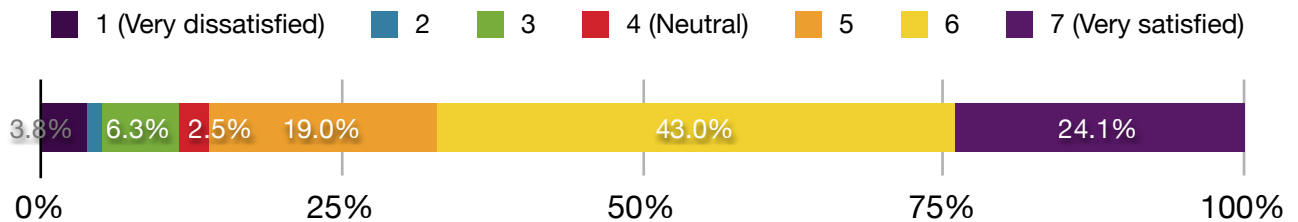
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
3	3	24	35	14

Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 79



Rating	%	Responses
1 (Very dissatisfied)	3.8%	3
2	1.3%	1
3	6.3%	5
4 (Neutral)	2.5%	2
5	19.0%	15
6	43.0%	34
7 (Very satisfied)	24.1%	19

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?

-The Faculty is very engaged with its students. Lecturers and tutors are approachable and demonstrate a willingness to assist in any way they can. The administrative staff within the Faculty are also incredibly helpful

-Small classes so we are always able to ask questions and ensure we understand everything, and the tutors know all of our names.

-PODS - First years get placed in groups and have all their classes together for the first year. Was a great way to make new friends.

-It's relatively young so it is growing and that is exciting to see. There is a significant focus on practical legal skills such as drafting, client interviewing and dispute resolution which employers have found attractive. My lecturers have always been fantastic.

-It has good facilities and is quite supportive of its students. The teachers are always willing to help and are supportive. The social activities are well organised and fun.

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

-The stigma attached to feelings of anxiety and stress by students. While students generally support each other, there is an underlying tendency for students to be reluctant to admit when they are struggling due to the perception of being judged by their peers.

-Communication with the law student body regarding major changes to the structure of the law school or programs offered.

-I would like to have the option of listening to the lectures online, Its not fair that our uni doesn't post them up online.

-Student support, better resources for extra-curricular and competitions, better teacher organisation and coordination of subjects, more chances for teacher and subject review.

-More and better electives. There was only one elective I was interested in in spring session.