

SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

University of Sydney

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Demographics

Responses: 169

Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	6.5%	11
LLB/Double Degree	59.8%	101
LLM	0%	0
JD	32.0%	54
Other	1.8%	3

Question 3: What is your gender?

Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender

Gender	%	Responses
Female	63.9%	108
Male	35.5%	60
Other	0.6%	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	24.3%	41
Second	29.0%	49
Third	18.9%	32
Fourth	13.6%	23
Fifth	10.7%	18
Sixth or higher	3.6%	6

Question 5: Current study mode

Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	94.7%	160
Part-Time	5.3%	9

Question 6: Attendance mode

Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	98.8%	167
Off campus/distance	0.6%	1
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	0.6%	1

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%	155
International	8.3%	14

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%	166
Regional	0%	0
Remote	0%	0
Overseas	1.8%	3

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	4.73%	8
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	74.0%	125
Yes, but only during university holidays	7.7%	13
No	13.6%	23

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	30.8%	52
No	69.2%	117

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

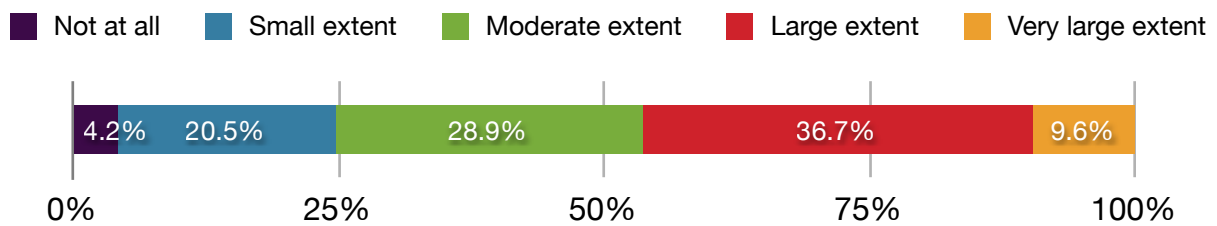
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	56.2%	95
No	7.7%	13
Unsure	36.1%	61

Part 2: Teaching

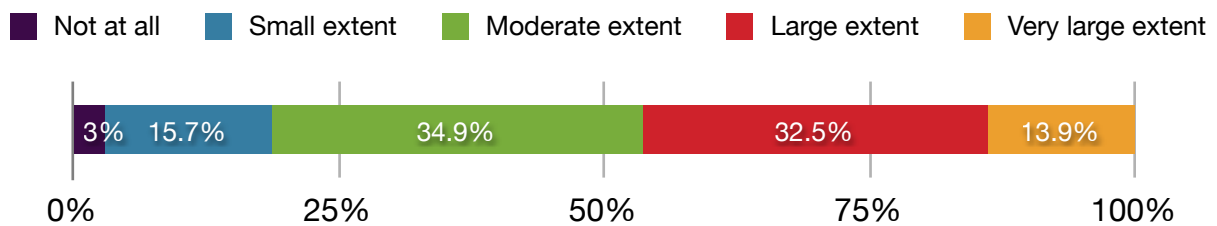
Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 166

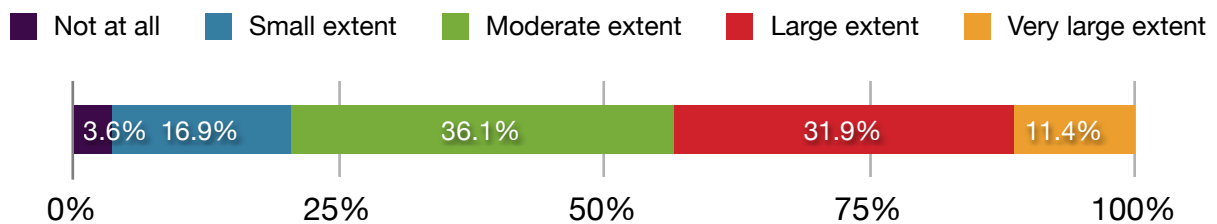
a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



b) Been helpful and approachable?



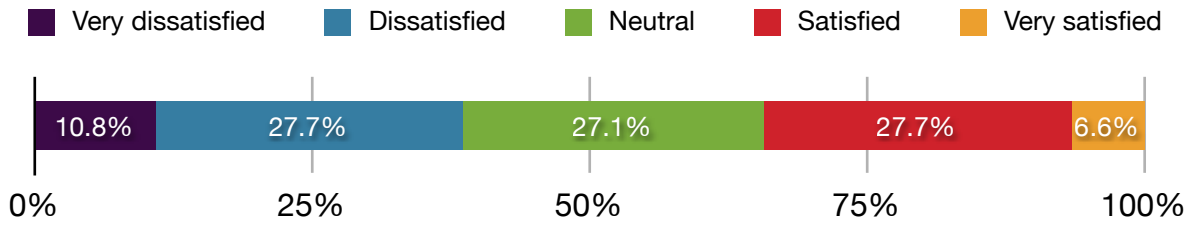
c) Created an engaging learning environment?



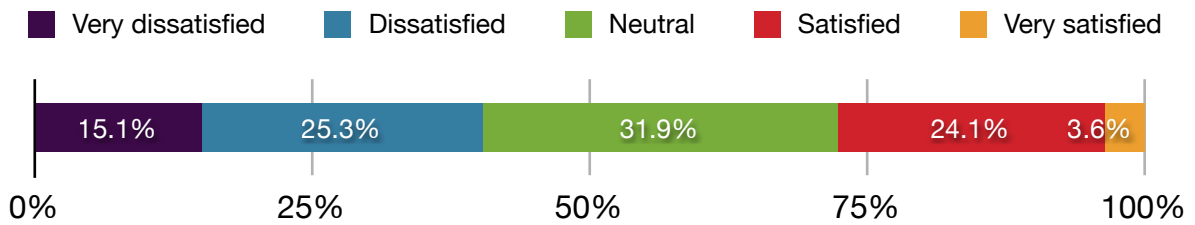
Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 166

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

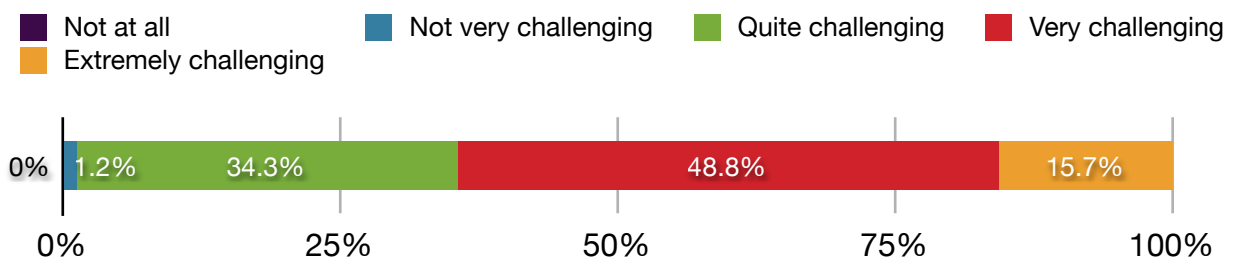


b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?



Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?

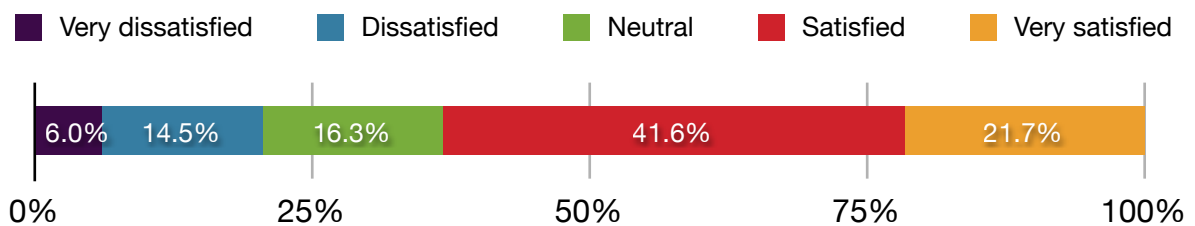
Responses: 166



Satisfaction Rating: Teaching

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

Responses: 166



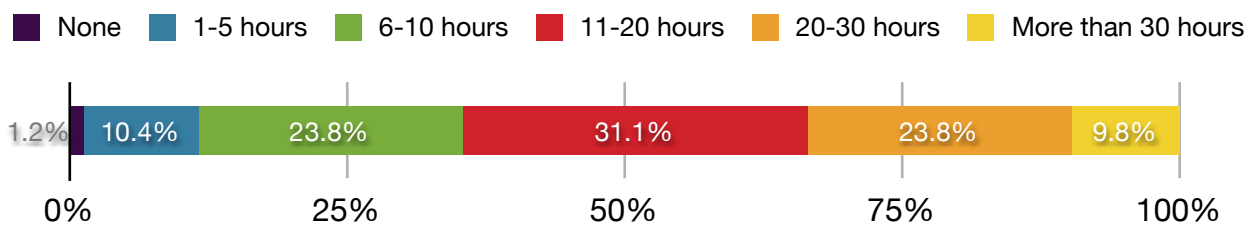
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
10	24	27	69	36

Part 3: Study

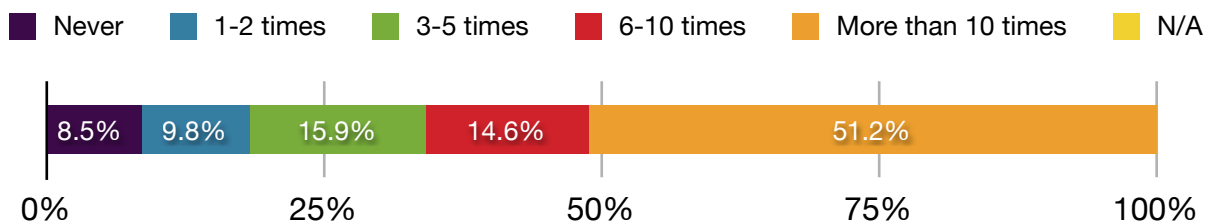
Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?

Responses: 164



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

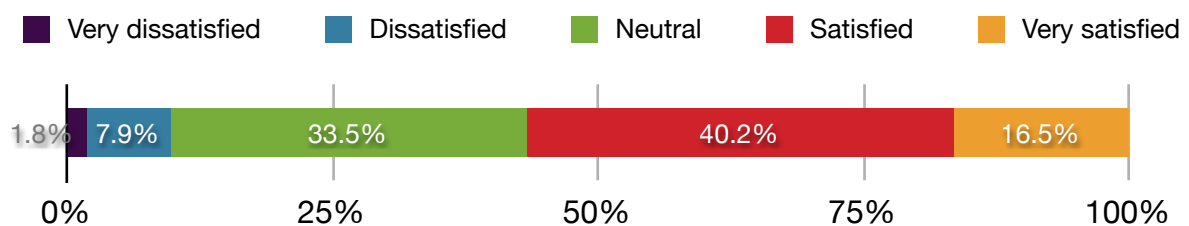
Responses: 164



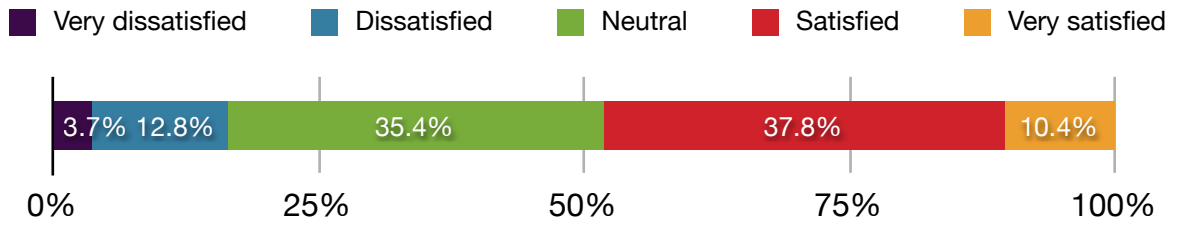
Question 18: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 164

a) The range of elective subjects available?



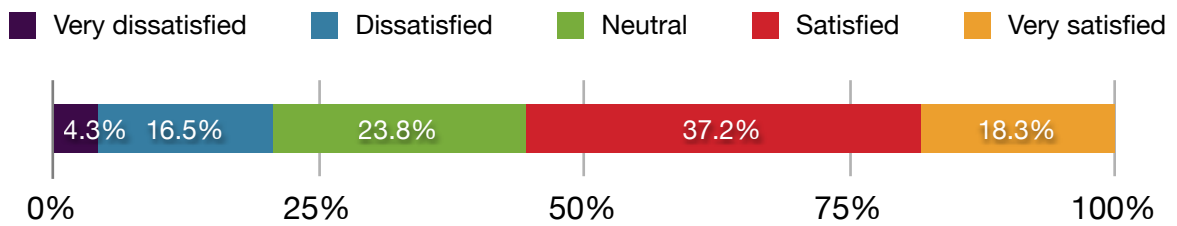
b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums



Satisfaction Rating: Study

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

Responses: 164



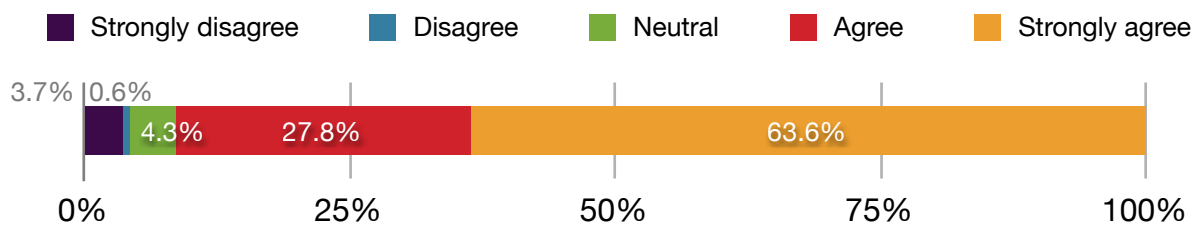
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
7	27	39	61	30

Part 4: Careers

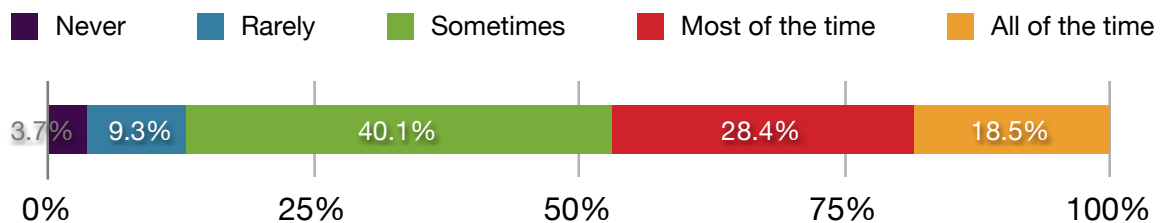
Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 162



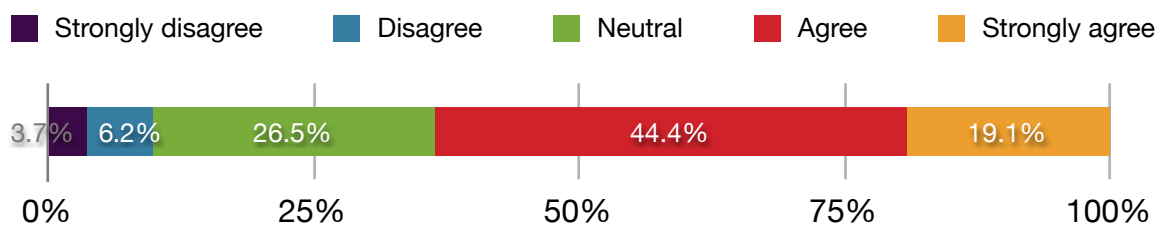
Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 162



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

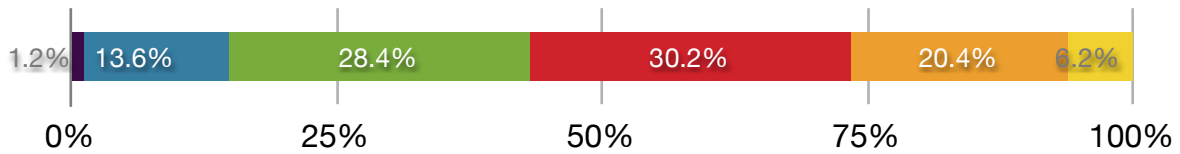
Responses: 162



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

Responses: 162

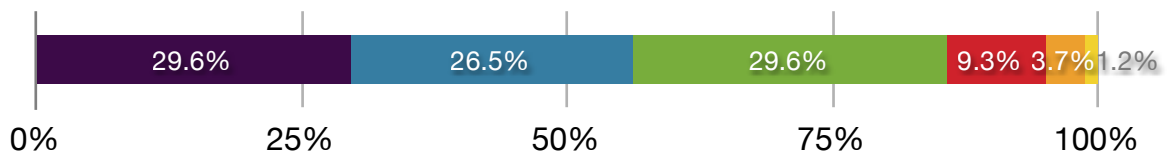
- I'm not planning on doing PLT
- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree



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

Responses: 162

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

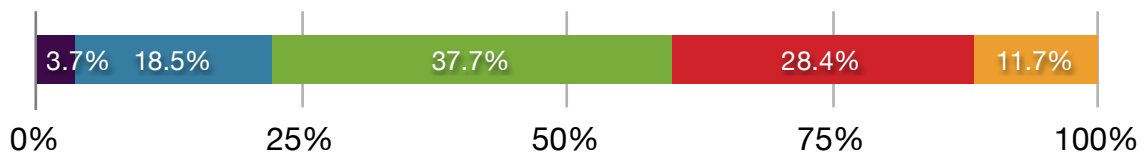


Satisfaction Rating: Careers

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

Responses: 162

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



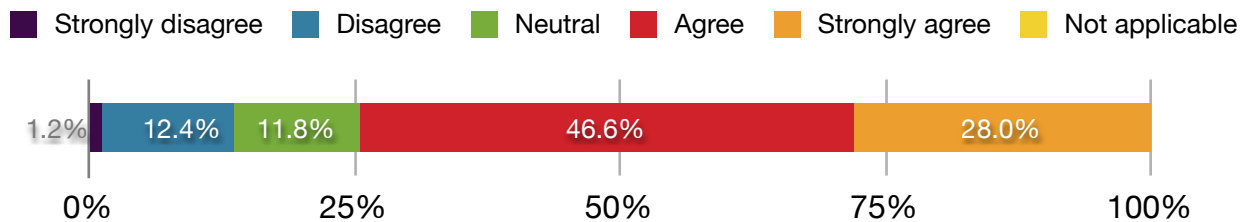
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
6	30	61	46	19

Part 5: Campus Life

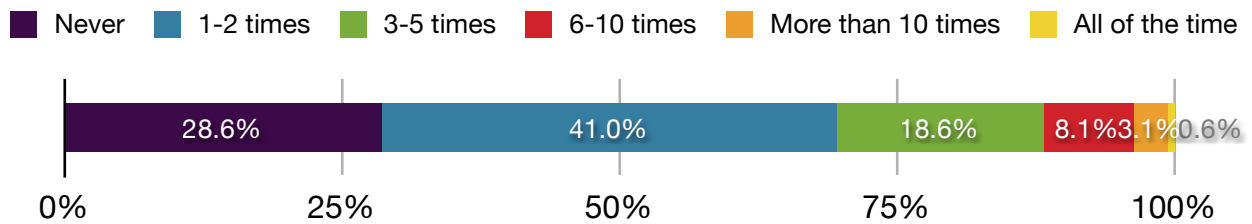
Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 161



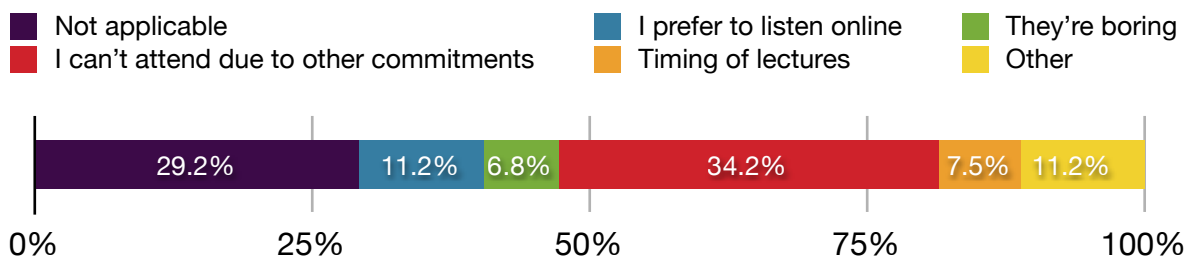
Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 161



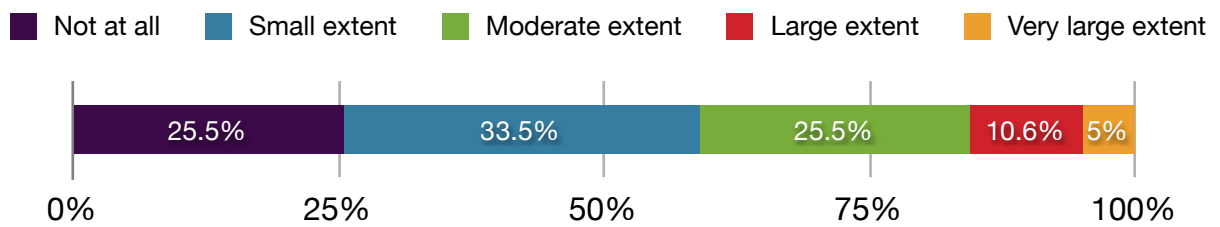
Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 161



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?

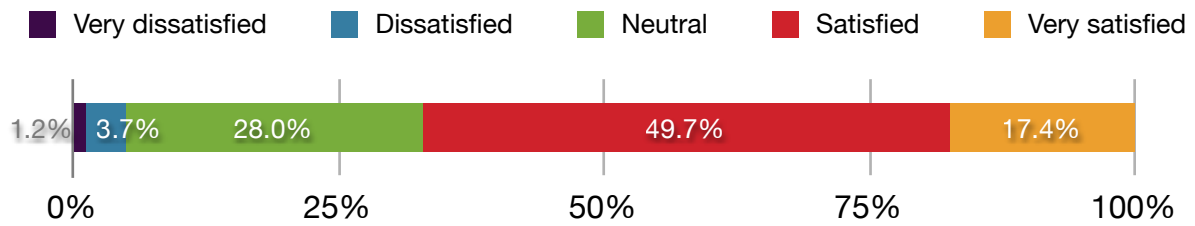
Responses: 161



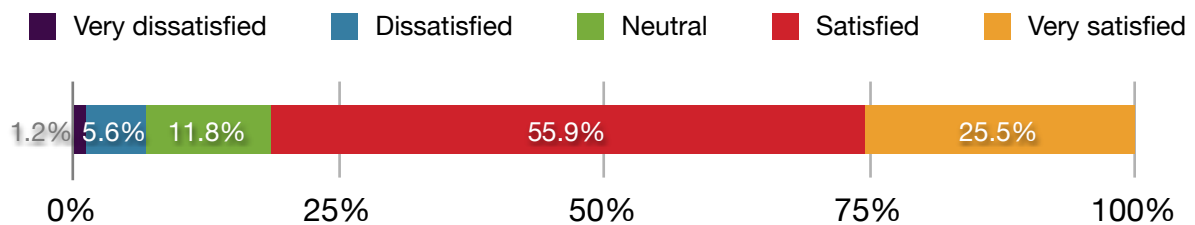
Question 30: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 161

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



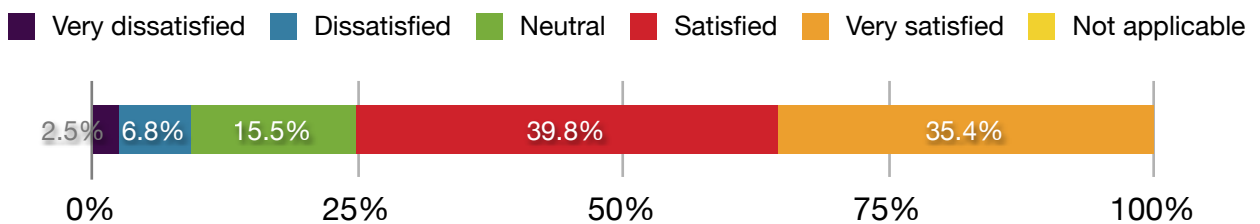
b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?



Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life

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

Responses: 161



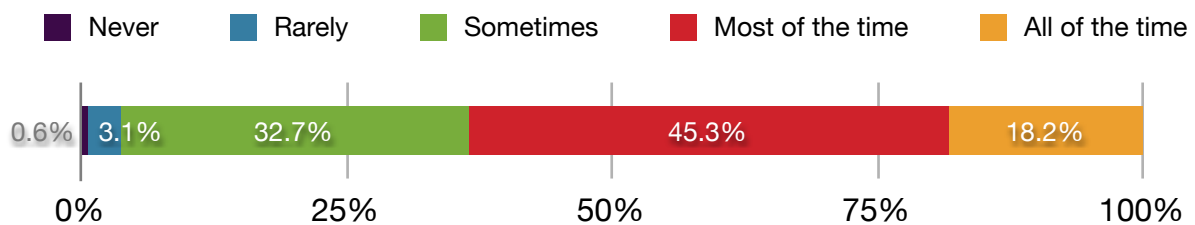
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
4	11	25	64	57	0

Part 6: Wellbeing

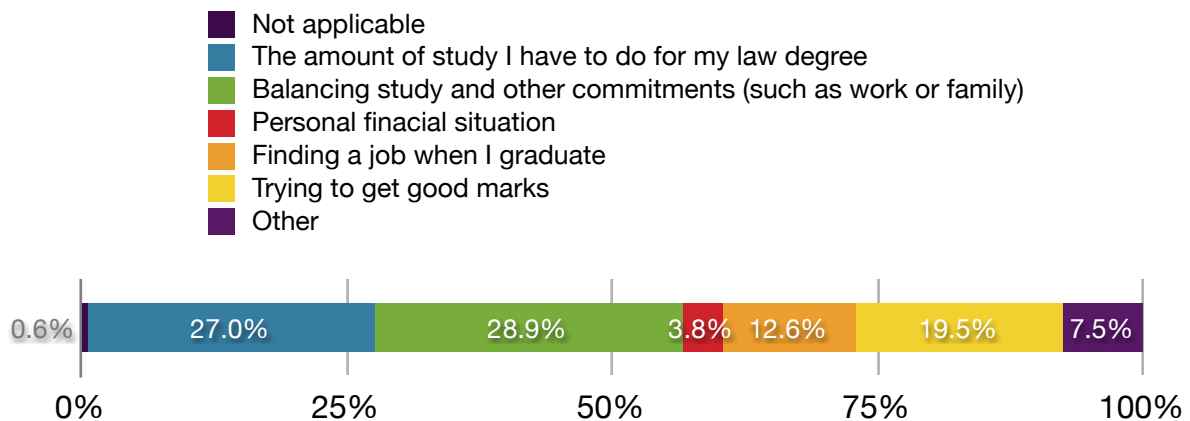
Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 159



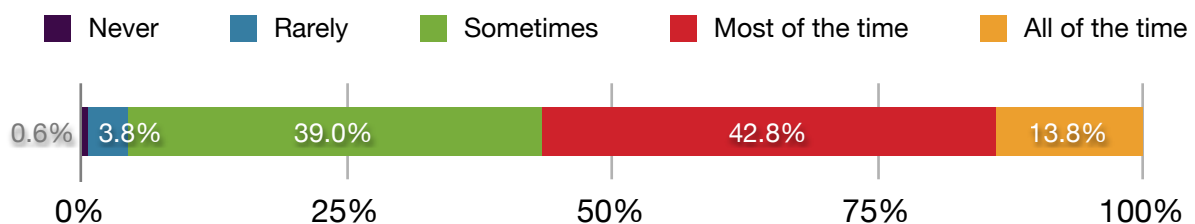
Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 159



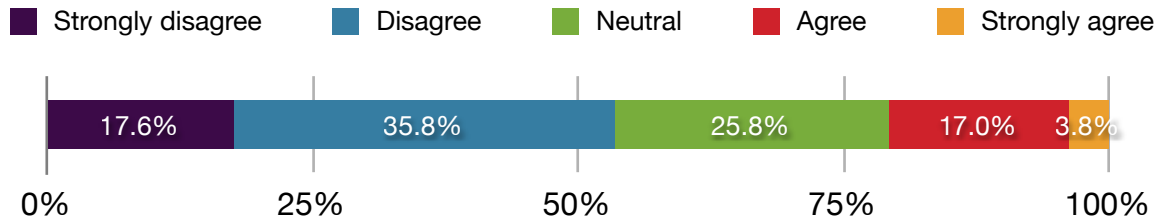
Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 159



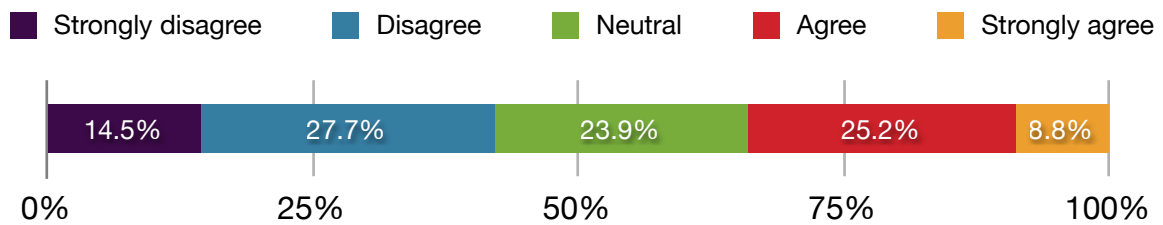
Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

Responses: 159



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

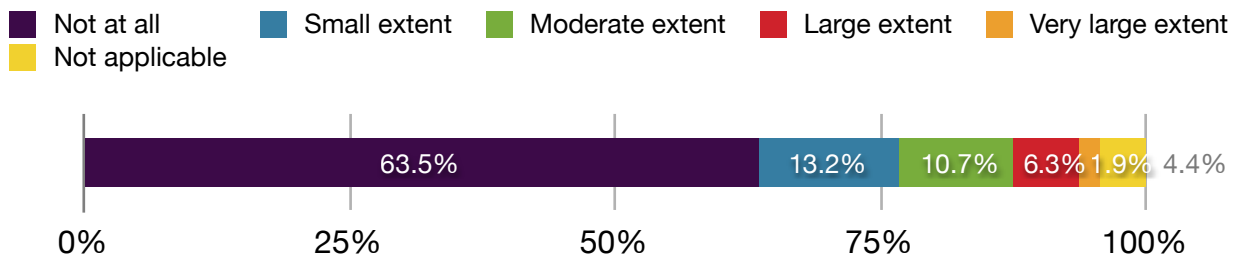
Responses: 159



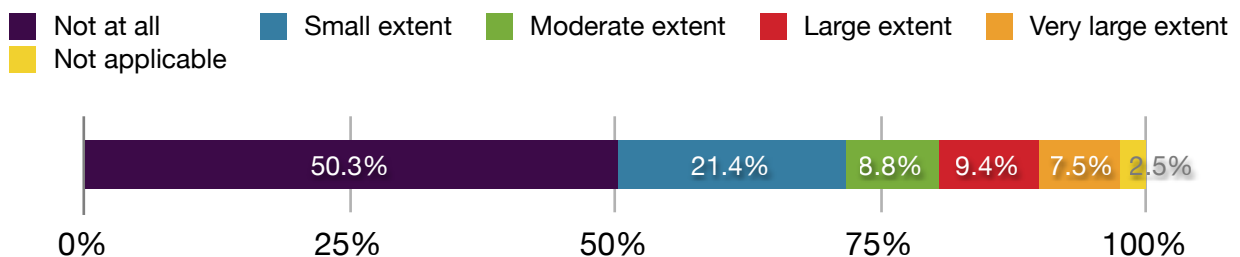
Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:

Responses: 159

a) Counselling



b) Peer mentoring

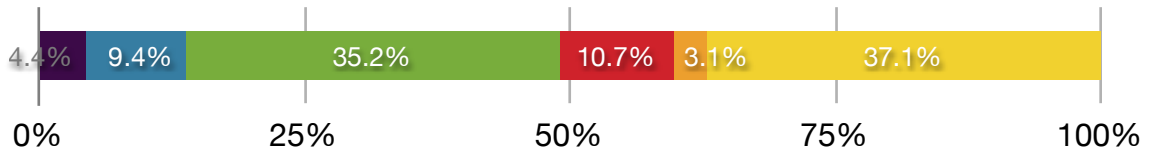


Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:

Responses: 159

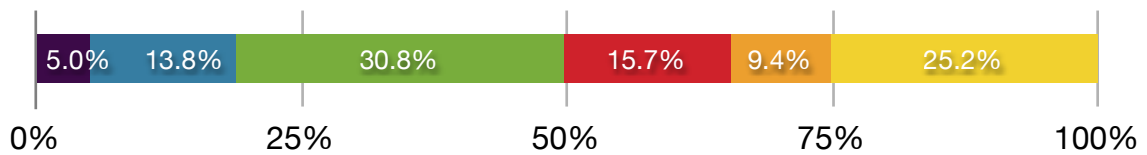
a) Counselling

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable



b) Peer mentoring

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable

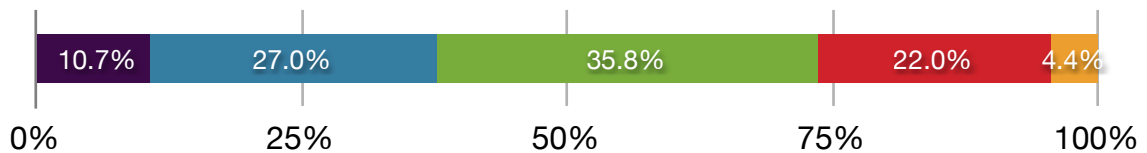


Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing

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

Responses: 159

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied



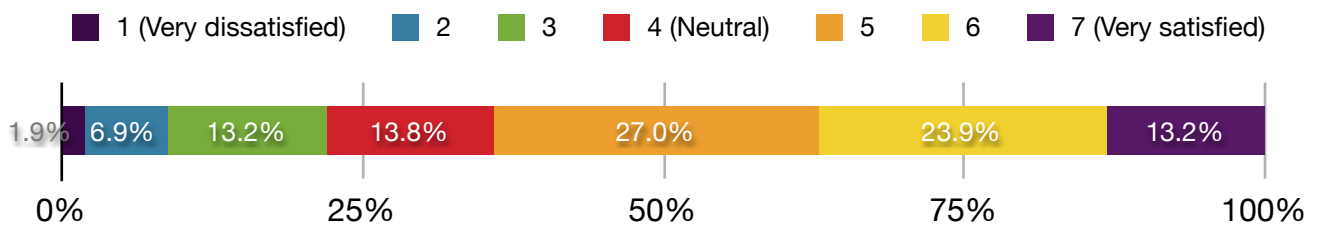
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
17	43	57	35	7

Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 159



Rating	%	Responses
1 (Very dissatisfied)	1.9%	3
2	6.9%	11
3	13.2%	21
4 (Neutral)	13.8%	22
5	27.0%	43
6	23.9%	38
7 (Very satisfied)	13.2%	21

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?

-My class content is engaging and taught by some of the best and most passionate academics. I have been lucky to have some really engaged tutors. The reputation, facilities and pathways into internships and graduate positions are part of what makes me proud of my law school.

-Particular highlights of my degree (and irreplaceable life experiences) have been two overseas field school units - "Sustainable Development Law in China" and "Japanese Law" - which I have participated in over the past few years. Sydney Law School seems to have a growing Asian Law focus and I also really enjoyed studying Indonesian Law (on campus) last year.

-I really enjoy the active campus life, which allows for a lot of socialisation. I also enjoy being around other students who are very bright and talented.

-I also enjoy the prestige that Sydney Uni garners, particularly as I start thinking about employment when I leave university, but also generally, as it is reflected in the facilities (well-structured, clean, modern classrooms), and services especially career advice forums and talks from academics in fields that I harbour an interest in.

-The community spirit created by the student organisations

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

-I have noticed that class sizes have crept up during my time at law school. I think it's great to have a balance between lectures, seminars and tutorials - but lately there have been too few tutorials and too many larger classes which restrict the opportunity for genuine discussion.

-Support for students in terms of mental health services and more flexibility for people who need special consideration. Also more flexible timetable, for example by offering some subjects in both first and second semester.

-More practical legal education. More emphasis on problem questions.

-More support (in terms of academics and mental health) for students in the early years of law school would be an area to improve. I did not have access to such services when I began studying and I often felt extremely overwhelmed and very lonely studying my degree.

-I don't like the pressure placed on me at USYD to get the "right" kind of job. Like, a job in the corporate sector. I feel that too much of an emphasis is placed on this type of work as opposed to anything else a law degree can be used for. However, thanks to the work of our Law Society I believe this is starting to change.