Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

University of Tasmania

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Demographics

Number of responses: 35

Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	8.6%	3
LLB/Double Degree	82.9%	29
LLM	0%	0
JD	2.9%	1
Other	5.7%	2

Question 3: What is your gender?

Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender

Gender	%	Responses
Female	62.9%	22
Male	37.1%	13
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	5.7%	2
Second	17.1%	6
Third	20.0%	7
Fourth	31.4%	11
Fifth	25.7%	9
Sixth or higher	0%	0

Question 5: Current study mode

Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	88.6%	31
Part-Time	11.4%	4

Question 6: Attendance mode

Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	97.1%	34
Off campus/distance	0%	0
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	2.9%	1

Question 7: Are you a domestic or international student?

Table 1.7: Survey responses by Domestic or International Student

Domestic/International	%	Responses
Domestic	94.3%	33
International	5.7%	2

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	74.3%	26
Regional	25.7%	9
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	2.9%	1

Working while studying?	%	Responses
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	68.6%	24
Yes, but only during university holidays	20.0%	7
No	8.6%	3

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	14.3%	5
No	85.7%	30

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

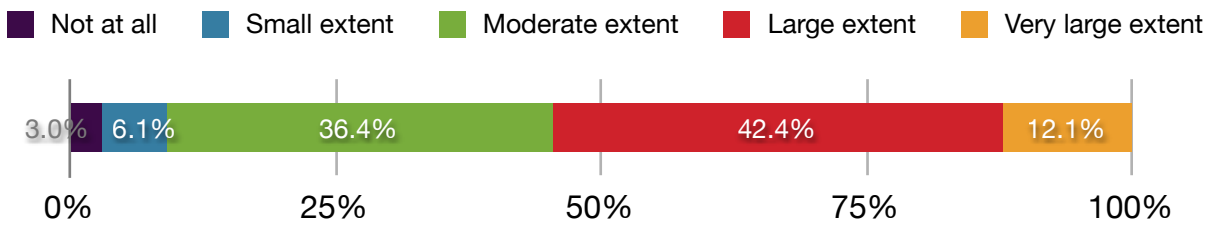
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	51.4%	18
No	17.1%	6
Unsure	31.4%	11

Part 2: Teaching

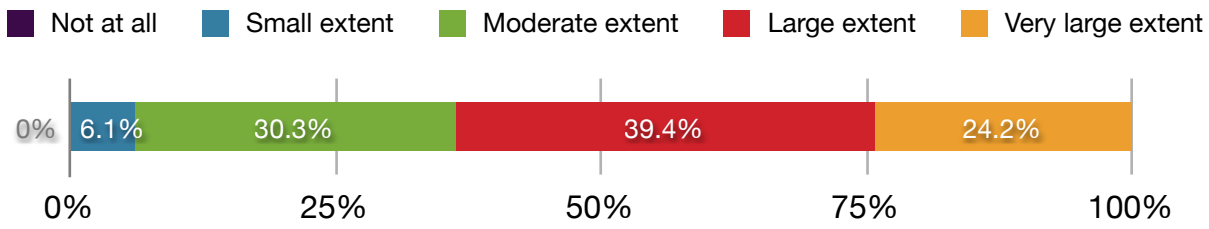
Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 33

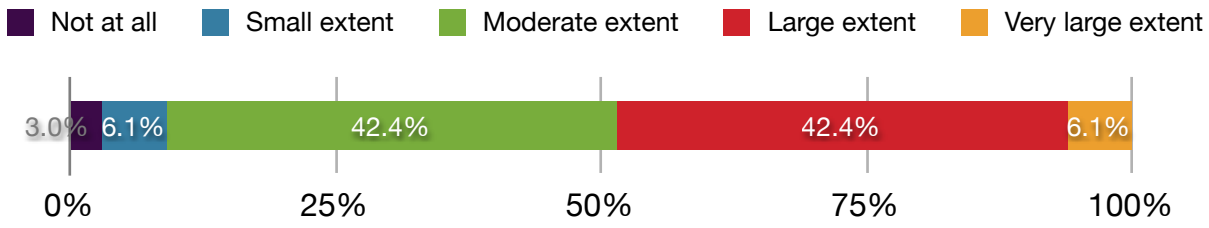
a) *Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?*



b) *Been helpful and approachable?*



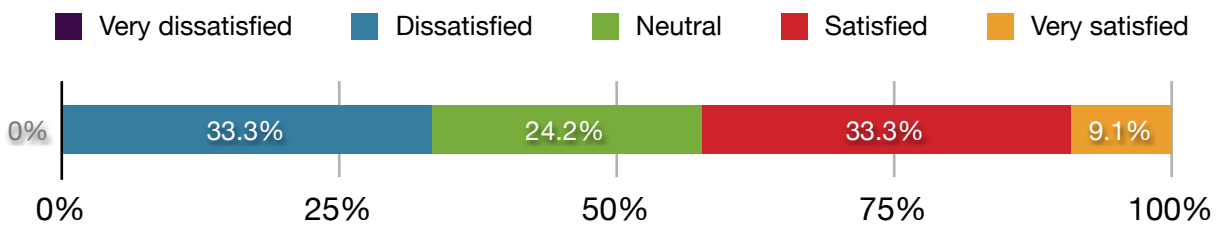
c) *Created an engaging learning environment?*



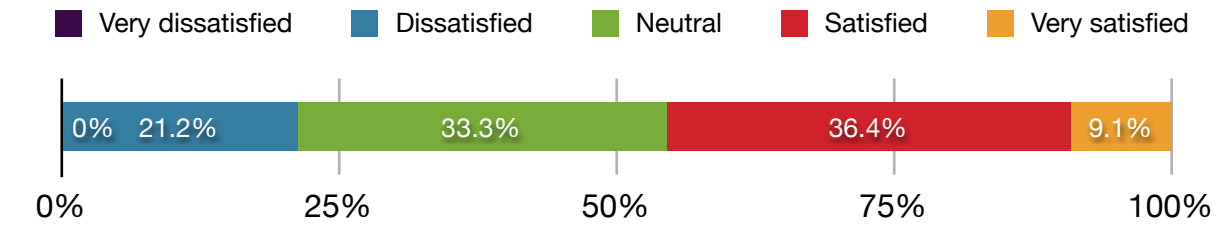
Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 33

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

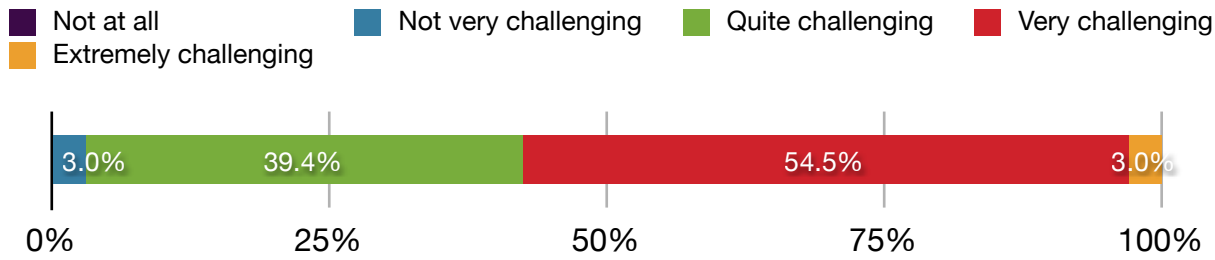


b) ***the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?***



Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?

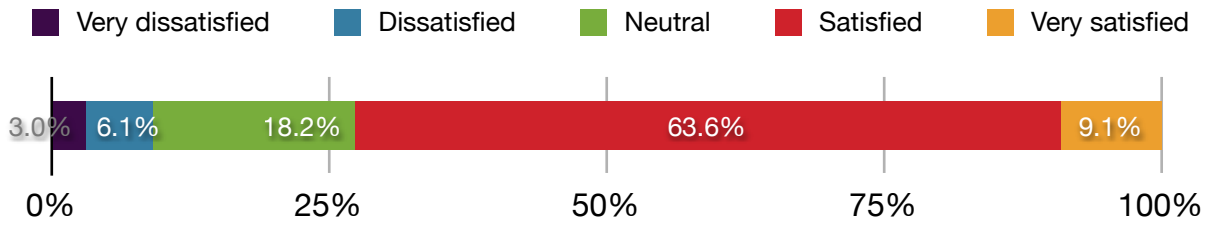
Responses: 33



Satisfaction Rating: Teaching

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

Responses: 33



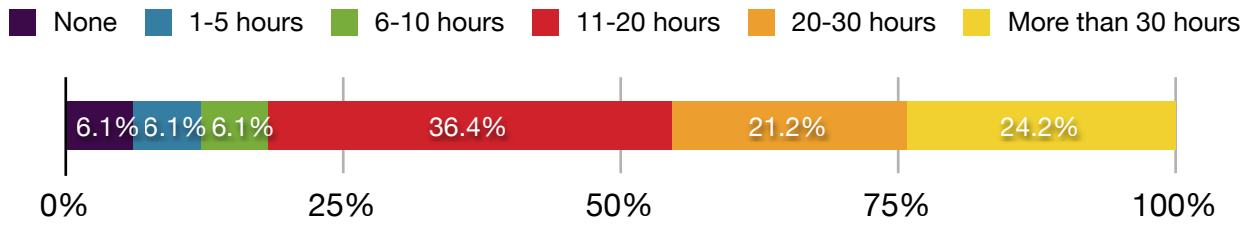
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
1	2	6	21	3

Part 3: Study

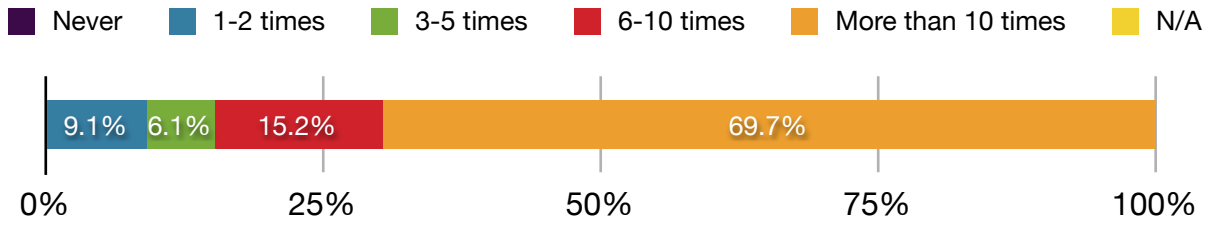
Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?

Responses: 33



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

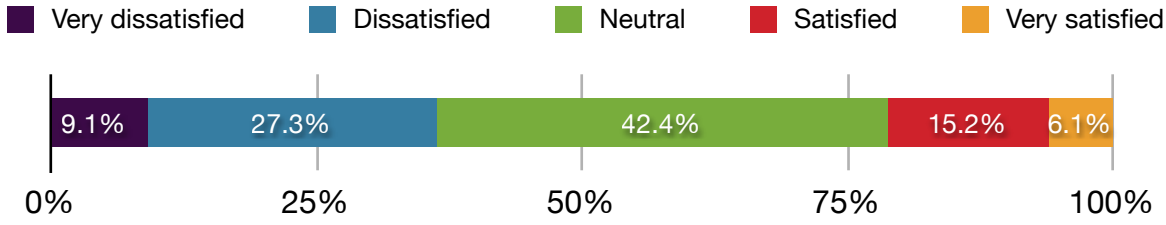
Responses: 33



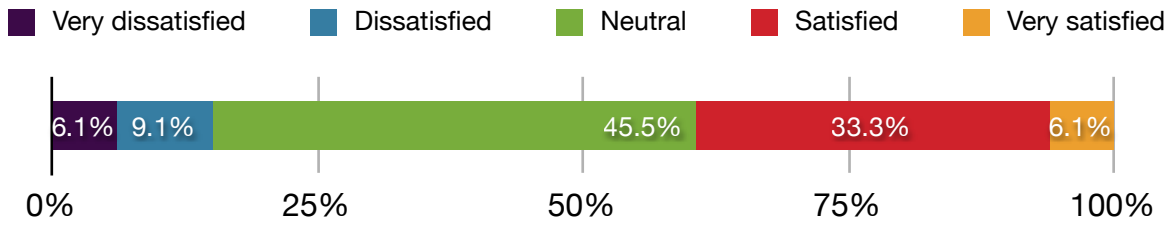
Question 18: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 33

a) *The range of elective subjects available?*



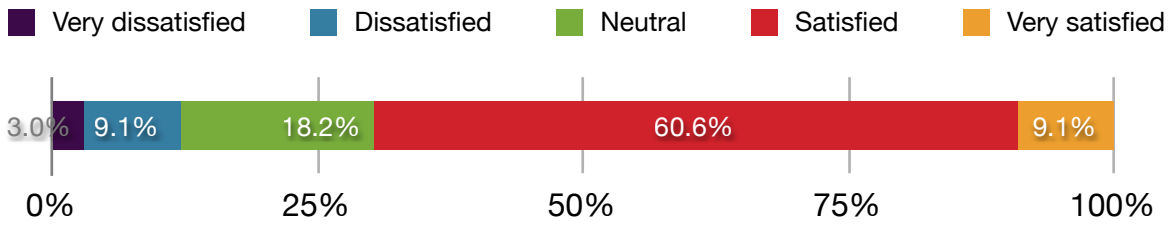
b) ***The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums?***



Satisfaction Rating: Study

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

Responses: 33



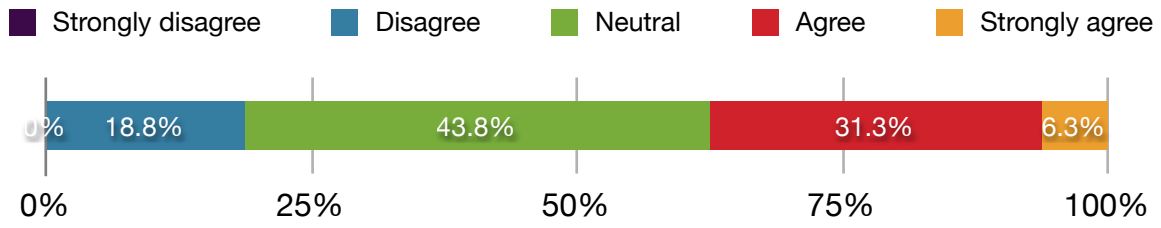
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
1	3	6	20	3

Part 4: Careers

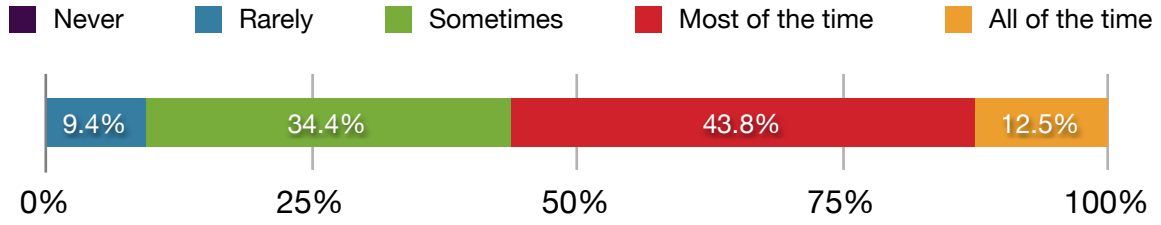
Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 32



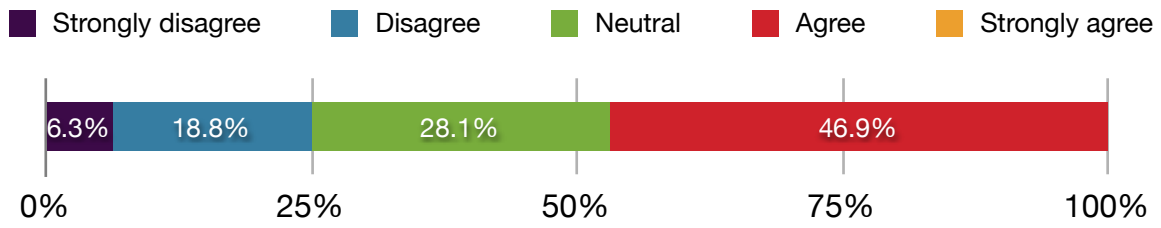
Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 32



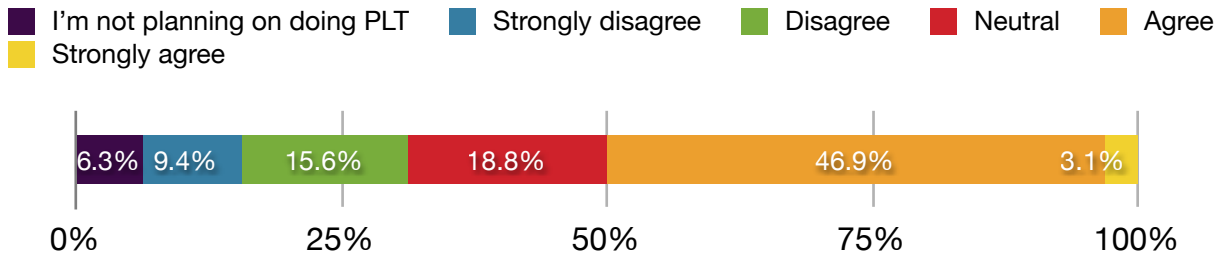
Question 22: My law school provides sufficient information about work experience/employment opportunities.

Responses: 22



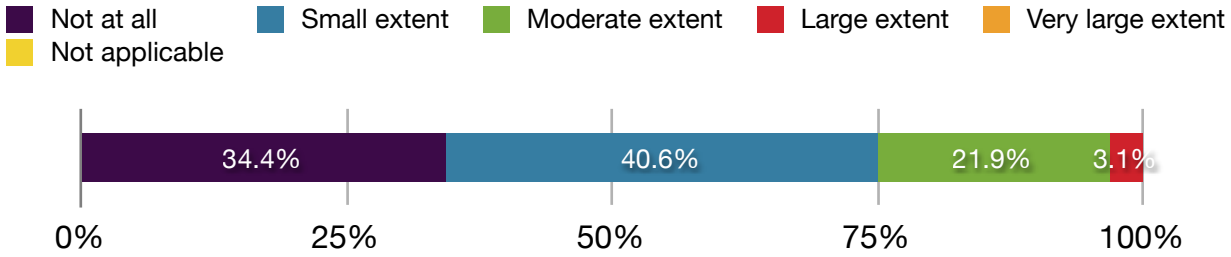
Question 23: I have access to sufficient information about my practical legal training (PLT) options for when I finish my degree.

Responses: 22



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

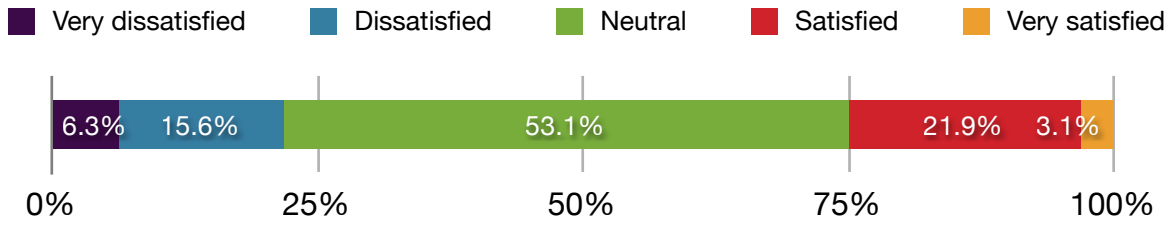
Responses: 32



Satisfaction Rating: Careers

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

Responses: 32



Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
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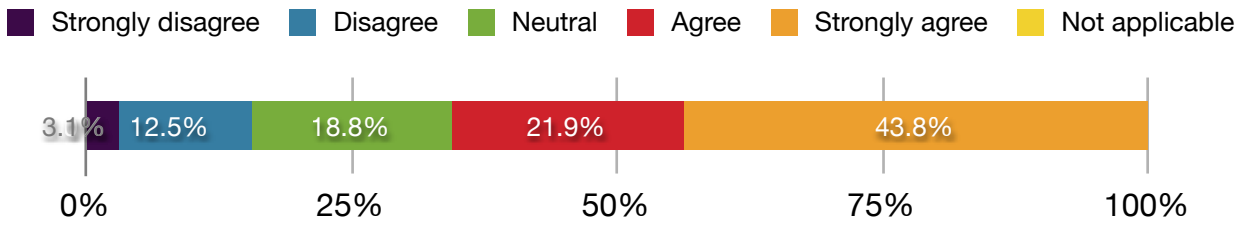
Part 5: Campus Life

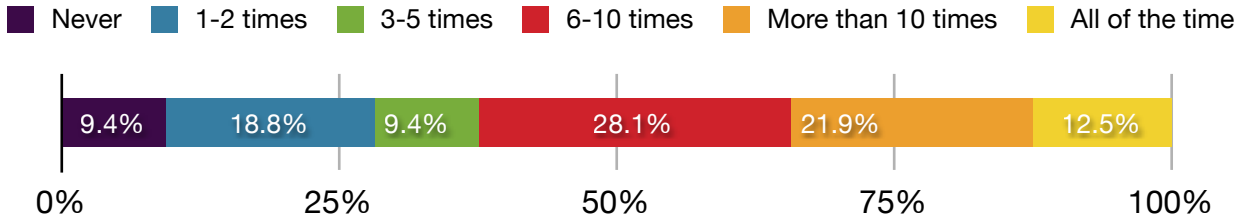
Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 32



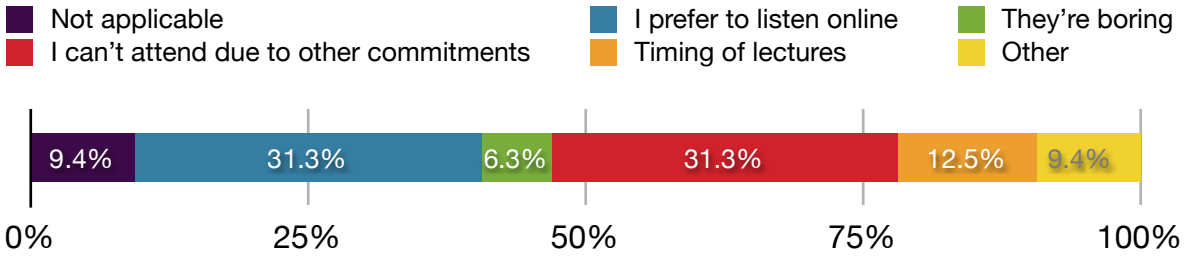
Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 32



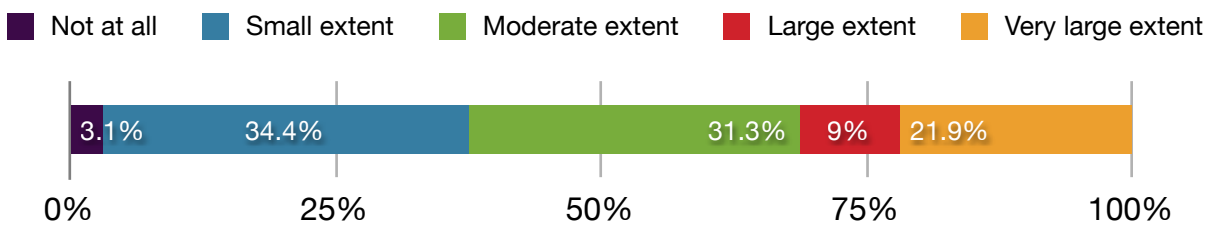
Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 32



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?

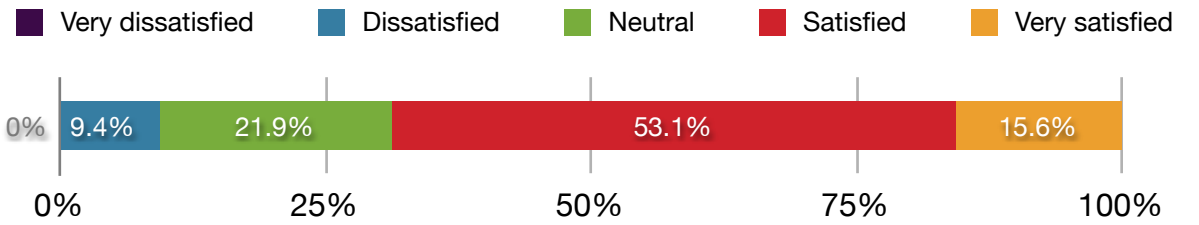
Responses: 32



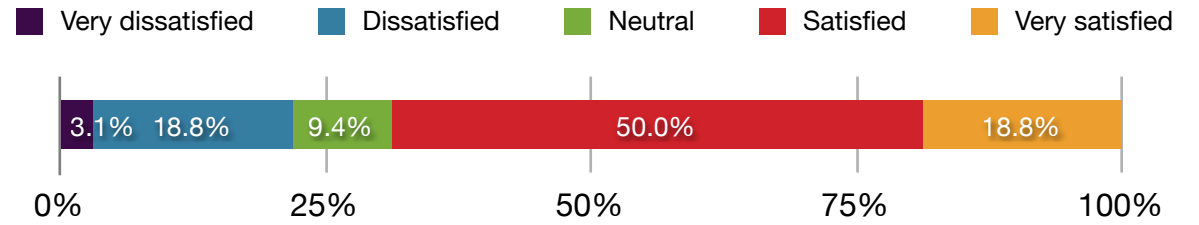
Question 30: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 32

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



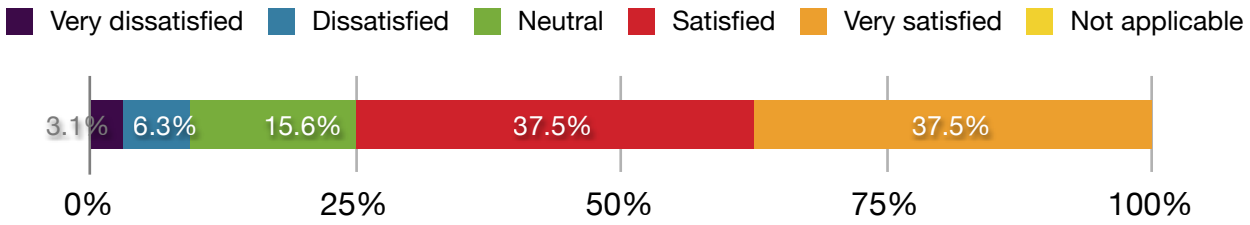
b) *learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?*



Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life

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

Responses: 32



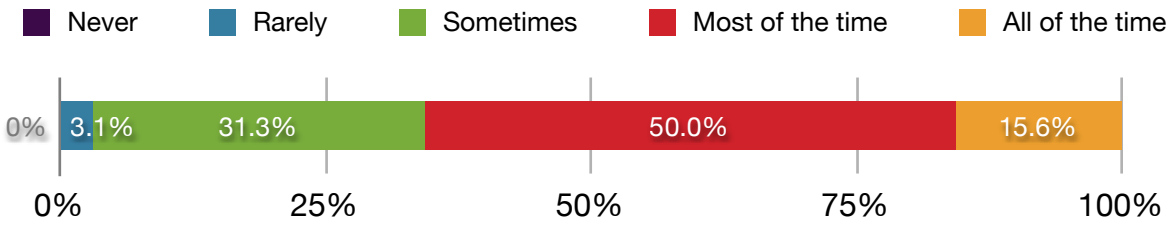
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
1	2	5	12	12	0

Part 6: Wellbeing

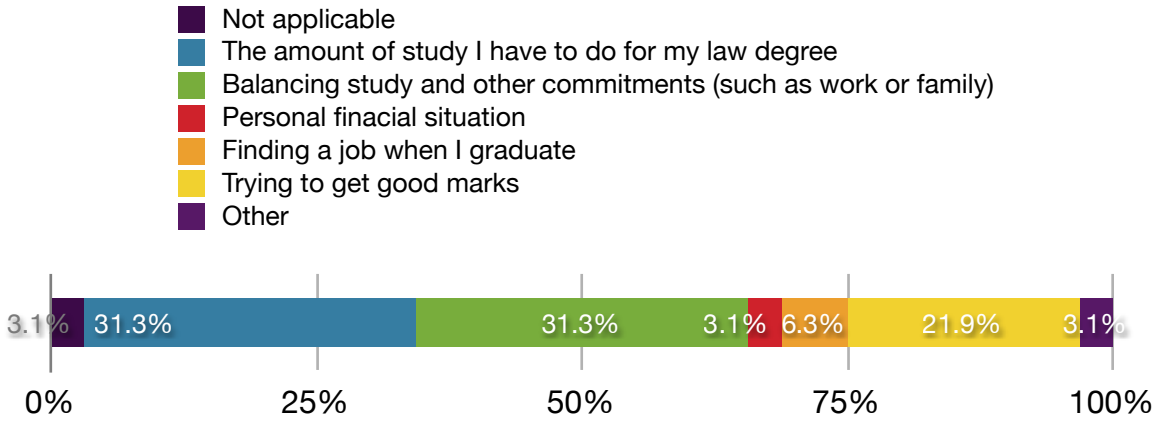
Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 32



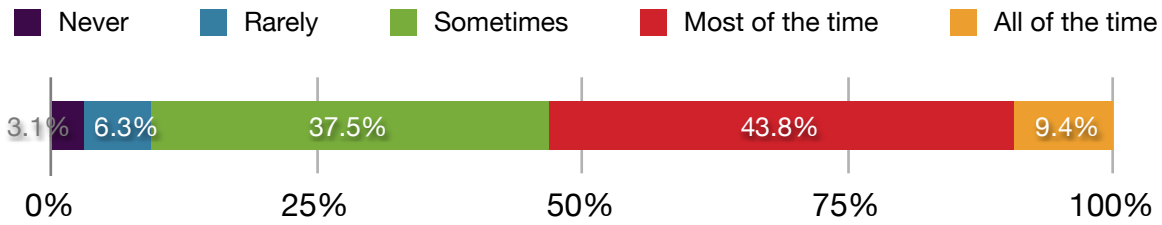
Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 32



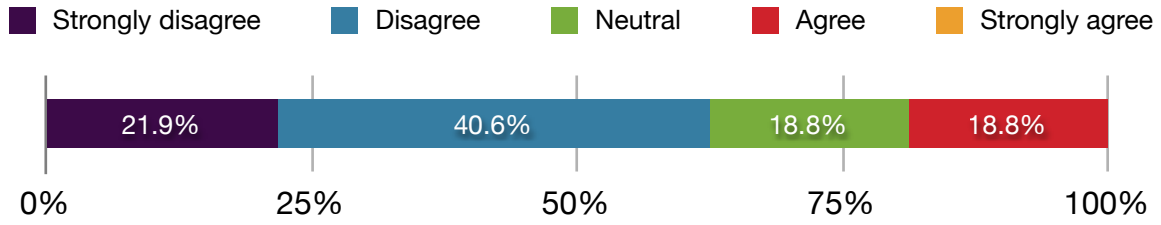
Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 32



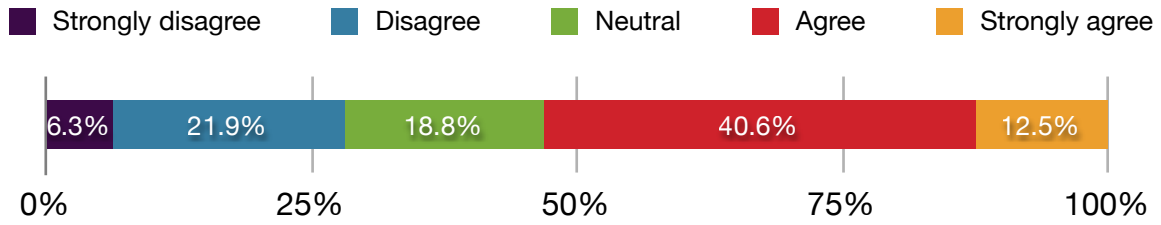
Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

Responses: 32



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

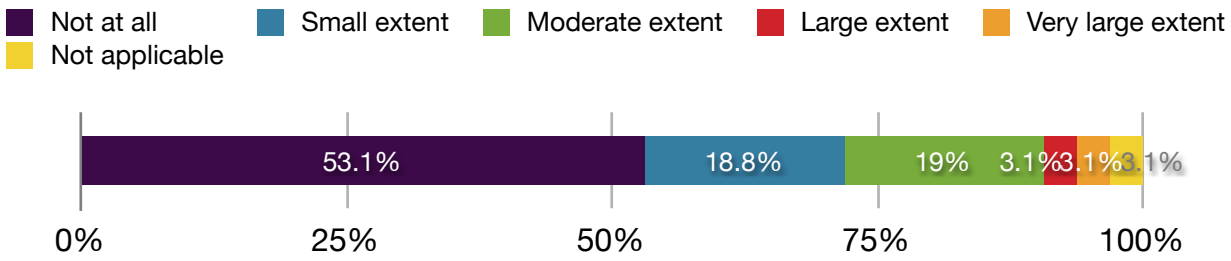
Responses: 32



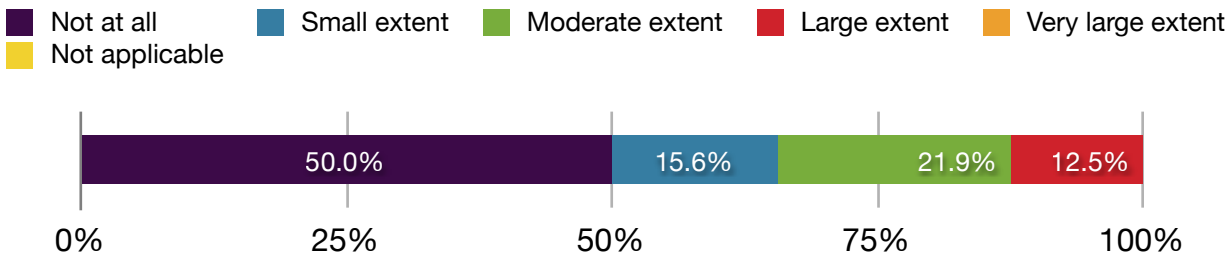
Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:

Responses: 32

a) ***Counselling***



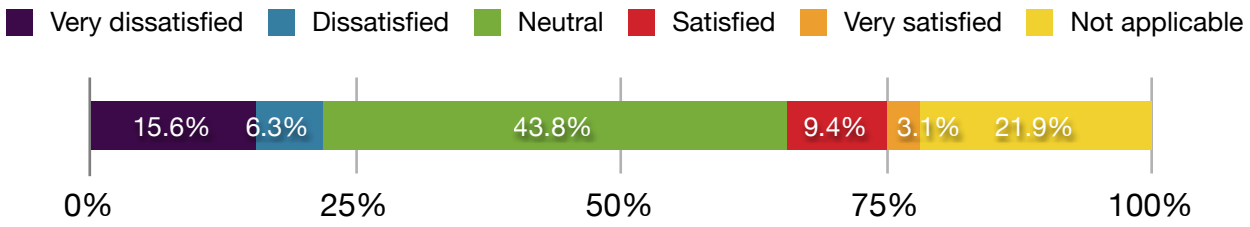
b) Peer mentoring



Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:

Responses: 32

a) *Counselling*



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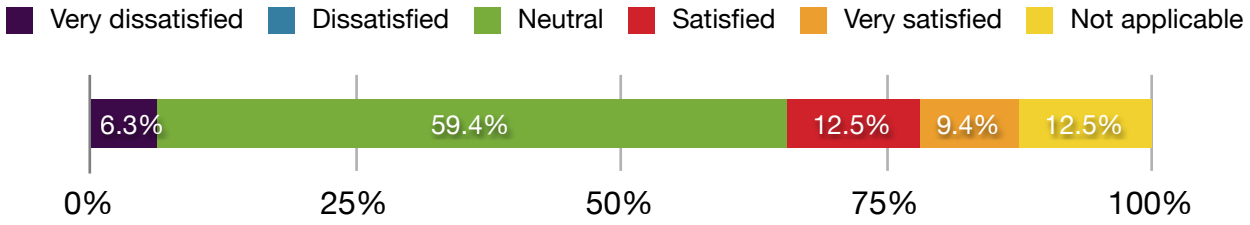
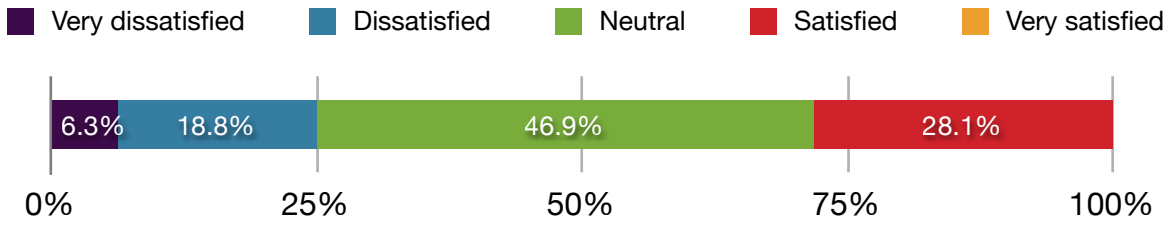


Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing

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

Responses: 32



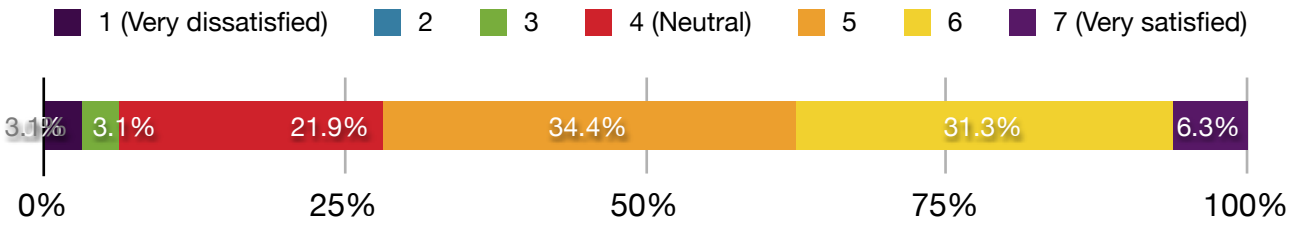
Responses

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
2	6	15	9	0

Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 33



Rating	%	Responses
1 (Very dissatisfied)	3.1%	1
2	0%	0
3	3.1%	1
4 (Neutral)	21.9%	7
5	34.4%	11
6	31.2%	10
7 (Very satisfied)	6.3%	2

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 teaching staff are generally excellent
- The library and online resources are good, and the teaching staff are helpful
- Because it is small, everyone knows each other and there is a great sense of community.
- The supportive student environment and some extremely high quality lecturers (who are usually friendly and available)
- I like the opportunities provided by my school to interact socially as this really helps make the learning enjoyable and easier to cope with.

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

- A greater variety of law electives
- More accessible social events, more attempts to help students integrate and make friends in the faculty, organised study sessions
- Because its a small school, there is not a very wide selection of electives. Although it may not be plausible to improve this, I would like to see student resources improved and upgraded. Such as the installation of power points at every desk in the library and more power points in lecture theatres. More study room for students to utilise.
- I think consistent teaching practices need to be improved (ie. all lectures recorded online) and also more awareness for mental health and stress.
- Diversity of electives, and an emphasis on flexible study arrangements. I find it quite hard to study in between work commitments - classes that are not recorded are difficult to work around, and the study load is often difficult.