

# SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

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University of Technology, Sydney

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## Demographics

Responses: 91

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

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

Degree Program	%	Responses
LLB	11.0%	10
LLB/Double Degree	51.7%	47
LLM	1.1%	1
JD	35.2%	32
Other	1.1%	1

### Question 3: What is your gender?

**Table 1.3: Survey responses by Gender**

Gender	%	Responses
Female	70.3%	64
Male	29.7%	27
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	23.1%	21
Second	23.1%	21
Third	16.5%	15
Fourth	16.5%	15
Fifth	18.7%	17
Sixth or higher	2.2%	2

**Question 5: Current study mode****Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode**

Study Mode	%	Responses
Full-Time	79.1%	72
Part-Time	20.9%	19

**Question 6: Attendance mode****Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode**

Attendance Mode	%	Responses
On campus	93.4%	85
Off campus/distance	0%	0
Mix of on campus and off campus/distance	6.6%	6

**Question 7: Are you a domestic or international student?****Table 1.7: Survey responses by Domestic or International Student**

Domestic/International	%	Responses
Domestic	97.8%	89
International	2.2%	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	96.7%	88
Regional	3.3%	3
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	6.6%	6
Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week	74.7%	68

Working while studying?	%	Responses
Yes, but only during university holidays	3.3%	3
No	15.4%	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	39.6%	36
No	60.4%	55

**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**

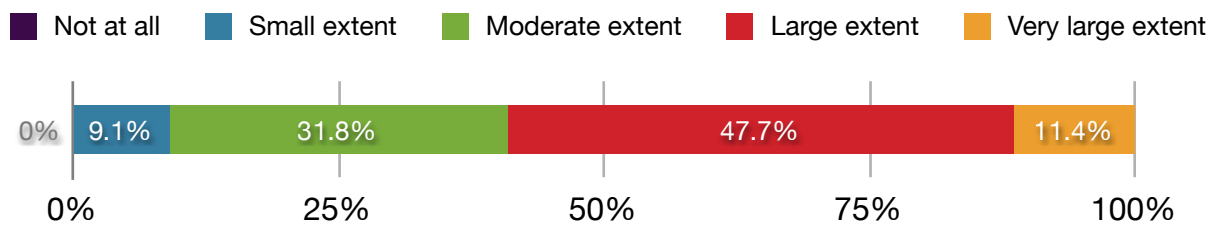
Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner?	%	Responses
Yes	67.0%	61
No	2.2%	2
Unsure	30.8%	28

# Part 2: Teaching

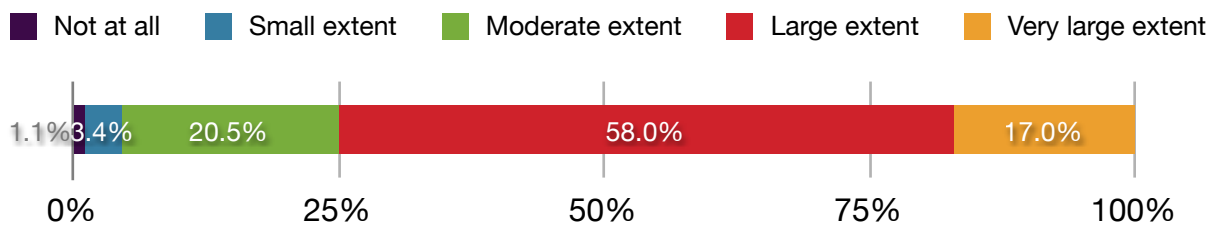
## Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 88

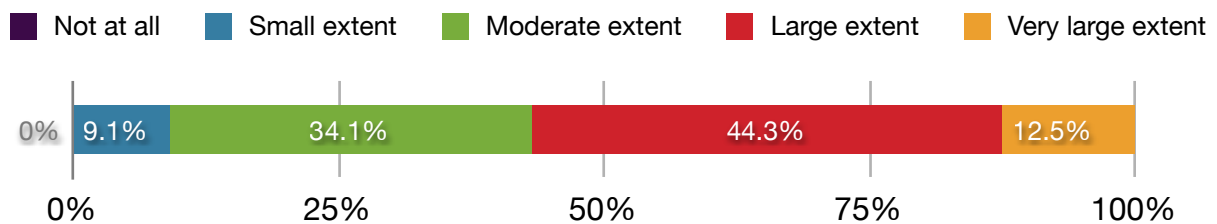
### a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



### b) Been helpful and approachable?



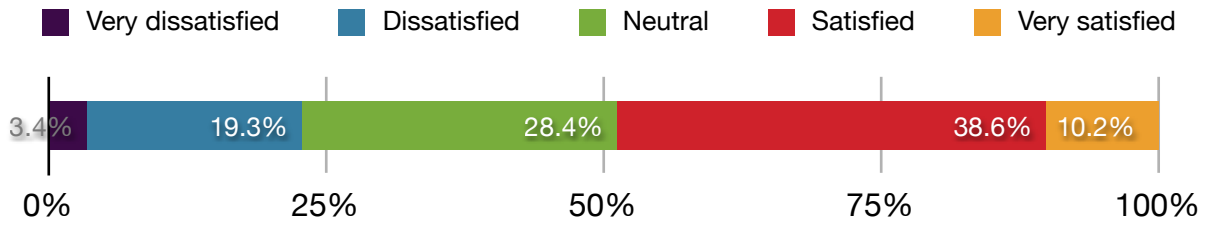
### c) Created an engaging learning environment?



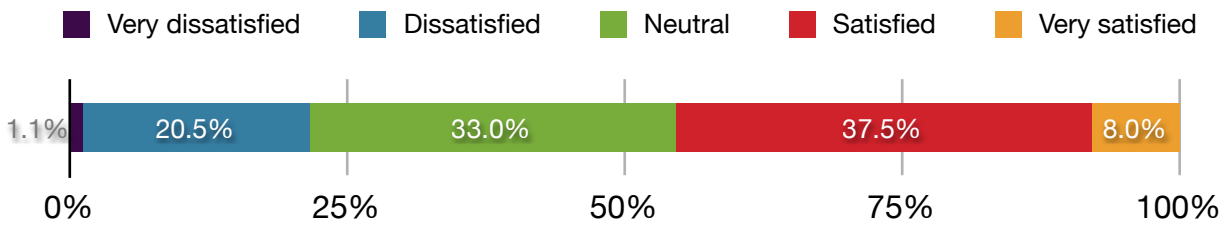
## Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 88

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

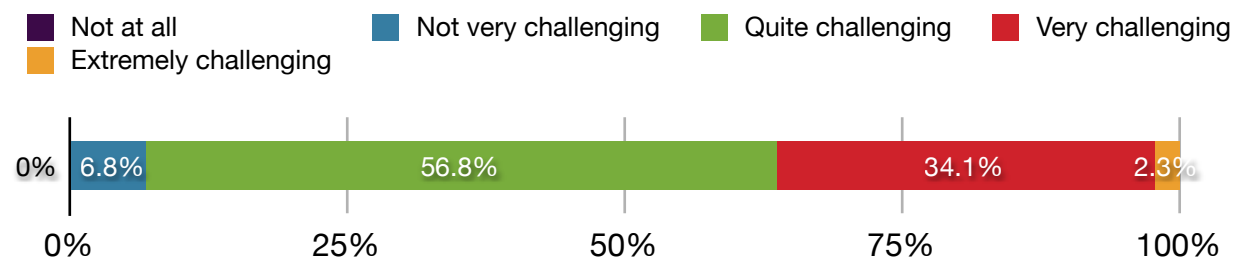


**b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?**



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

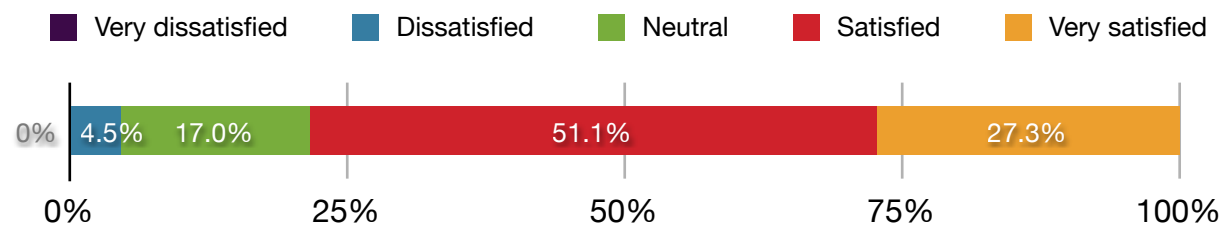
Responses: 88



**Satisfaction Rating: Teaching**

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

Responses: 88



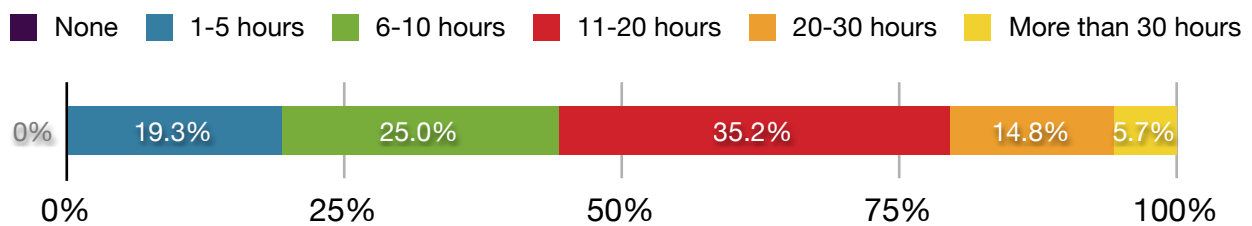
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
0	4	15	45	24

# Part 3: Study

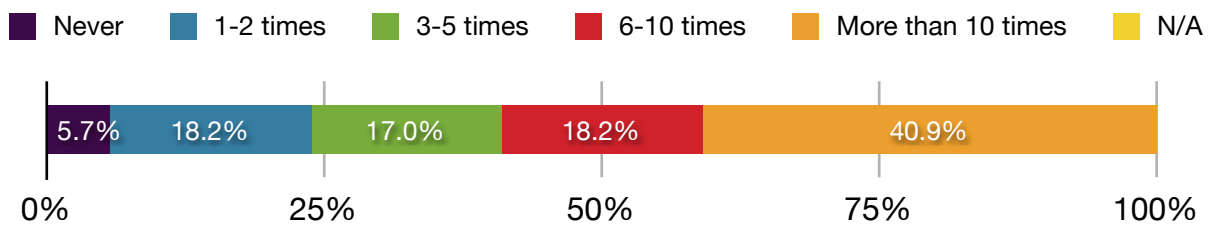
**Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?**

Responses: 88



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

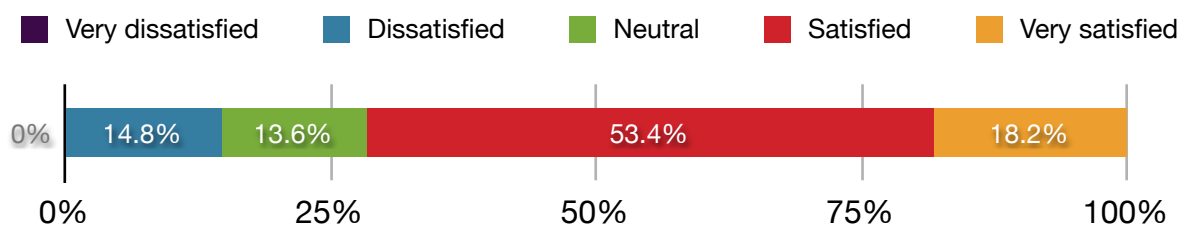
Responses: 88



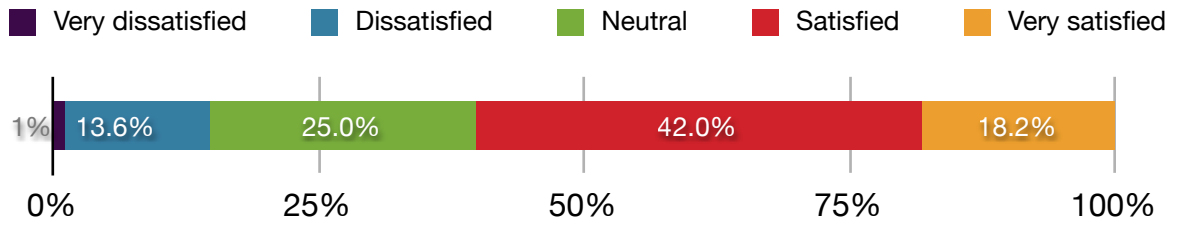
**Question 18: How satisfied are you with:**

Responses: 88

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



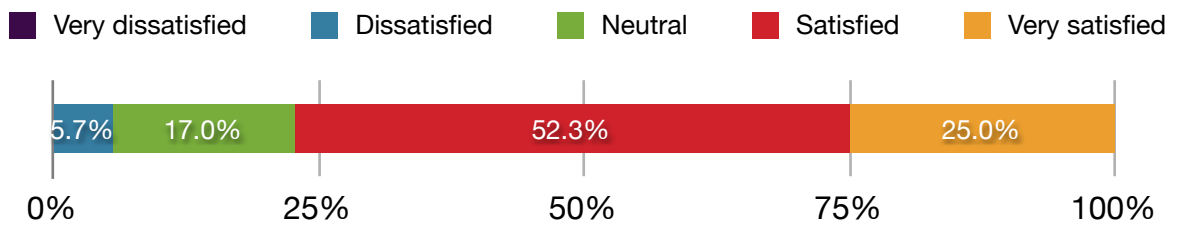
**b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums**



**Satisfaction Rating: Study**

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

Responses: 88



**Responses**

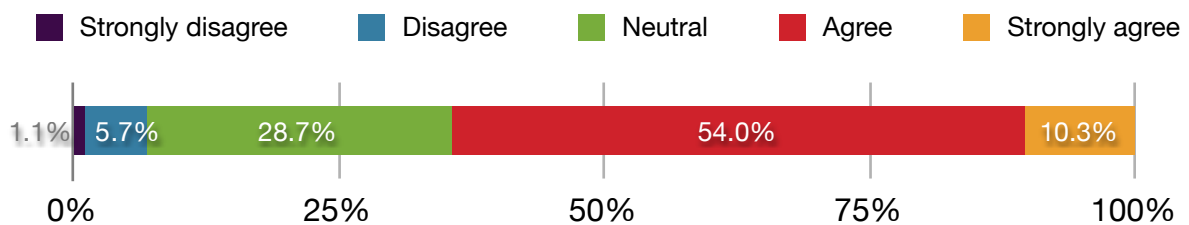
Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
0	5	15	46	22



# Part 4: Careers

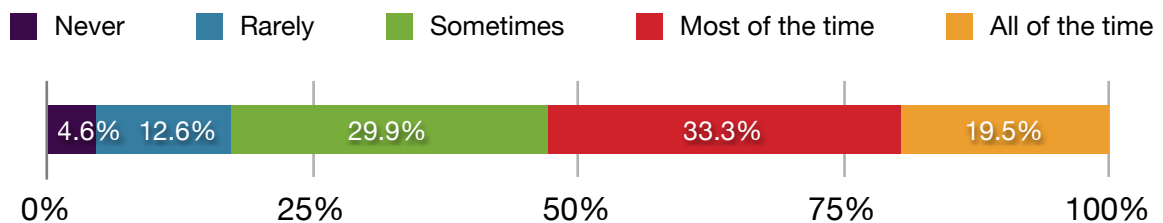
## Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 87



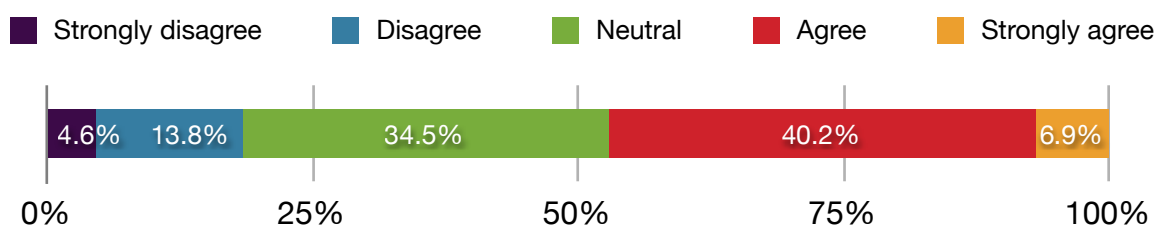
## Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 87



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

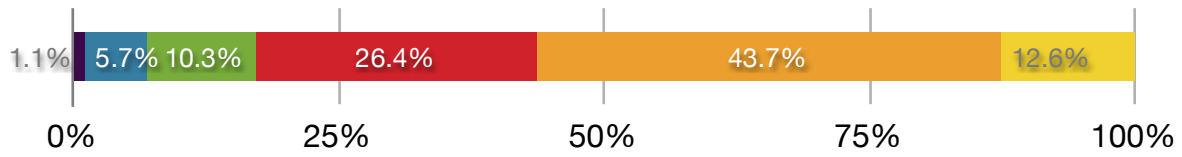
Responses: 87



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

Responses: 87

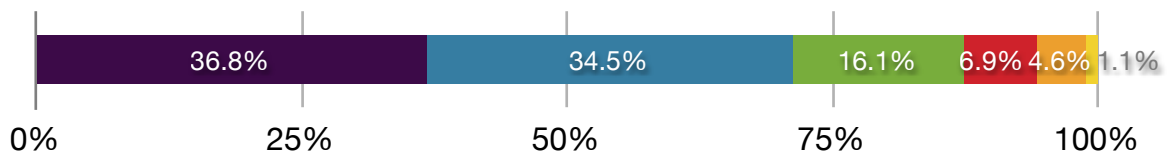
■ I'm not planning on doing PLT   
 ■ Strongly disagree   
 ■ Disagree   
 ■ Neutral   
 ■ Agree   
 ■ Strongly agree



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

Responses: 87

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

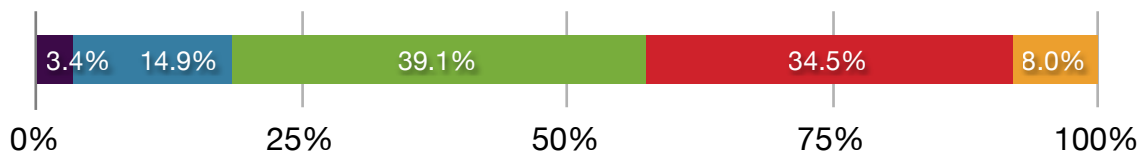


**Satisfaction Rating: Careers**

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

Responses: 87

■ Very dissatisfied   
 ■ Dissatisfied   
 ■ Neutral   
 ■ Satisfied   
 ■ Very satisfied



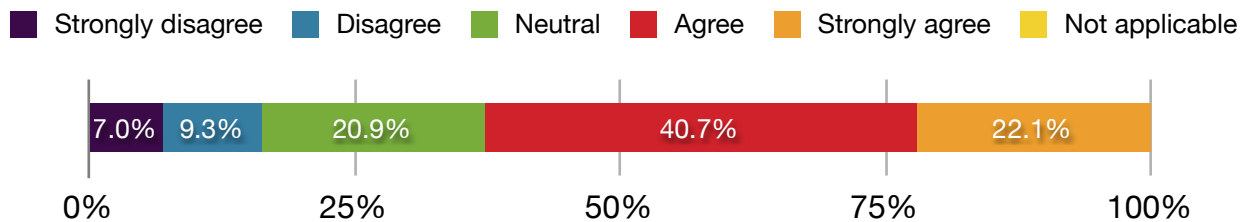
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
3	13	34	30	7

# Part 5: Campus Life

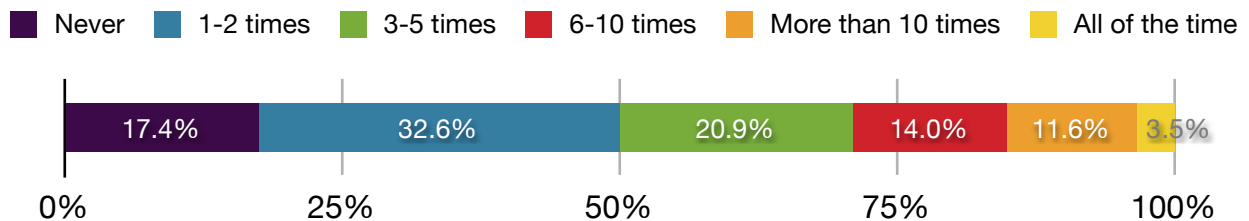
## Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 86



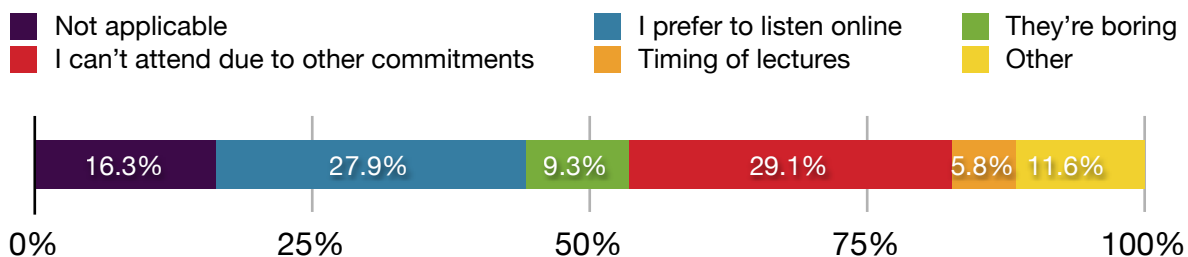
## Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 86



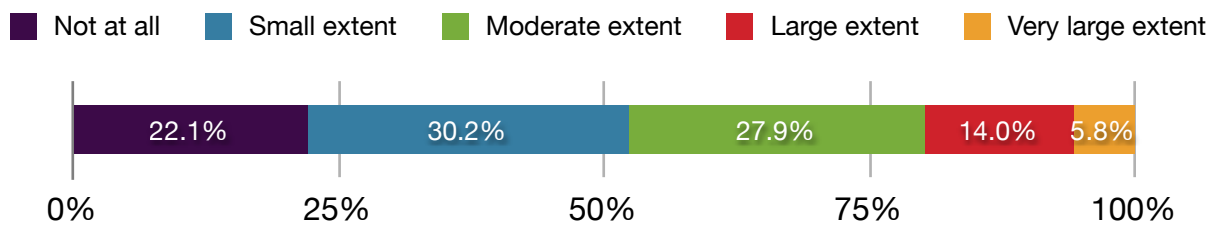
## Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 86



## 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?

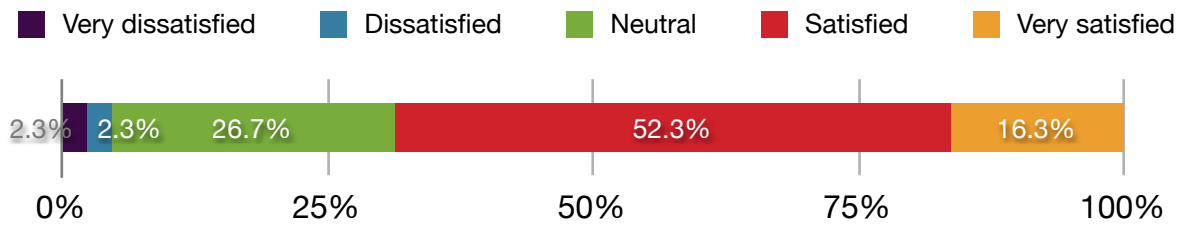
Responses: 86



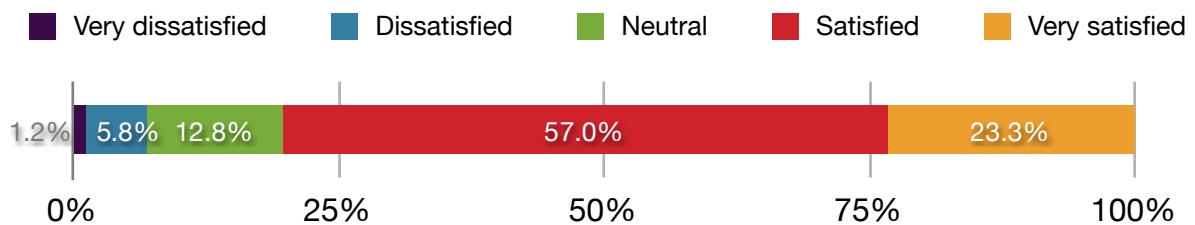
**Question 30: How satisfied are you with:**

Responses: 86

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



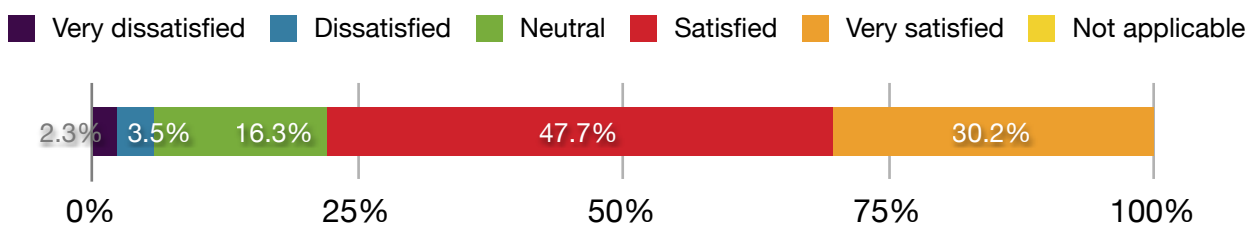
**b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?**



**Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life**

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

Responses: 99



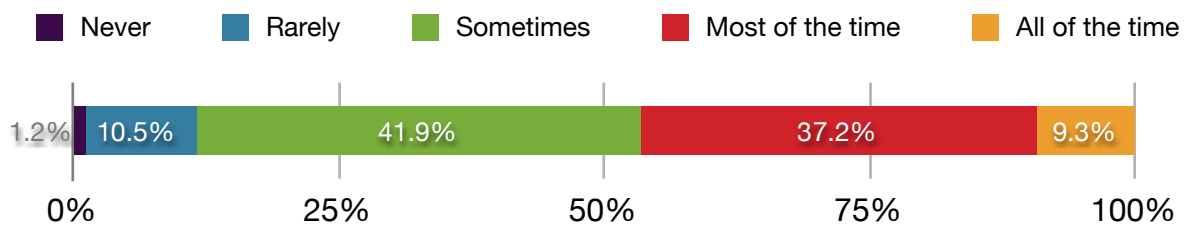
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
2	3	14	41	26	0

# Part 6: Wellbeing

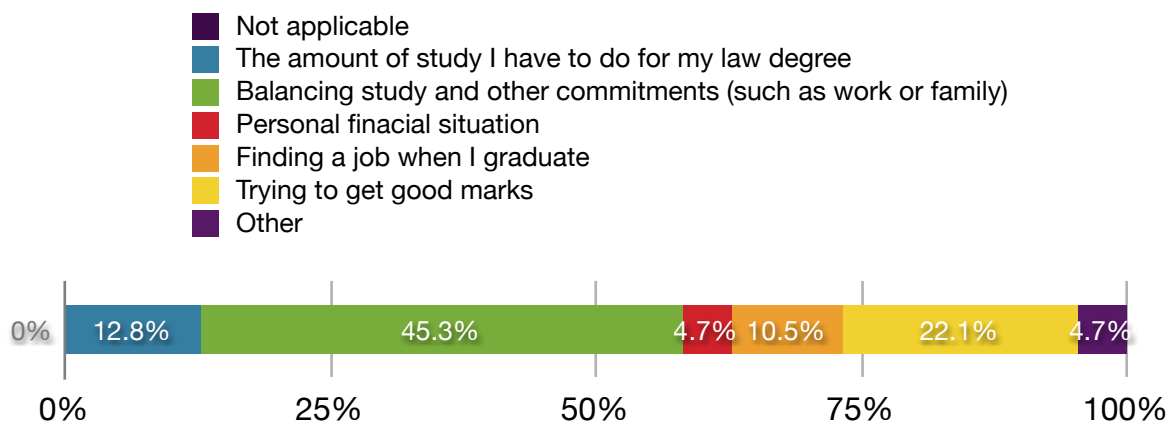
## Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 86



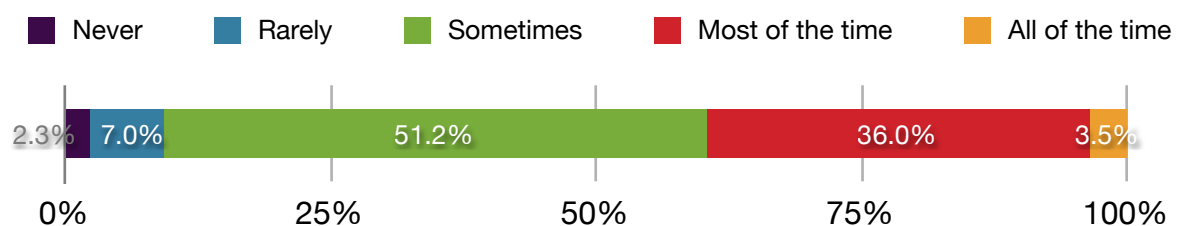
## Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 86



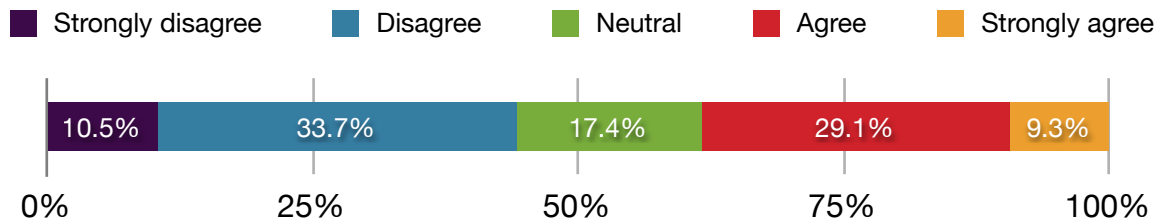
## Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 86



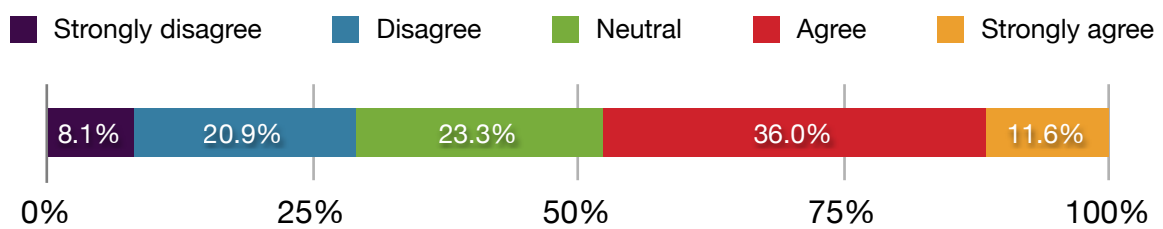
**Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.**

Responses: 86



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

Responses: 86

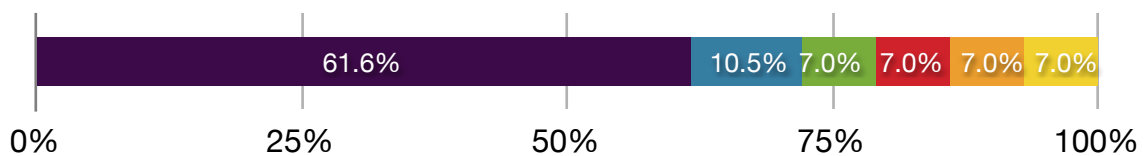


**Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:**

Responses: 86

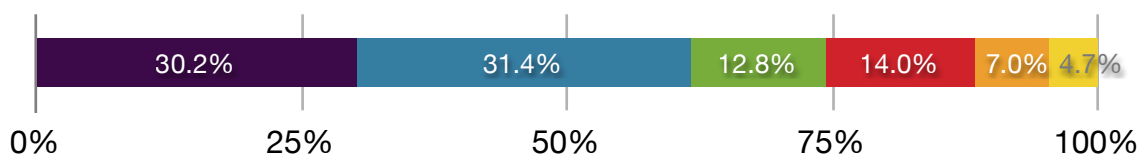
**a) Counselling**

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



**b) Peer mentoring**

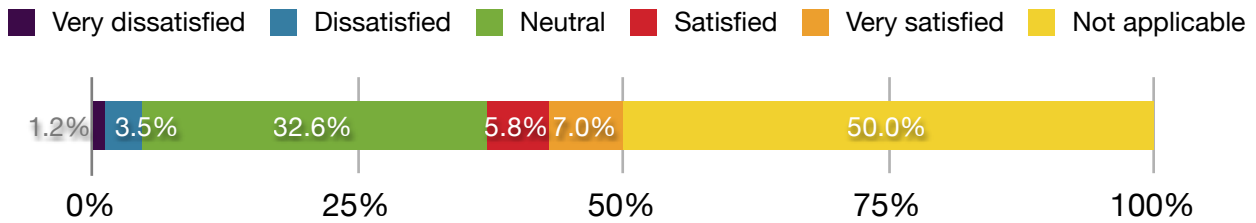
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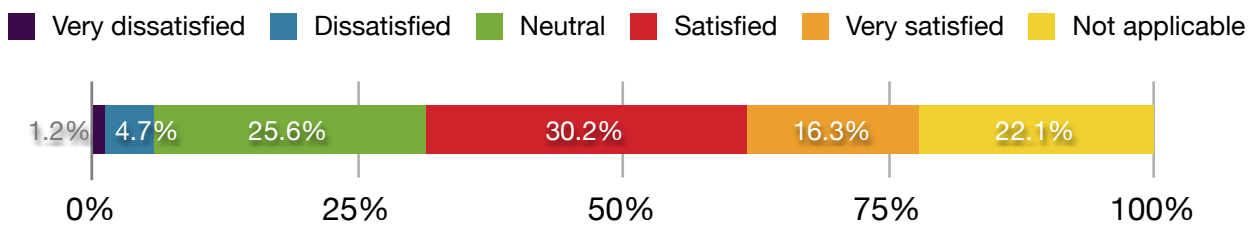
**Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:**

Responses: 86

**a) Counselling**



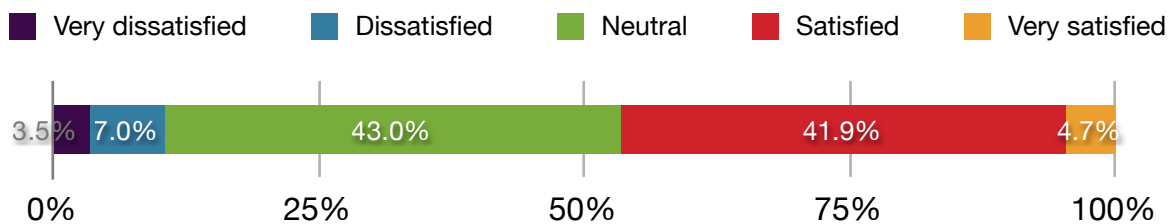
**b) Peer mentoring**



**Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing**

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

Responses: 86



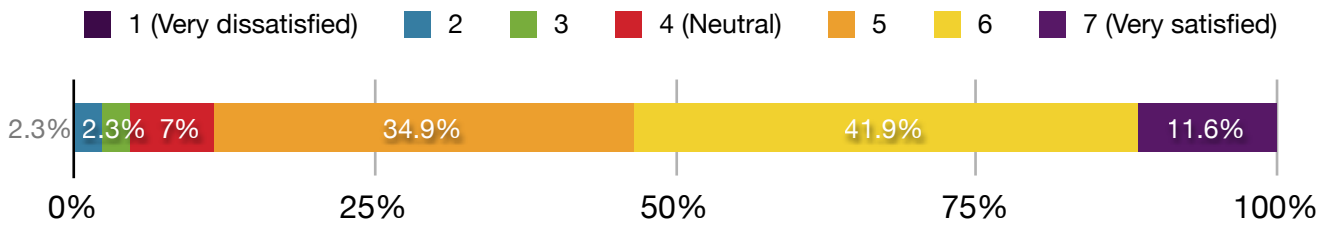
**Responses**

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
3	6	37	36	4

# Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 86



Rating	%	Responses
<b>1 (Very dissatisfied)</b>	0%	0
<b>2</b>	2.3%	2
<b>3</b>	2.3%	2
<b>4 (Neutral)</b>	7.0%	6
<b>5</b>	34.9%	30
<b>6</b>	41.9%	36
<b>7 (Very satisfied)</b>	11.6%	10



# 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?

-There are tonnes of evening, weekend, and summer school courses so students can fit uni around work and other commitments.

-I particularly like the quality of teaching staff overall. I have had some fantastic teachers who have profound knowledge in specific areas, and of the law in general, and are able to make subjects interesting, easily explain concepts, and relate concepts to the real world.

-In a time when the job market appears to be intimidatingly unstable, UTS places an emphasis on teaching us practical skills and giving us plenty of opportunities to learn more about a diverse range of graduate options. The inclusion of the PLT within our degree is a rarity and means that we are fully qualified when we leave university.

-The campus and the people, for making me feel welcome and for establishing a professional environment.

-Electives that include multiple options for assessment modes at the student's choice.

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

-Co-curricular activities to be more accessible for all students, especially post graduate students.

-Not all of the electives I'd like to do are available in the evenings.

-The number of power points in lecture and tutorial rooms. I know this is a small and seemingly trivial suggestion but with nearly all students having laptops, the rooms really don't cater for them.

-Definitely I would like to see more work opportunities made available to students. It would be good to have someone who could assist you in your job applications who were in fact involved substantially in the legal industry. Also, generally, I would like to see more opportunities for internships and industry placement, whilst completing the degree, to give students a headstart in their legal careers.

-The law library needs more hard-copy resources, particularly older law reports that are hard to find online.