

SurviveLaw

Australian Law Student Satisfaction Survey

2013

University of Western Sydney

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Demographics

Number of responses: 42

Question 2: What degree program are you enrolled in?

Table 1.2: Survey responses by Degree Program

| Degree Program | % | Responses |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| LLB | 16.7% | 7 |
| LLB/Double Degree | 83.3% | 35 |
| 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 | 71.4% | 30 |
| Male | 28.6% | 12 |
| 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 | 9.5% | 4 |
| Second | 16.7% | 7 |
| Third | 21.4% | 9 |
| Fourth | 19.1% | 8 |
| Fifth | 23.8% | 10 |
| Sixth or higher | 9.5% | 4 |

Question 5: Current study mode

Table 1.5: Survey responses by Current Study Mode

| Study Mode | % | Responses |
|------------|-------|-----------|
| Full-Time | 95.2% | 40 |
| Part-Time | 4.8% | 2 |

Question 6: Attendance mode

Table 1.6: Survey responses by Attendance Mode

| Attendance Mode | % | Responses |
|--|------|-----------|
| On campus | 100% | 42 |
| 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% | 42 |
| 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 | 85.7% | 36 |
| Regional | 14.3% | 6 |
| 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 | 14.3% | 6 |

| Working while studying? | % | Responses |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Yes, on average fewer than 37 hours per week | 64.3% | 27 |
| Yes, but only during university holidays | 4.8% | 2 |
| No | 16.7% | 7 |

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 | 31.0% | 13 |
| No | 69.0% | 29 |

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

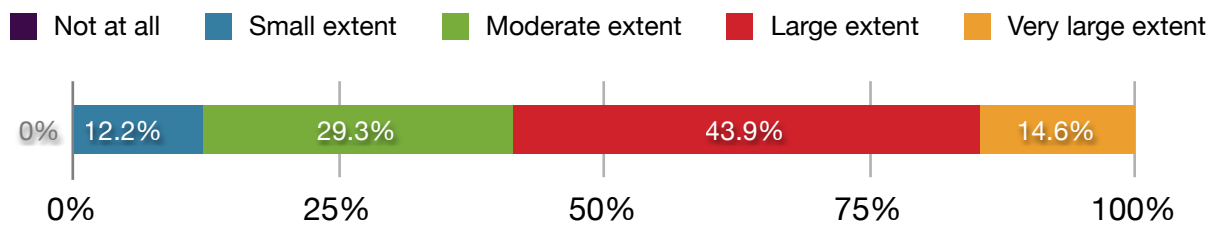
| Do you intend to work as a legal practitioner? | % | Responses |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Yes | 71.4% | 30 |
| No | 0% | 0 |
| Unsure | 28.6% | 12 |

Part 2: Teaching

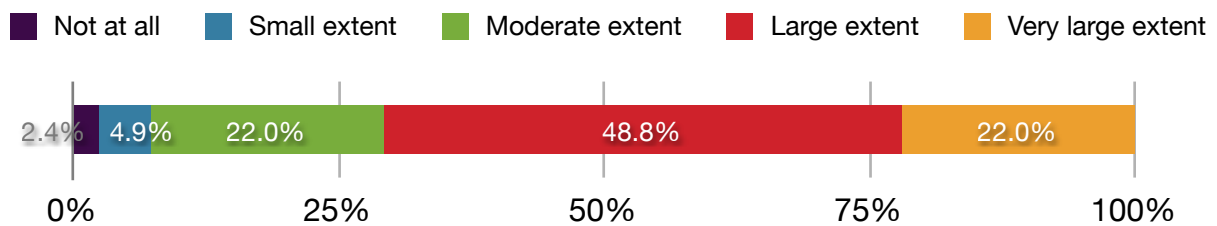
Question 12: To what extent have your lecturers and tutors:

Responses: 41

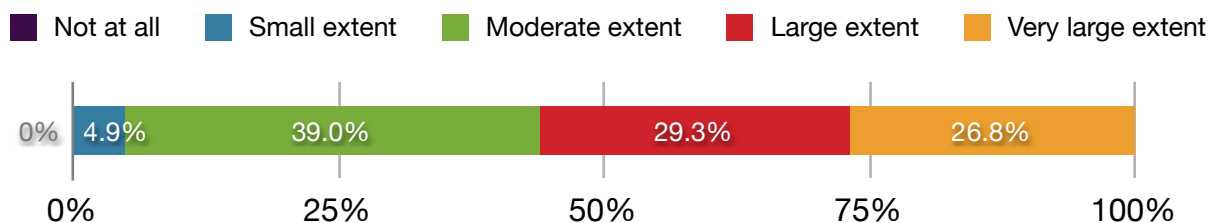
a) Shown that they care about your learning outcomes?



b) Been helpful and approachable?



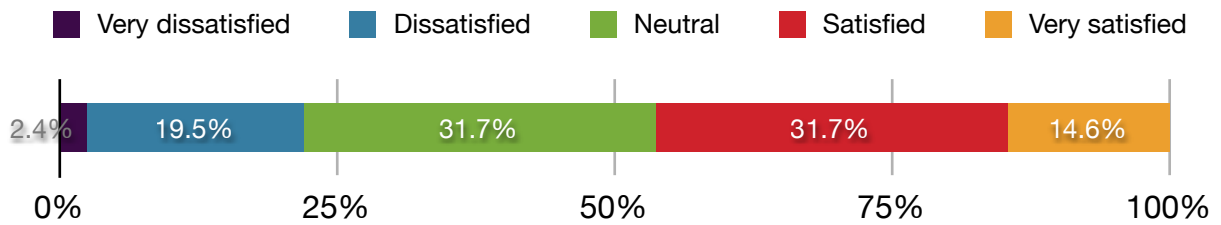
c) Created an engaging learning environment?



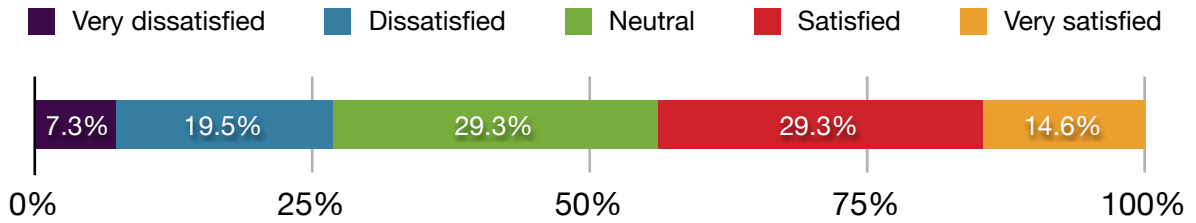
Question 13: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 41

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

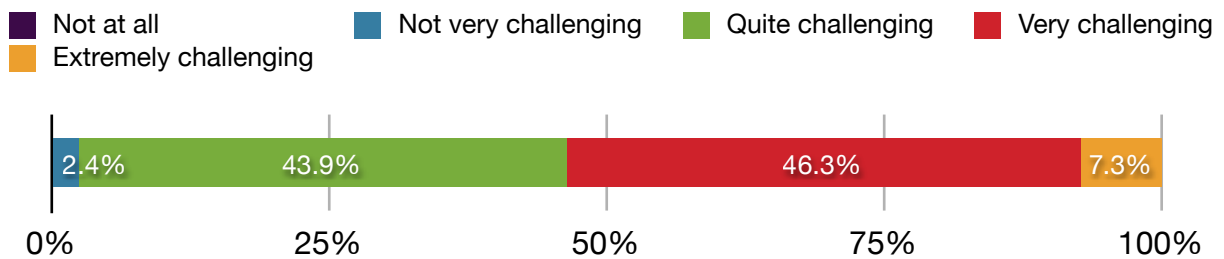


b) the timeliness of the feedback that you receive on assessments?



Question 14: How challenging have you found your assessments?

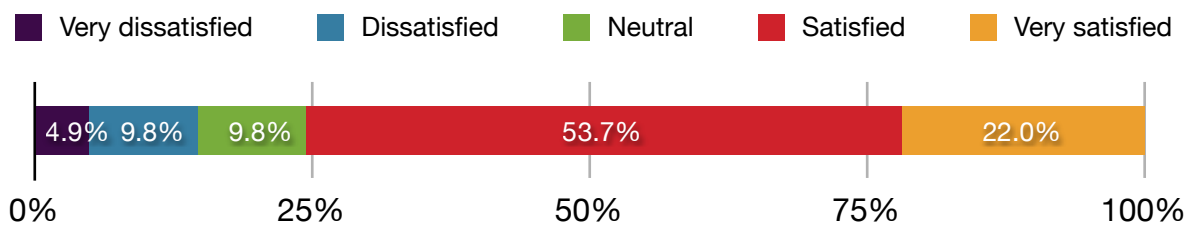
Responses: 41



Satisfaction Rating: Teaching

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

Responses: 41



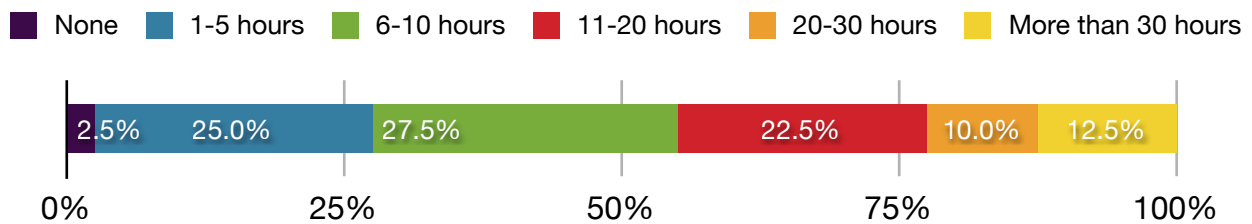
Responses

| Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very satisfied |
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| 2 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 9 |

Part 3: Study

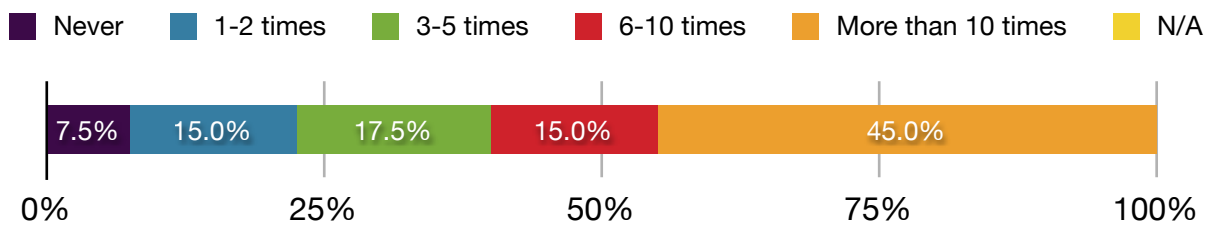
Question 16: During semester, how many hours do you spend studying (including preparing for class) each week?

Responses: 40



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

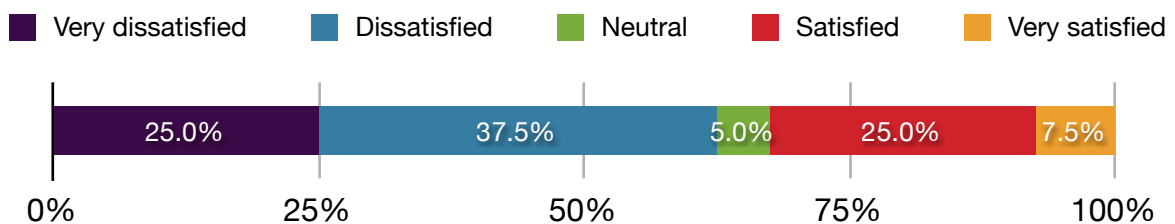
Responses: 40



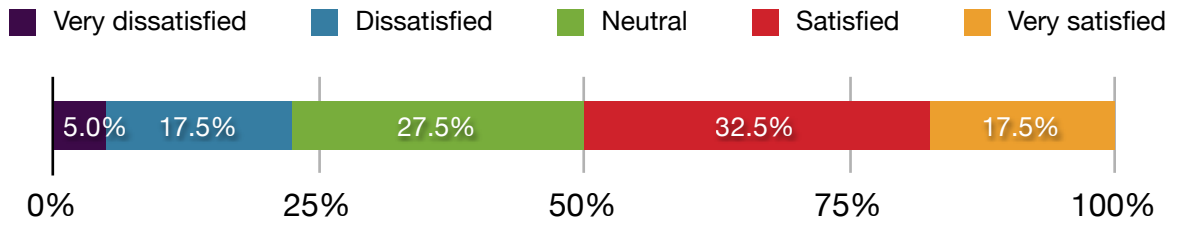
Question 18: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 40

a) The range of elective subjects available?



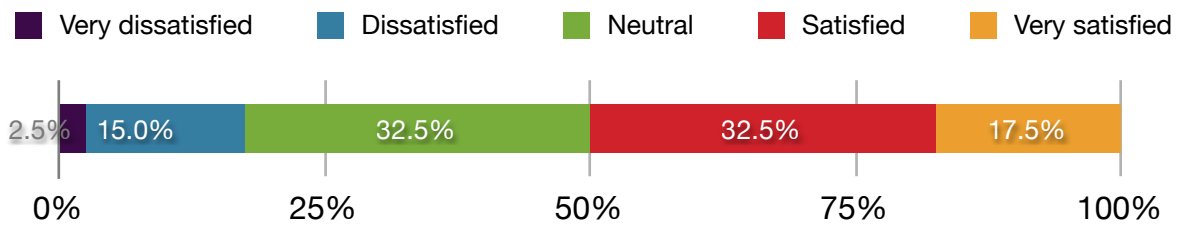
b) The online resources available to support your study, such as study forums?



Satisfaction Rating: Study

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

Responses: 40



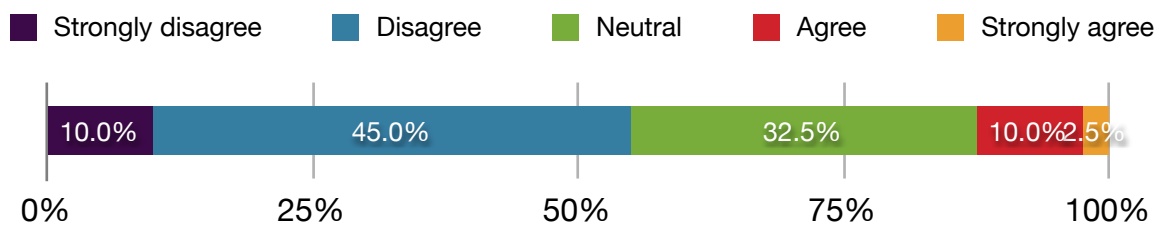
Responses

| | Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very satisfied |
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| 1 | 6 | 13 | 13 | 7 | |

Part 4: Careers

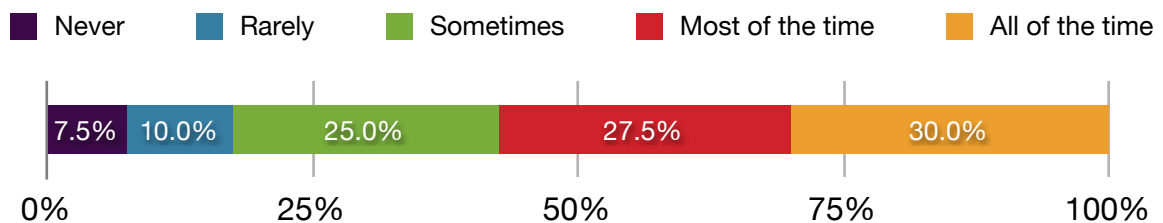
Question 20: I believe my law school is highly regarded by employers.

Responses: 40



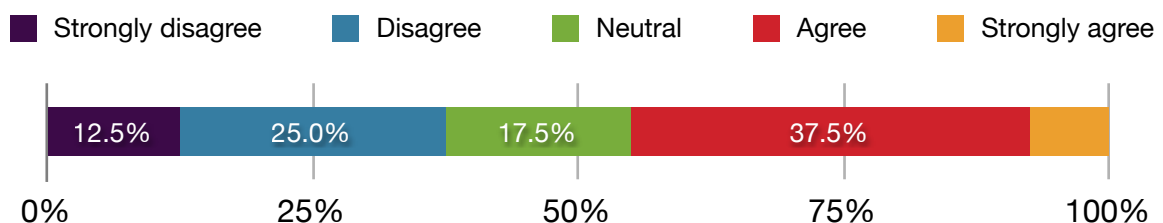
Question 21: How often do you feel stressed about finding a relevant job after you graduate?

Responses: 40



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

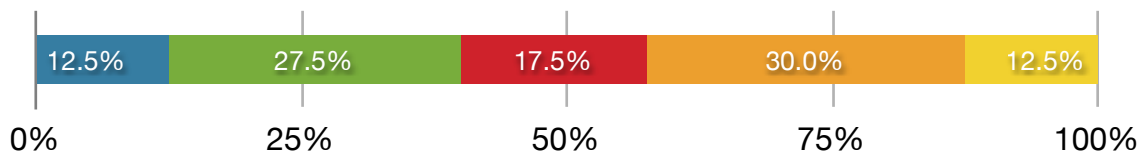
Responses: 40



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

Responses: 40

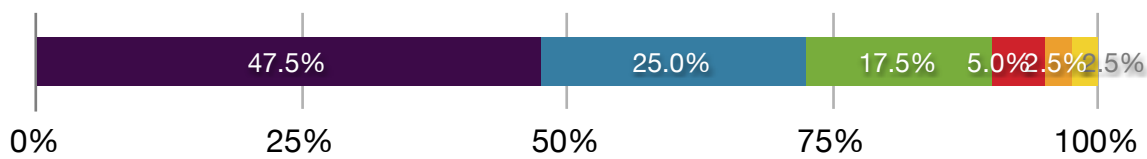
I'm not planning on doing PLT
 Strongly disagree
 Disagree
 Neutral
 Agree
 Strongly agree



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

Responses: 40

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

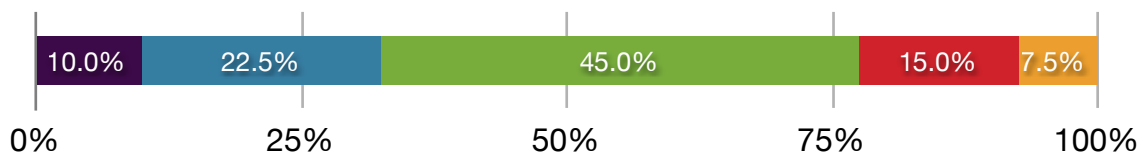


Satisfaction Rating: Careers

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

Responses: 40

Very dissatisfied
 Dissatisfied
 Neutral
 Satisfied
 Very satisfied



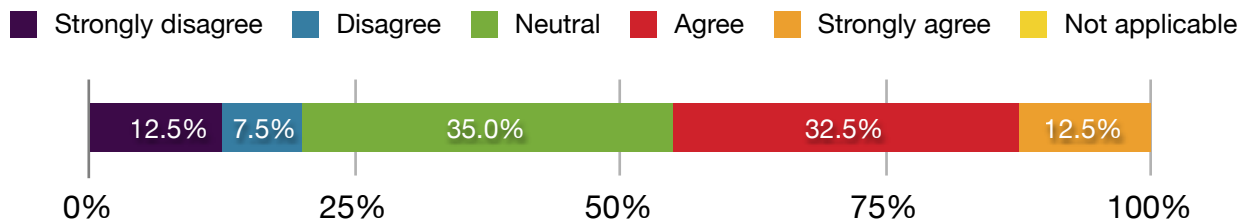
Responses

| Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very satisfied |
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| 4 | 9 | 18 | 6 | 3 |

Part 5: Campus Life

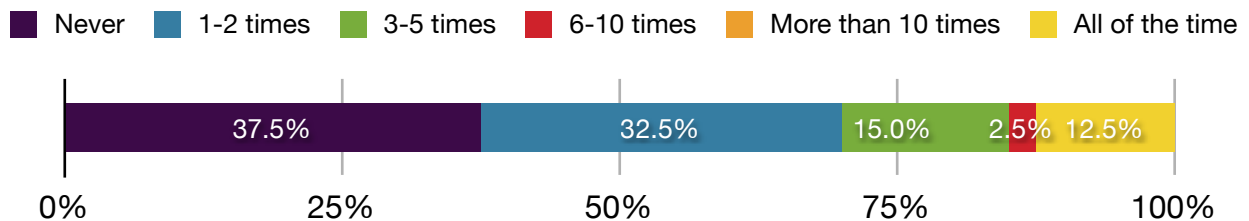
Question 26: I enjoy spending time on campus at my law school

Responses: 40



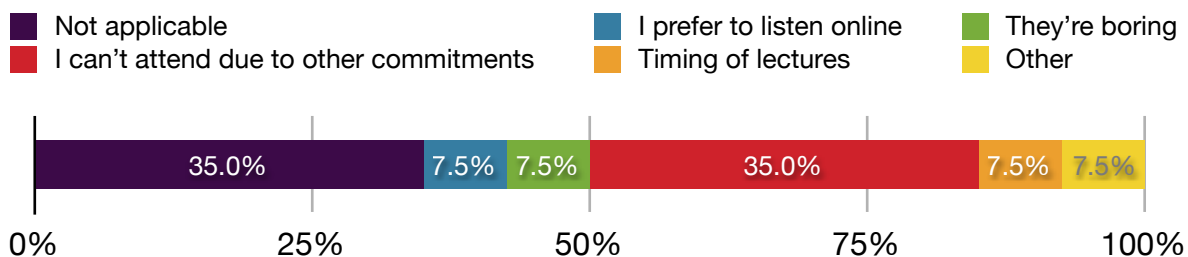
Question 27: How often do you skip lectures in a typical semester, other than as a result of illness?

Responses: 40



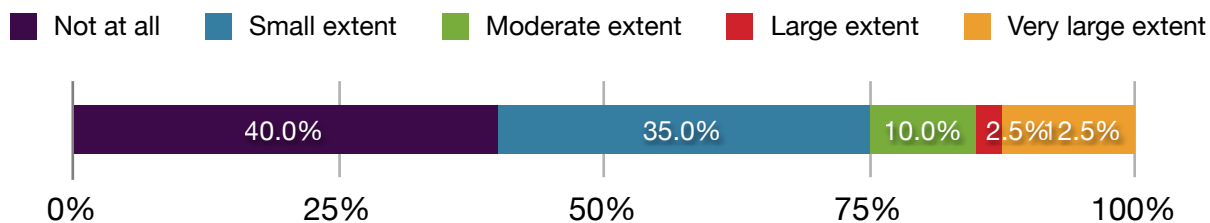
Question 28: What is your main reason for skipping lectures?

Responses: 40



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?

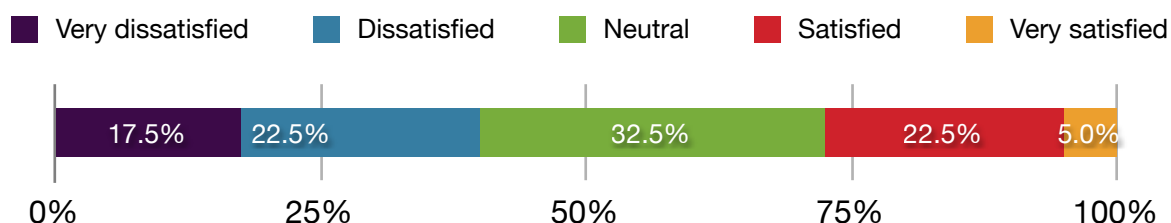
Responses: 40



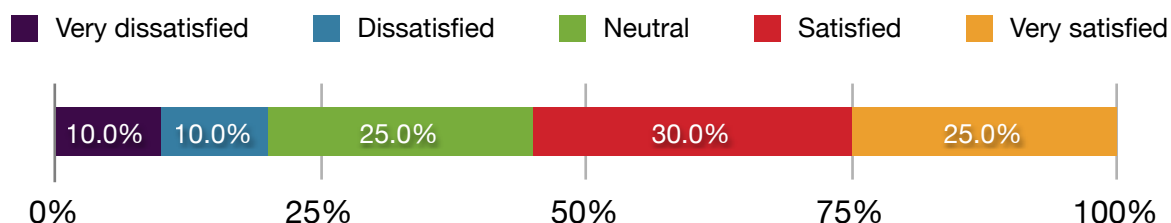
Question 30: How satisfied are you with:

Responses: 40

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



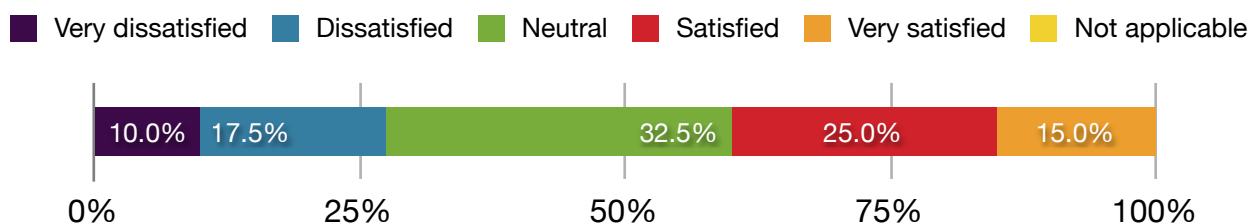
b) learning facilities at your law school, such as lecture halls and classrooms?



Satisfaction Rating: Campus Life

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

Responses: 40



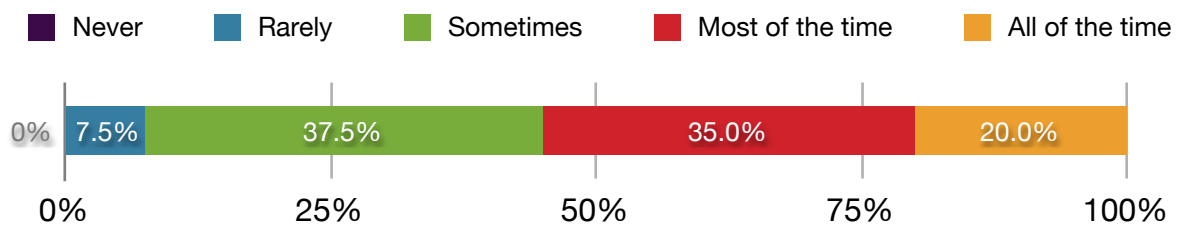
Responses

| Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very satisfied | N/A |
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| 4 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 0 |

Part 6: Wellbeing

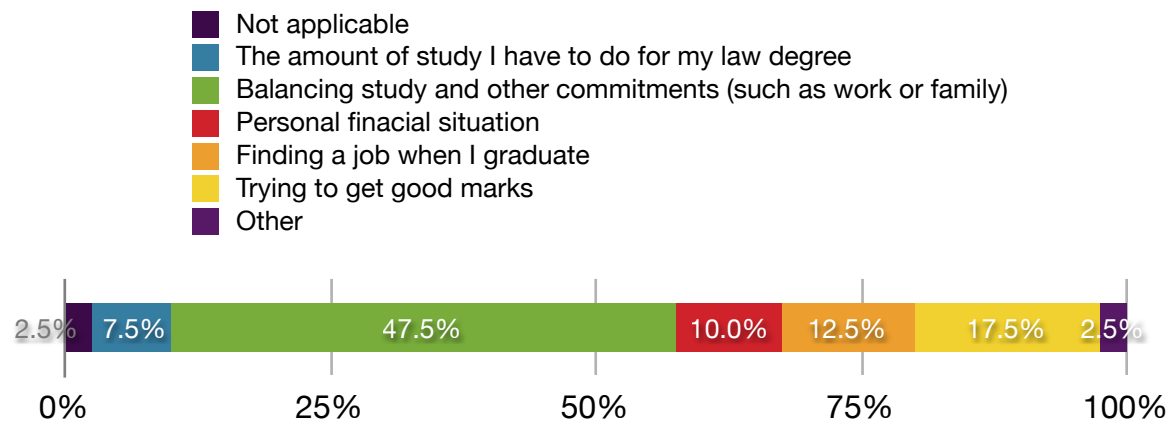
Question 32: How often do you feel stressed at law school?

Responses: 40



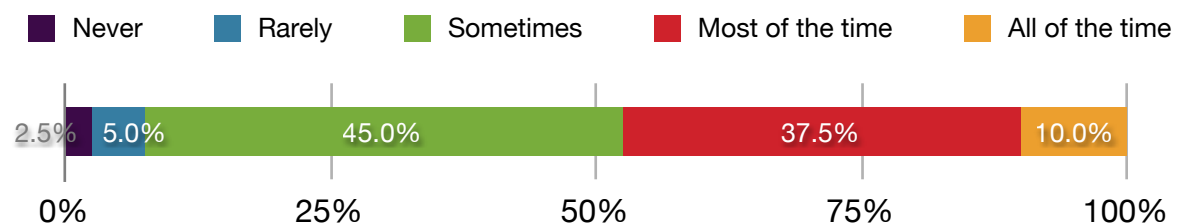
Question 33: Which of the following causes you the greatest amount of stress?

Responses: 40



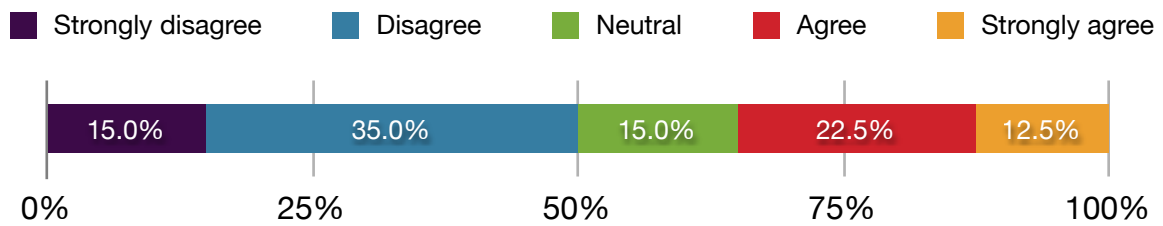
Question 34: How often do you feel overwhelmed by your workload at law school?

Responses: 40



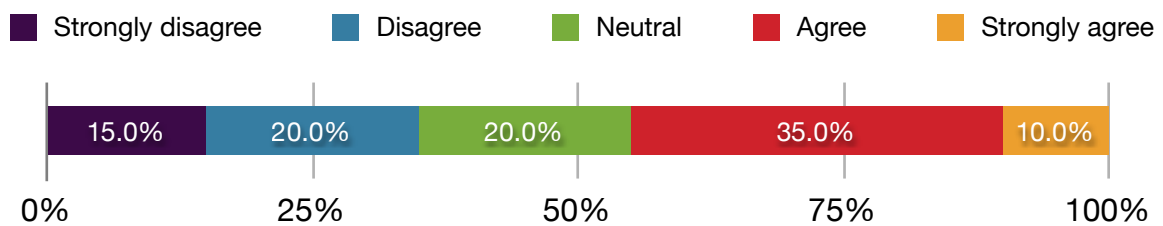
Question 35: I would feel comfortable seeking support from law school staff if I was anxious, depressed or struggling psychologically.

Responses: 40



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

Responses: 40

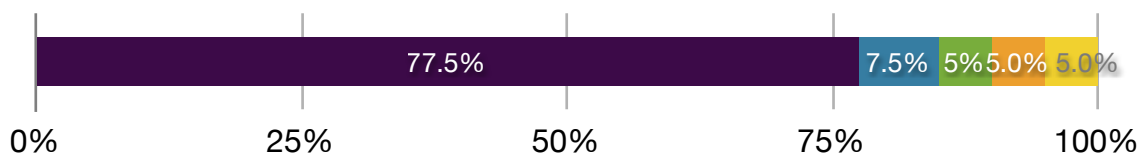


Question 37: To what extent have you used university provided:

Responses: 40

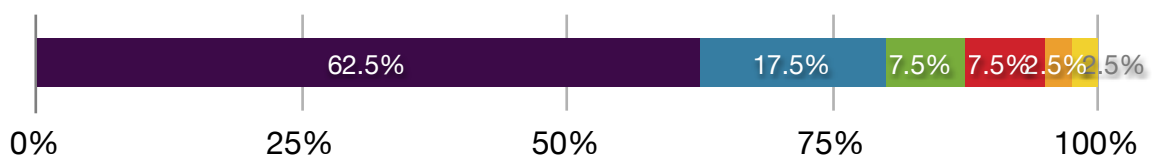
a) Counselling

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

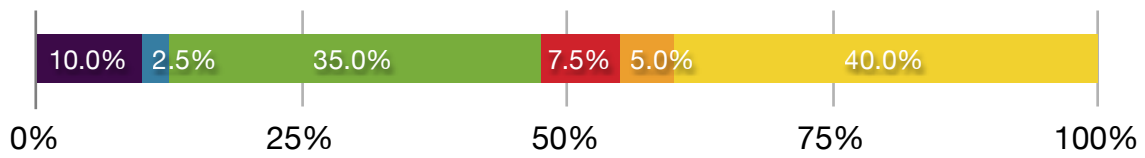


Question 38: How satisfied are you with the:

Responses: 40

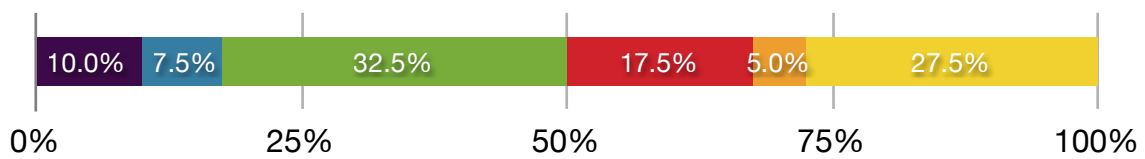
a) Counselling

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable



b) Peer mentoring

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied Not applicable

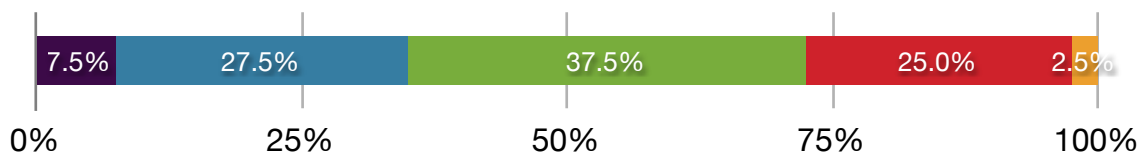


Satisfaction Rating: Wellbeing

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

Responses: 40

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very satisfied



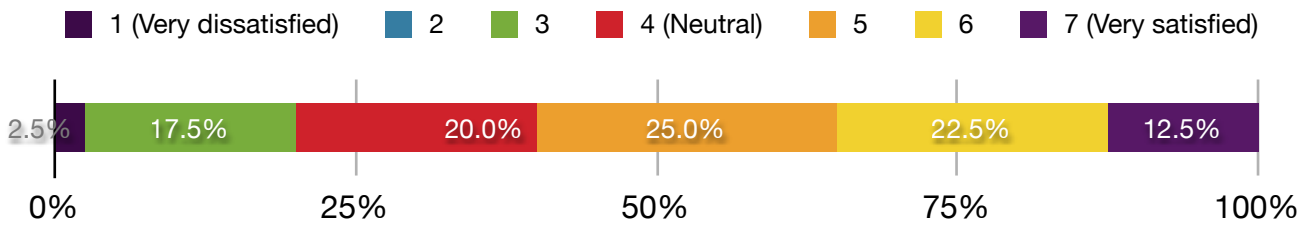
Responses

| Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very satisfied |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| 3 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 1 |

Part 7: Overall Satisfaction Rating

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

Responses: 40



| Rating | % | Responses |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1 (Very dissatisfied) | 2.5% | 1 |
| 2 | 0% | 0 |
| 3 | 17.5% | 7 |
| 4 (Neutral) | 20.0% | 8 |
| 5 | 25.0% | 10 |
| 6 | 22.5% | 9 |
| 7 (Very satisfied) | 12.5% | 5 |

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?

- Everyone if friendly and easy going. Very helpful.
- The dedication, teaching standard, approachability, encouraging and supportive nature of School of Law staff. The open door policy of all staff including before, after and outside class for subject-related, extracurricular, career-related and personal matters. The level of acknowledgement staff provide to hard-working students.
- Online modules - saves travel time
- The lecturers know what they are teaching and are quite often still practicing solicitors and barristers. Also, many of them graduated from this law school as well and can offer great experience and tips about finding a job.
- The courses are very practical, and provide students with assignments that will develop our skills as practitioners.

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

- Updated facilities and a higher emphasis on creating a positive learning environment
- I would love to see an improvement in the availability of electives as these have been reduced significantly over the past few years.
- More electives, less compulsory classes and better lecture notes
- More resources need to be devoted to permanent, experienced teaching staff, rather than relying largely on inexperienced, casual staff.
- More range of electives More class times to choose from