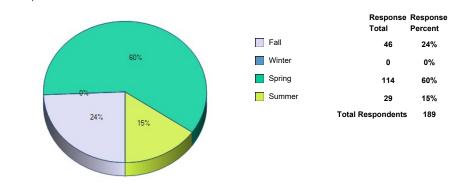


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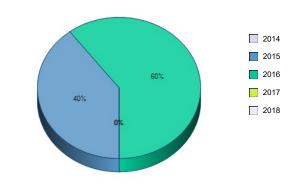
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## **Responses By Question Analysis:**

# 1. Complete-sem



# 2. Complete-yr



Response Total	Response Percent
0	0%
75	40%
114	60%
0	0%
0	0%
Total Respondents	189

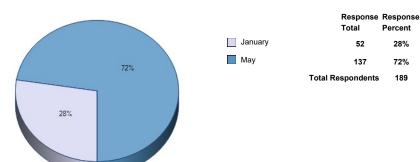
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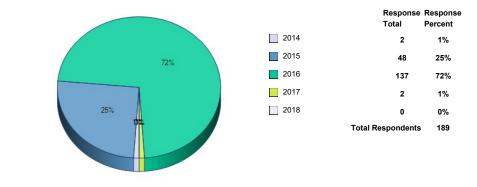
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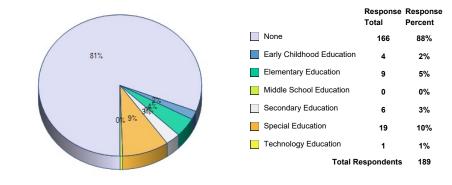
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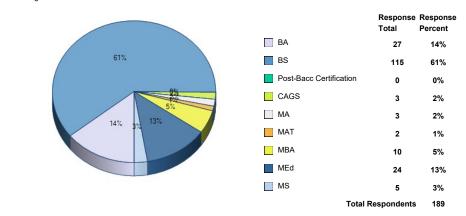
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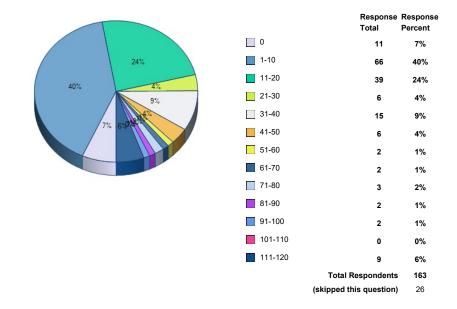




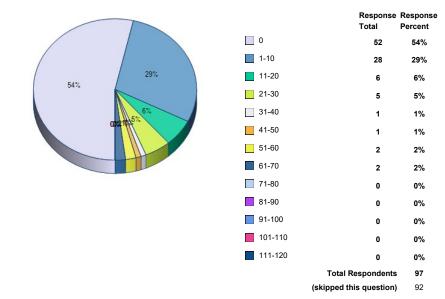


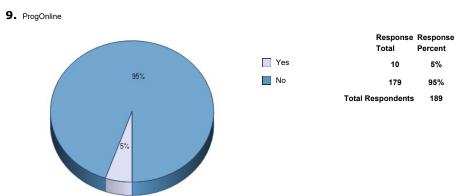


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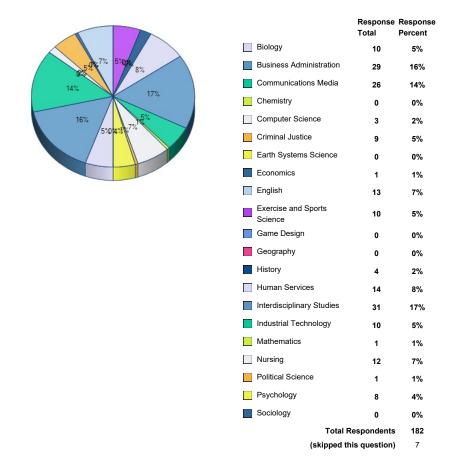




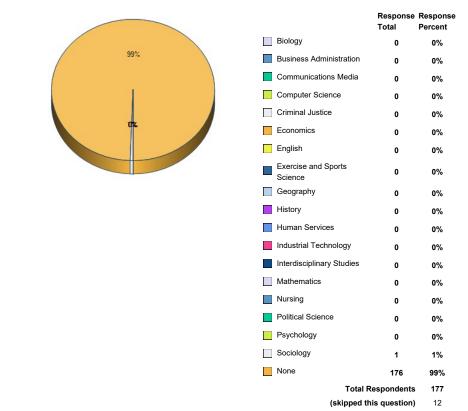




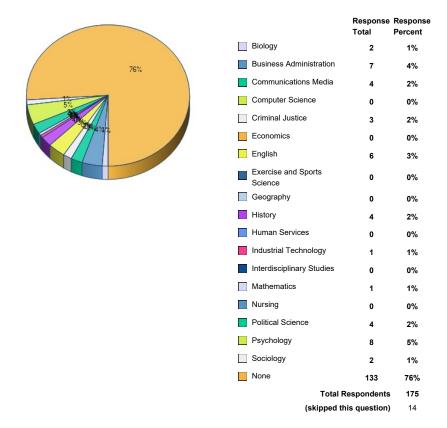
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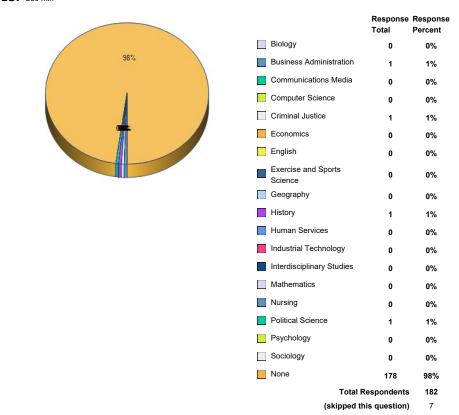




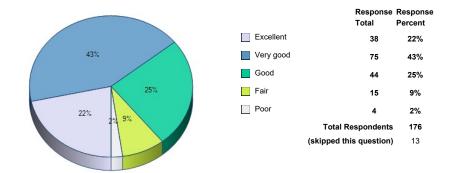
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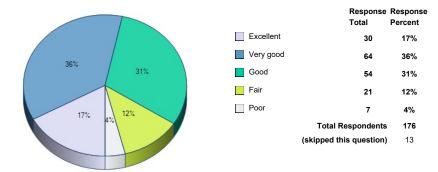




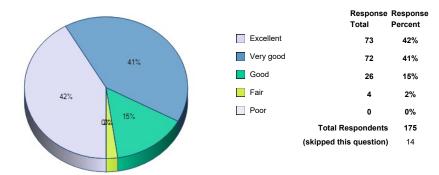
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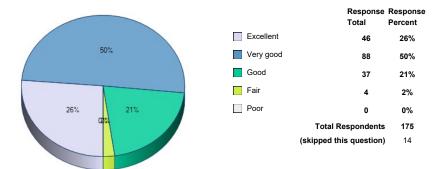
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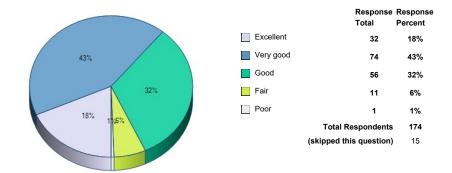
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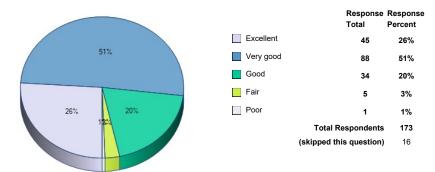
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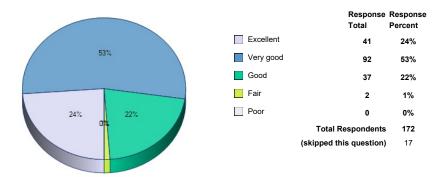
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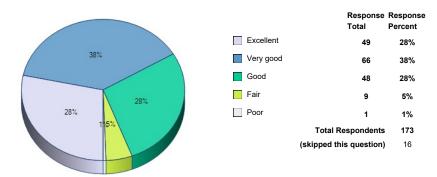
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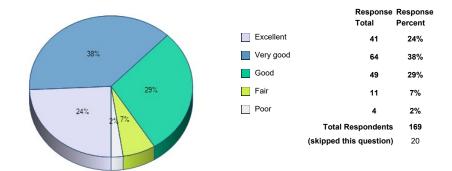
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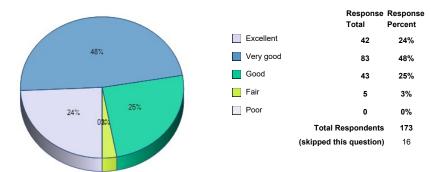
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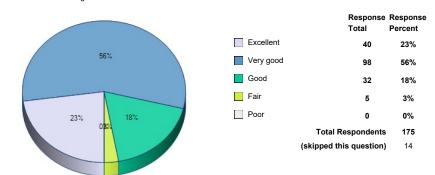
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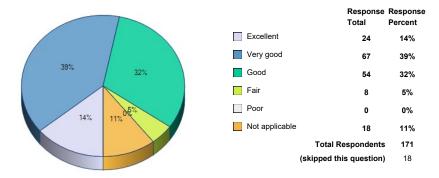
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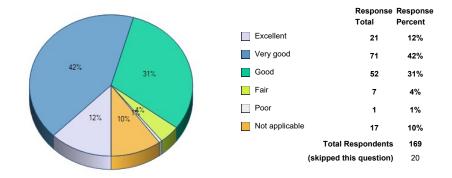
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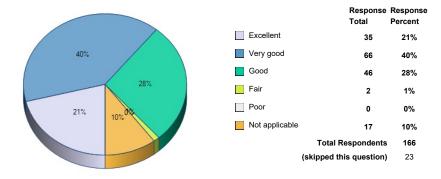
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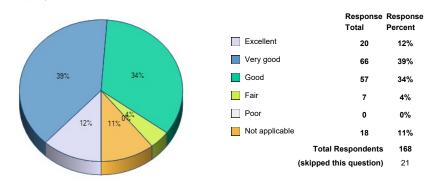
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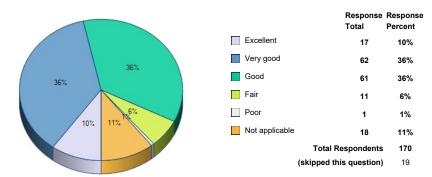
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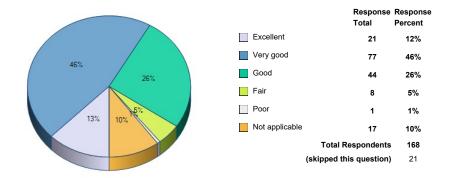
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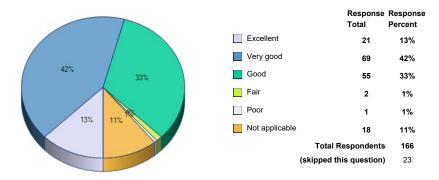
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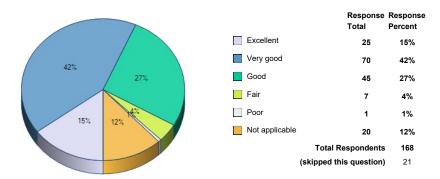
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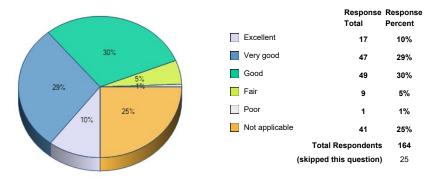
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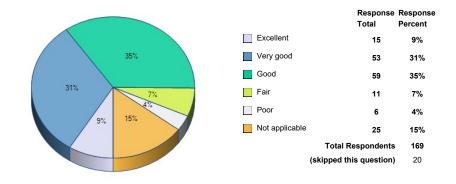
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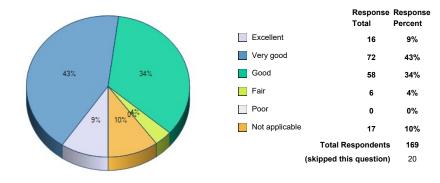
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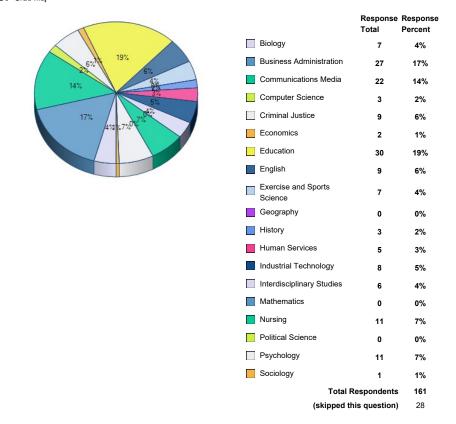
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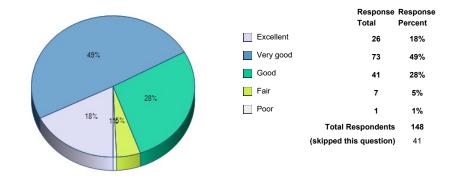
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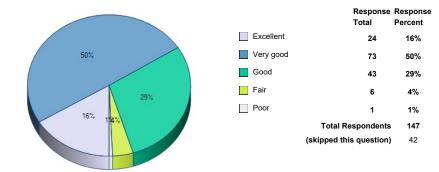
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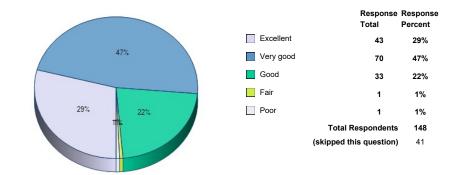
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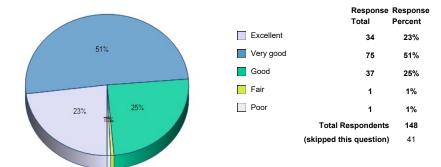
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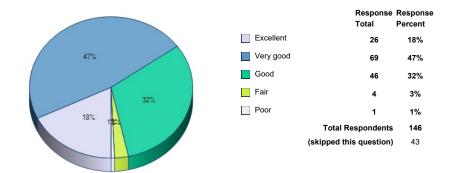
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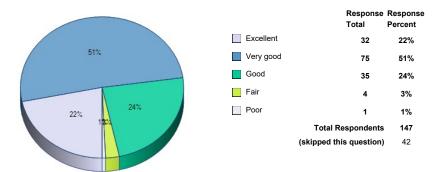
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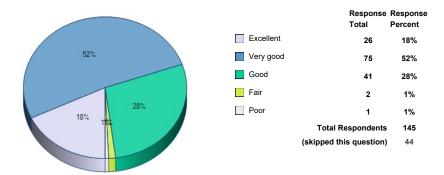
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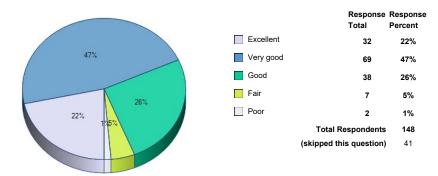
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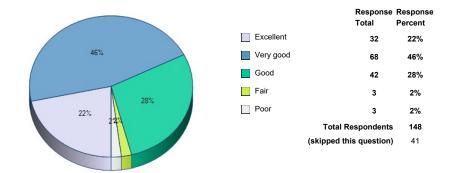
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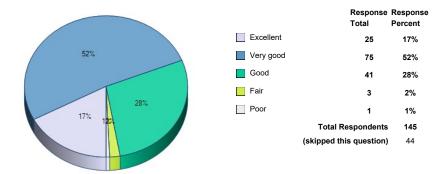
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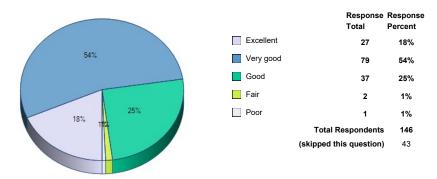
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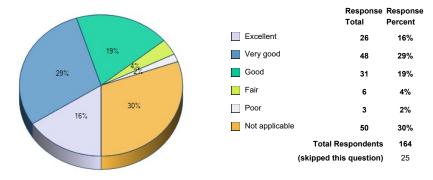
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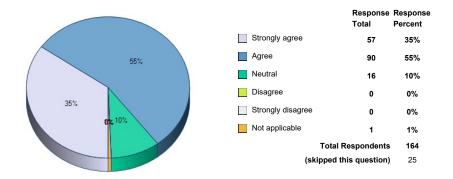
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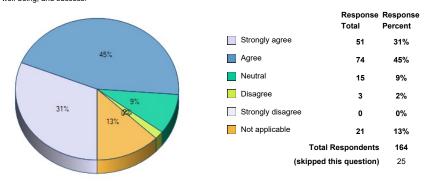
**48.** Quality of extra-curricular activities UNRELATED to your course of study (e.g., intercollegiate sports, intramural athletics, musical or other performances, Greek life, clubs, etc.)



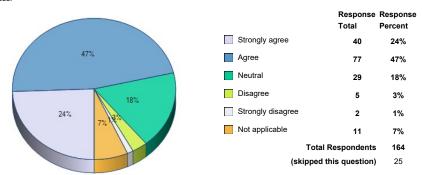
**49.** Faculty demonstrated commitment to my learning, personal well-being, and success.



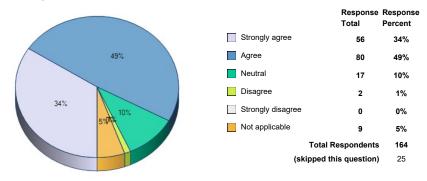
**50.** Fieldwork supervisors (e.g., internship supervisors, cooperating teachers) demonstrated commitment to my learning, personal well-being, and success.



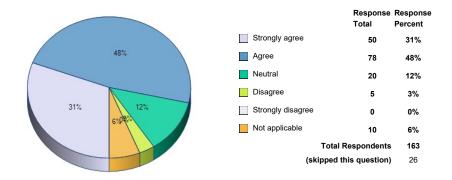
**51.** Administrators (e.g., vice presidents, deans and directors) demonstrated commitment to my learning, personal well-being, and success.



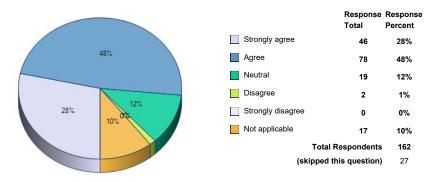
**52.** Library resources (e.g., books, database subscriptions, web-based resources, inter-library loans) were adequate for my research and learning needs.



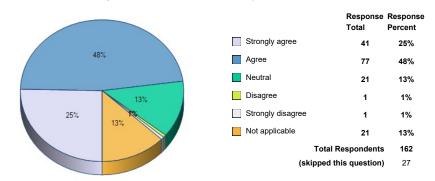
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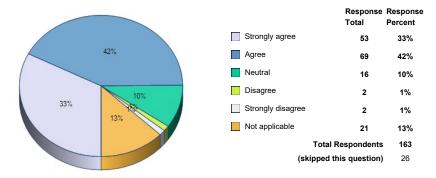
**54.** Library staff were knowledgeable and demonstrated commitment to my learning and academic success.



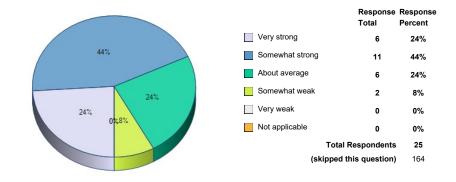
**55.** I learned about research strategies and sources of information from library staff.



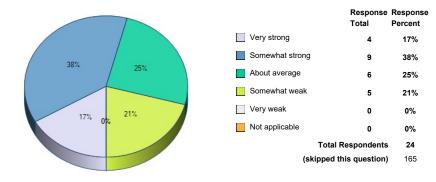
**56.** The library was comfortable and a good place to study.



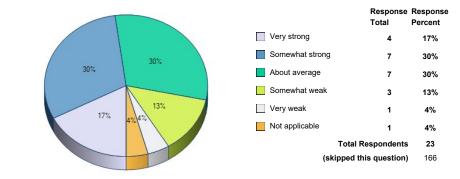
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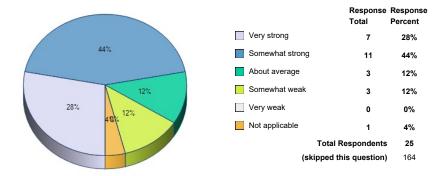
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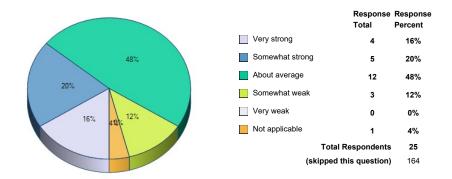
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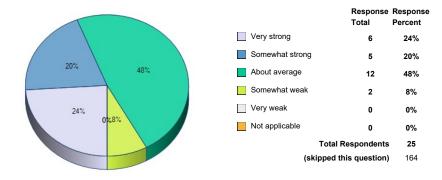
**60.** Comfort with racial, cultural, and national diversity.



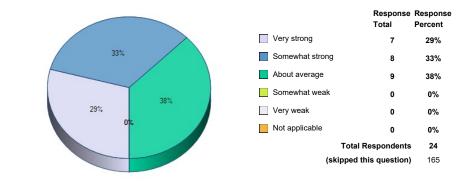
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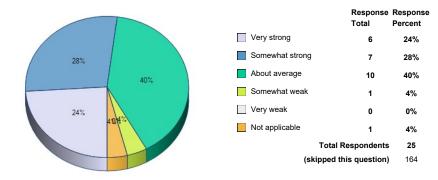
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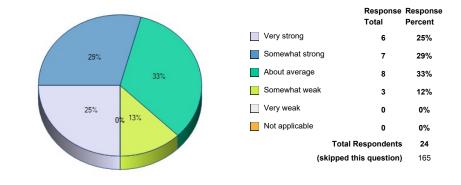
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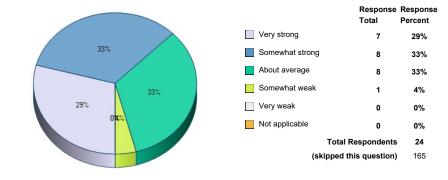
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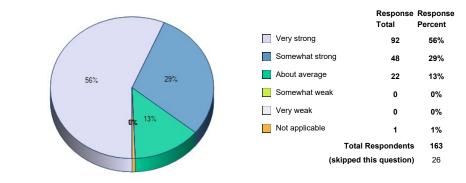
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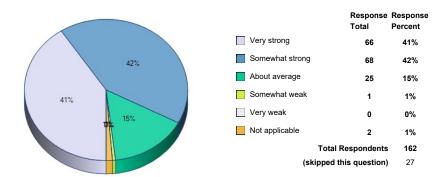
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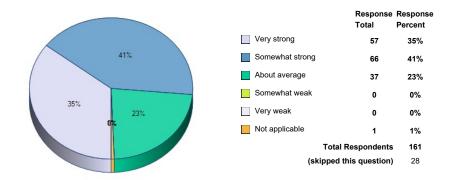
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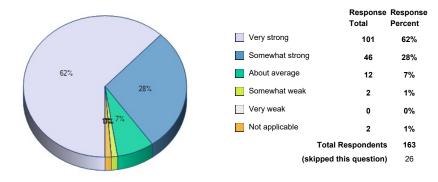
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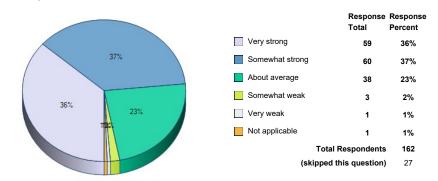
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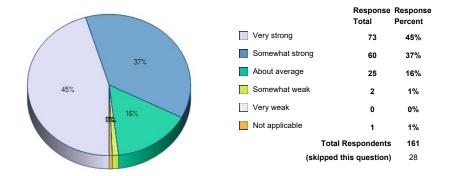
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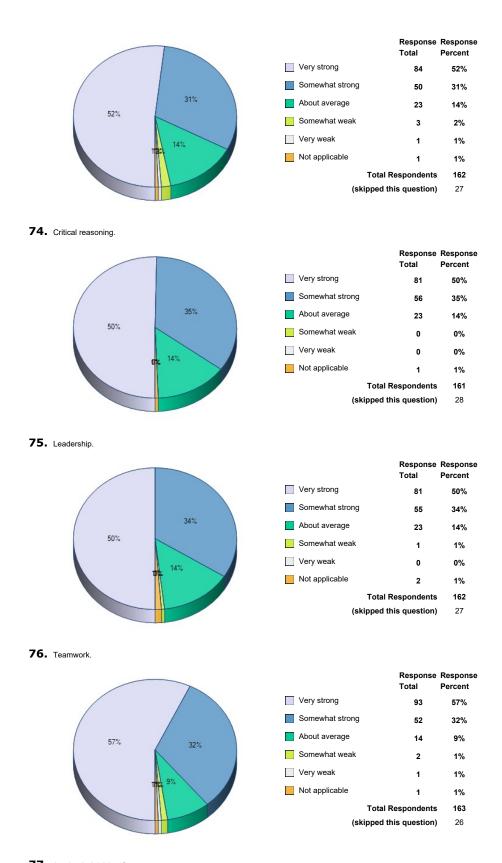
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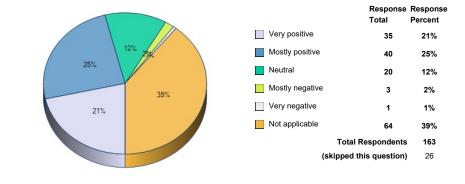
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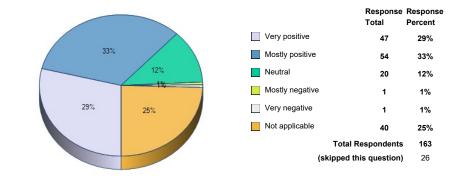
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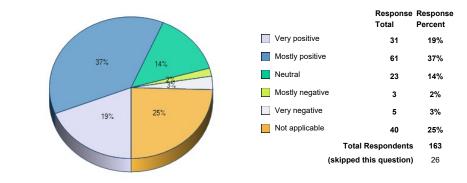
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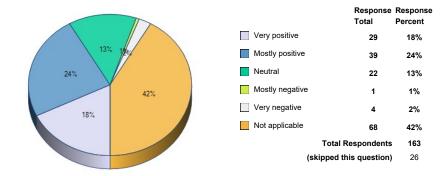
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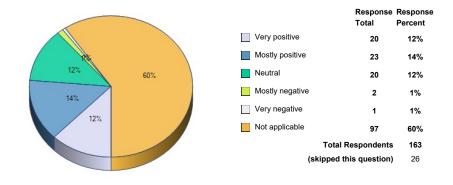
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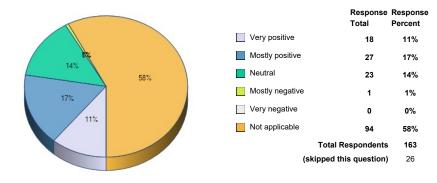
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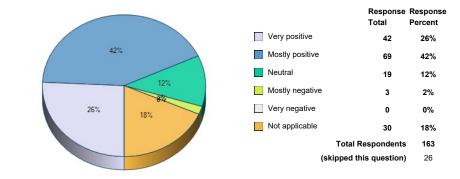
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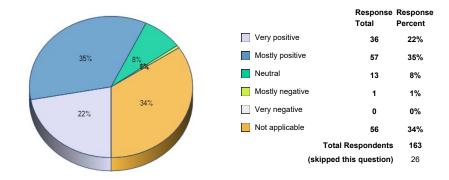
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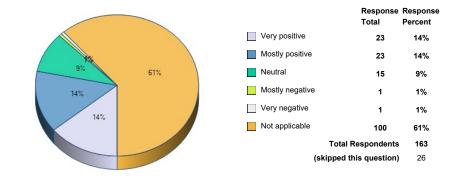
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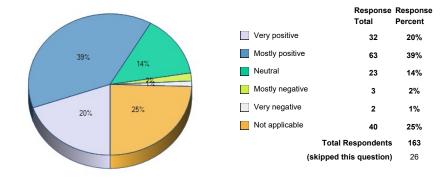
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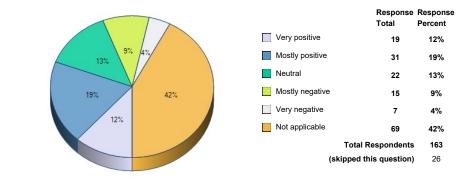
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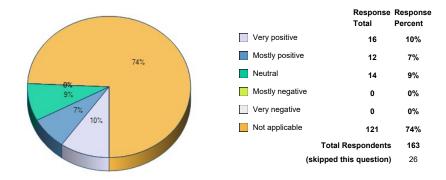
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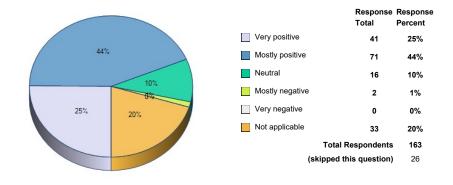
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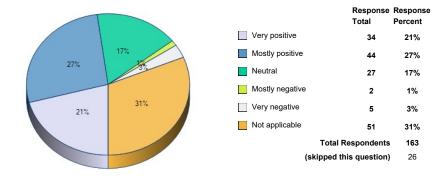
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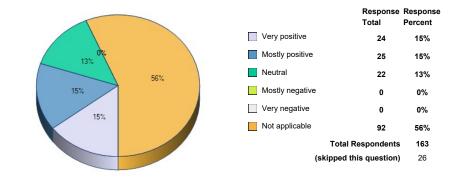
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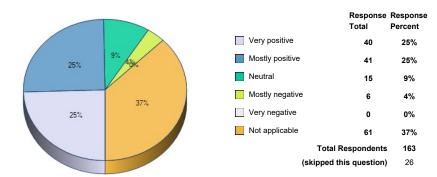
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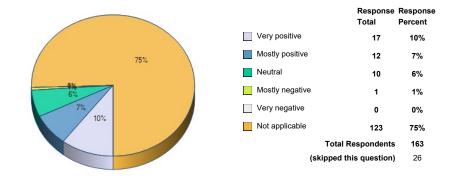
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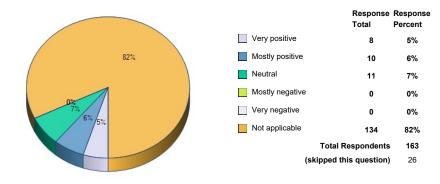
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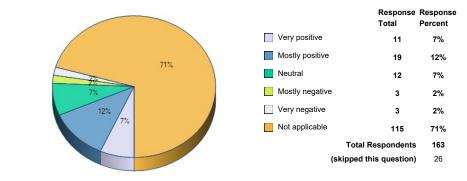
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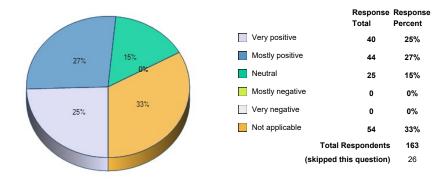
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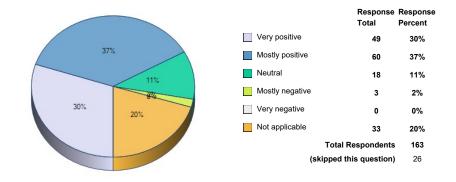
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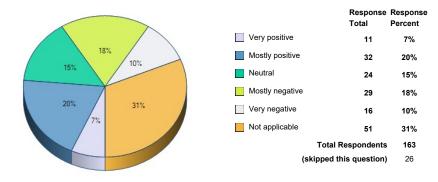
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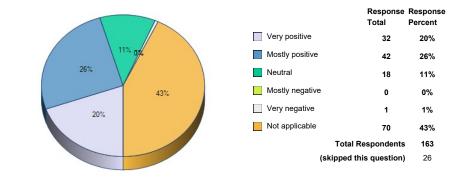
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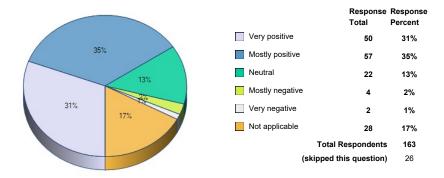
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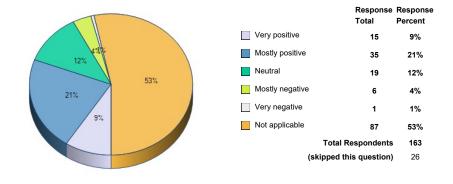
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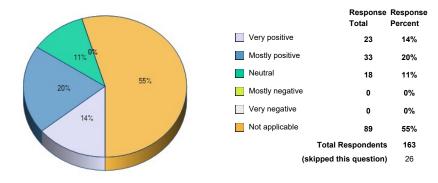
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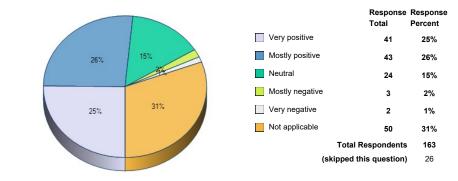
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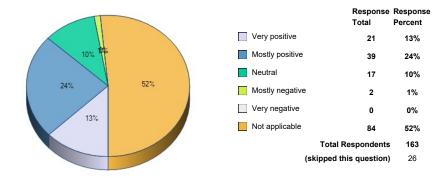
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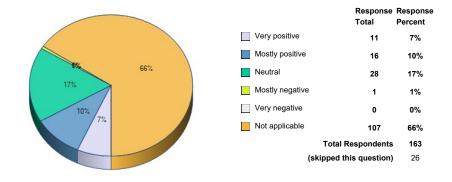
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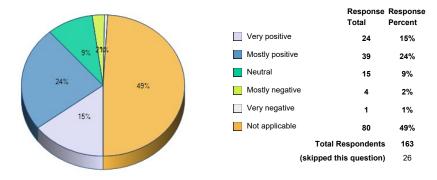
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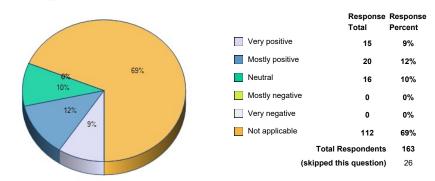
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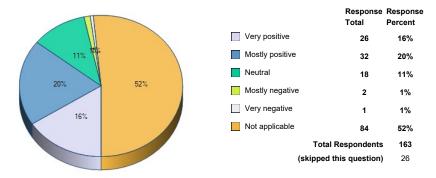
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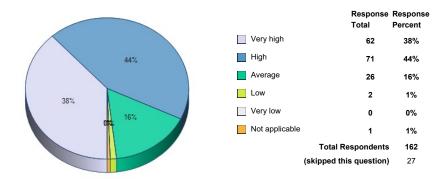
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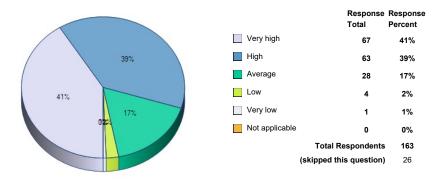
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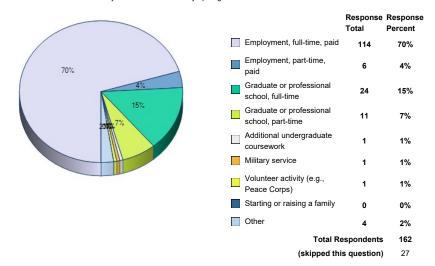
109. Overall satisfaction with my experience at Fitchburg State University.



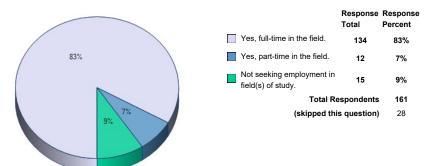
**110.** Likelihood that I will recommend the University to others.



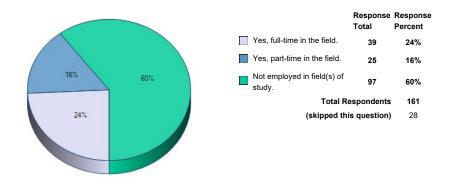
111. Which is MOST LIKELY to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?



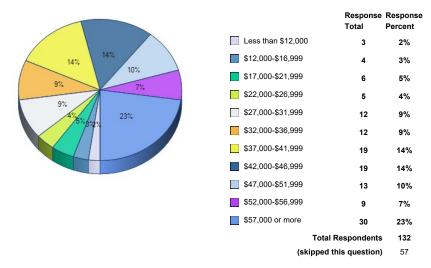
**112.** I am seeking employment in my field(s) of study.



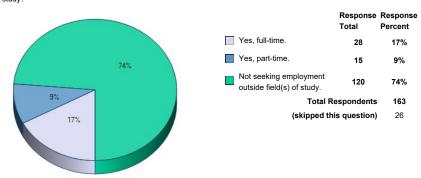
 $\textbf{113.} \ \ \textbf{I} \ \text{have a job offer or am already employed in my field(s) of study}.$ 



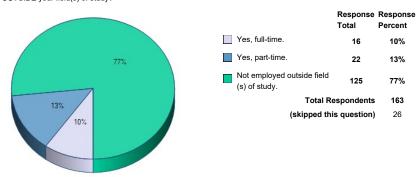
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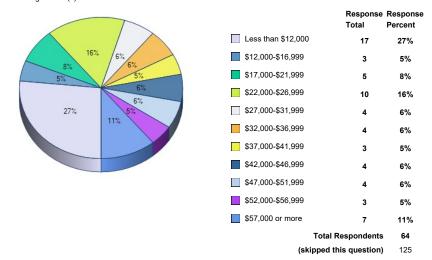
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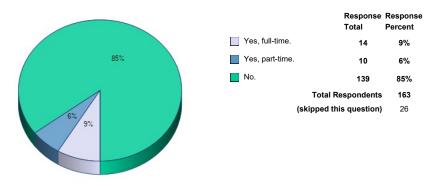
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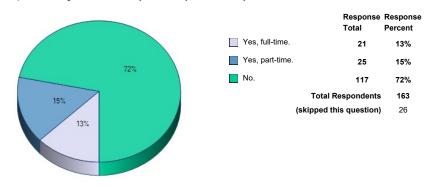
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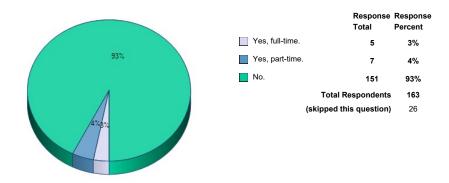
 $\textbf{118.} \ \ \text{I am enrolled, or expect to enroll, for additional undergraduate coursework within the next year.}$ 



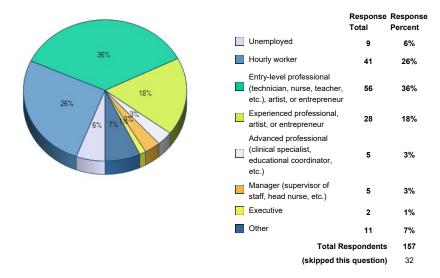
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 $\textbf{120.} \ \ \textbf{I} \ \text{expect to attend graduate school OUTSIDE my field of study within the next year.}$ 



**121.** Which best describes the level at which you are presently working or expect to work within the next year?



## 122. Comments

As a fulltime student, mother, commuter and household provider, I feel that especially during the upperlevel course work there was more time for school work than the "busy" work given during the first two years. Upon transferring to FSU, I struggled with the overwhelming amount of homework and course work given and trying to maintain a family life at home. As understanding as most of the professors were it couldn't change that my grades were struggling because of this. As I do understand that it might be in some

- instances and courses necessary to give quite a bit of material to make sure the students understand and practice and apply what they are learning but I also feel that as adults that have a life outside of school and a fulltime job the amount of work is overwhelming and does more harm than good. Not all students are traditional, right from highschool students and I just feel there should be a little more of an accomadation to those who are not.
- 2. I took a study abroad course which set me behind but I enjoyed immensely
- 3. I have had a remarkable experience at FSU and I owe all of my successes to the opportunities and the connections I have made here. #1 state university!

There is a glaring lack of active, in class participation from most students. I was often left feeling like a "know-it-all" or an annoyance because other students would not let themselves be drawn into conversation in small group discussion or class wide discussion. I found this at all levels of my education here. There is also a rampant issue with technology use among students in class, in that students engage in unrelated,

- 4. distracting phone and laptop usuage during lectures. Again this occurred at every level, intro elective, to specialized major requirements. I strongly considered transferring to a top level college where students compete to speak in class because it is my belief that there is great value in having multiple, diverse view points expressed actively and continually in class and I do feel that I was short changed in growth because of the lack of free flowing communication about course material during class time.
- 5. My experience with Fitchburg State was overall unpleasant. A large part of it was due to my advisors. Unfortunately I may have just seen the worst of the worst, I never had an advisor for long I attended 5 semesters at FSU and had 4 advisors. My first advisor meeting was the most shocking thing I had ever experienced, it was condescending and dismissive to my priorities and needs. FSU is catered to young adults only.

I did not understand how inconvenient the class times were for a commuter who works full would be, because if you are working on your Bachelors you have to take classes during the day. If I had known then what I know now I would not have attended FSU at all. The psychology degree was impossible to complete due to classes being unavailable. I finished a different degree program, Interdisciplinary Studies that most likely will do nothing to advance my career but show that I got a bachelor's degree where many jobs require that as a minimal qualification to apply. My actual education at FSU was not the problem. The teachers are great and the classes were important. I do value my education. I think that FSU problems are outside the classroom,

Today I would never recommend this school to a commuter and I hope this comment will make some changes and start the conversation about being a convenient and flexible college in the future, either by offering more classes' online or evening classes for people completing their bachelors. Also, I hope that all professors that also have to do advising be trained in some fashion to show sensitivity and respect to their advisees that not everyone coming to the school is 18 and living on campus, but even if the fit that description there life may involve many other challenges and priorities.

6. My work has helped pay for school over the last 8/9 years part time

My expirence at Fitchburg state overall was quite enjoyable though my biggest frustrations with the school itself would be the chemistry and math department. The math department was absolutely frustrating. My freshman year I had to take a basic math course and I end up developing a tumor in which I apologized to my teachers for how I was feeling once I understood what was going on. I stead I had my math professor tell me "maybe if you took better care of yourself you wouldn't have gotten sick and had to miss class." How is that a correct response to say to a student? My pre calculus class the instructor would give us 15 minutes to take a quiz at the end of class after she taught a completely new subject for basically the whole class. The only teacher I enjoyed was basic math two in that department.

7. Th chemistry department is also a frustrating topics. To have a class average be a failing grade isn't a reflection of how hard the class studied its a reflection that the teacher can't teach/ you're test don't make sense and to tell the student we apparently didn't study hard enough is outrageous.

Online homework for these types of classes have to be one of the worse ideas ever in my personal opinion and rather have paper homework to be handed out or book work.

The exercise and sports science department has to be one of the best department on campus along with the English department. The teacher genuinely care about the students and the students progress throughout the courses and always get back to emails in a timely manner or are available in thier offfices, hands down the best departments on campus.

- 8. President Antonucci is the reason that I have been able to enjoy the school as much as I did. Having the president whole heartedly believe this university was number 1 made me believe it and enjoy it too.
- 9. None
- I loved going here. Everyone who works here is incredibly nice and helpful. I felt like they wanted me to succeed. I tell everyone who is applying for college to go here. Thank you for a wonderful experience.
- I loved my experience at FSU. As a business major I feel that internships should be more encouraged or even required. Making connections in the business world are important and not many student go out and network.
- During my junior year at FSU, I had a large issue with a professor. I didn't feel it was taken seriously by the chairperson of the department, the Assistant Dean of Students or the Dean of Students. Almost 7 months

  12. later, I still feel as if the issue is not resolved. I did not get the results I was looking for and am still extremely disappointed in the lack of concern for my well-being as a student. More care should be taken by administrators in the future
- For the overall commitment of this school and its staff and faculty, I can only say my sincere thank yous for educating me over these past 4 years and I will take what I have learned here into my employment. Thank you FSU.
- 14. I would have liked to see better internship opportunities for the Electronics Concentration here. I have seen none in the past.
- 15. I love FSU and am so grateful for all the wonderful staff here who made college such a great experience.
- I could not be more grateful for my experiences and support by staff members and especially Betty Lavin at Fitchburg.
- 17. My experience at FSU was really good. I have no complaints.
- There needs to be a bigger push for students to take Summer courses. I had planned to have a relaxing senior year, however when one of my Summer courses was cancelled it disrupted my entire schedule to the point I did not think I would graduate. I have resolved the issue, however I think more courses should be available online.
  - I am an adult learner from Boston utilizing the distance program. Fitchburg State has always been very accommodating in every way for every need that has occurred through the years. My educational experience was incredibly positive, I tell all nurses I meet to consider the RN to BSN program at Fitchburg State University. Some advice: keep the cost low enough to entice students away from Boston, and stress 'strictly online' and convenience, as it is an excellent attribute you already have, and is much needed for RNs who juggle work, family and continued education.
- I hope students like me realized how far they come when graduation day is around the corner because

  20. everything that you do at Fitchburg State is not for the greater good but a life changer especially if you didn't believe you will make this far.
- I had a horrible experience with Dr. Govindan. I am graduating one year late because I changed my major
  21. last minute when he said, "You will never be good at Organic Chemistry, because you are not Indian". I will never forget that.

My experience here at Fitchburg State University has been life blowing. I am sad that I will be leaving. The one thing I would like to point out that I think is important is the parking here on campus. There is not enough parking for everyone who has a permit. It is unfair that people who have parking permits cannot get a spot because someone without a permit occupy's it. With this no one is doing nothing about it. I would suggest to extend the parking lots or create one. There is empty land right next to or before the dirt lot Or do not not hand out more permits to everyone where there is not enough parking. First comes first serve kind of deal. Overall, it is not fair for someone who paid a lot of money to have their car on campus compared to

23. I wish for the exercise and sport science major there was some occupational therapy geared courses

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Best experiences with Dr. Murray & Dr. LaFrance (Education Department), all professors in the English department, Maryann Barbato & Jenn Berg (math department), & EVERY employee encountered in the registrar's office.

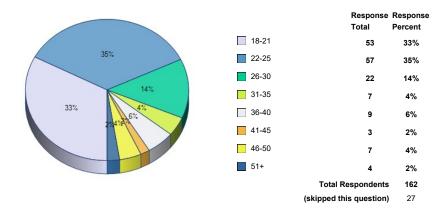
- 25. N/A
- 26. C

I had an absolutely fabulous experience with every department, administrator, and professor. I graduated in 1987 in Communications Media with a specialization in graphic design and I worked in that industry for twenty years. It was a great experience. At the age of 47, I decided to go back to school to get a Master of Education in Elementary Education. I was very nervous about returning back to school after so many years.

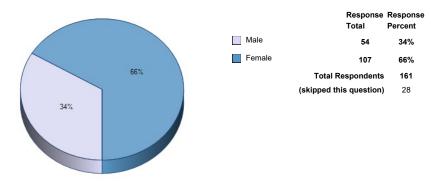
- 27. All my professors in the Education Department were the most amazing, caring, supportive people I have ever met. I would like to thank Pauline Cormier, Gerry Gaw, Dick Beardmore, Annette Sullivan, Sue Rosa, Kathleen Lambe, Judith Sequin, Jason Miles, Ann Hogan, and every other professor I had (right now I have forgotten a few names). The registrar's office, Admissions, IT, Library, were so helpful and supportive as well. I truly loved my experience at FSU and if I could afford to take more classes, I would. Thank you. Thank you. Corinne Day
- 28. Thank you Fitchburg state for the amazing experience given to me in every part of my college life. Fitchburg state university is one of the most good institutions in MA,USA.
- 29. Education major missing from undergrad majors
- 30. How will I know that I am graduating this semester?
- 31. Nice build out of Condike

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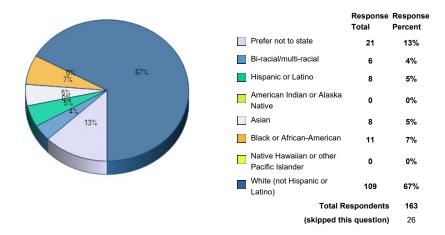
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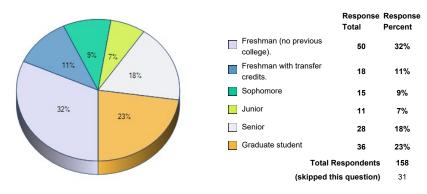
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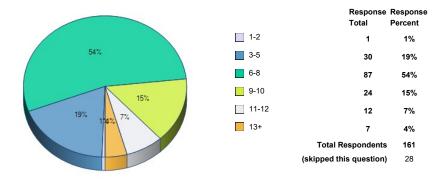
125. Your racial heritage.



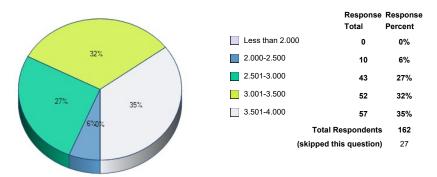
**126.** Class standing when you enrolled at Fitchburg State University to earn your current degree.



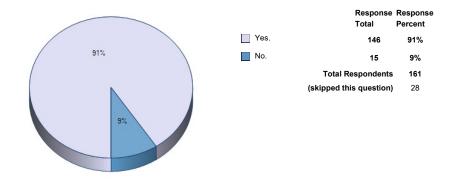
127. Total SEMESTERS it took you to earn your degree.



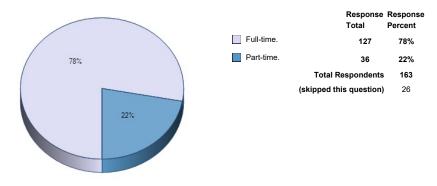
**128.** Cumulative GPA.



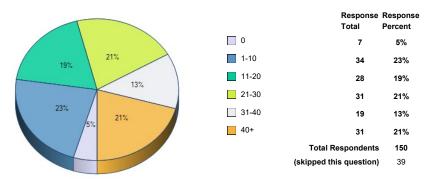
**129.** Did you attend the University continuously while working on your degree?



**130.** During all or most of your semesters at the University, did you attend full-time or part-time?



**131.** Average hours per week worked while attending the University.



132. Number of dependents (besides yourself).

