



# Graduating Student Survey: Item Frequency Report

Fall 2021

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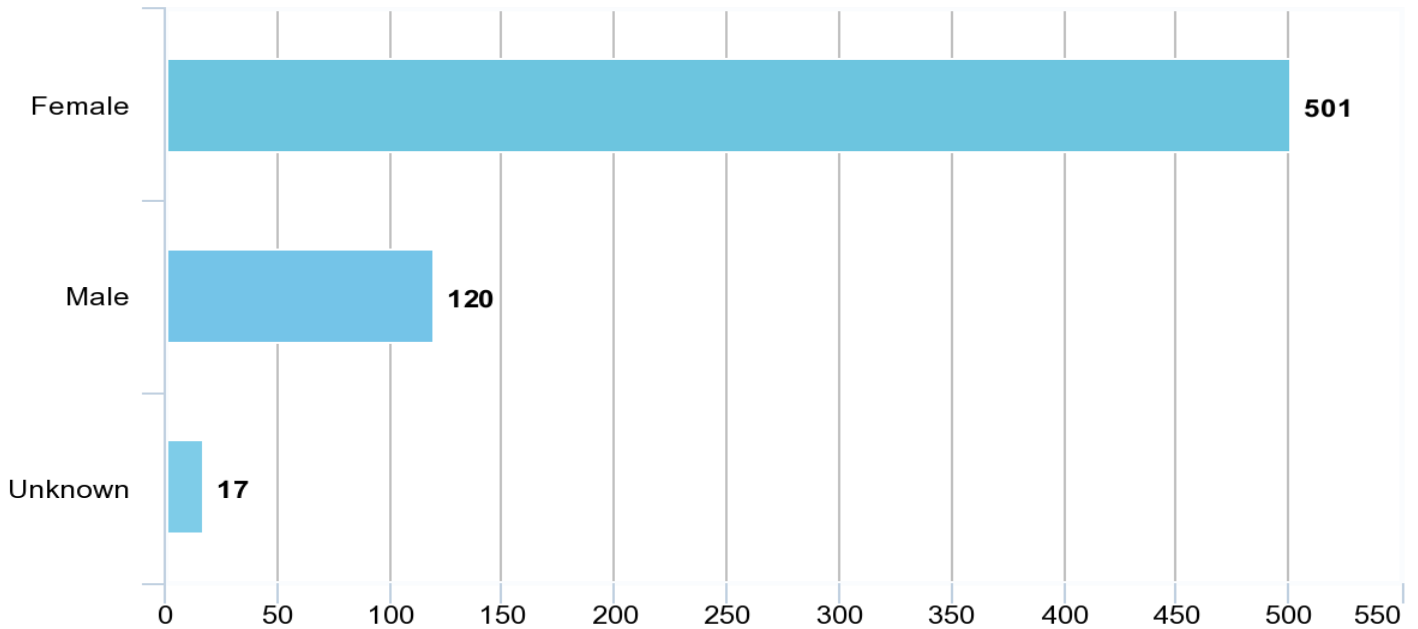
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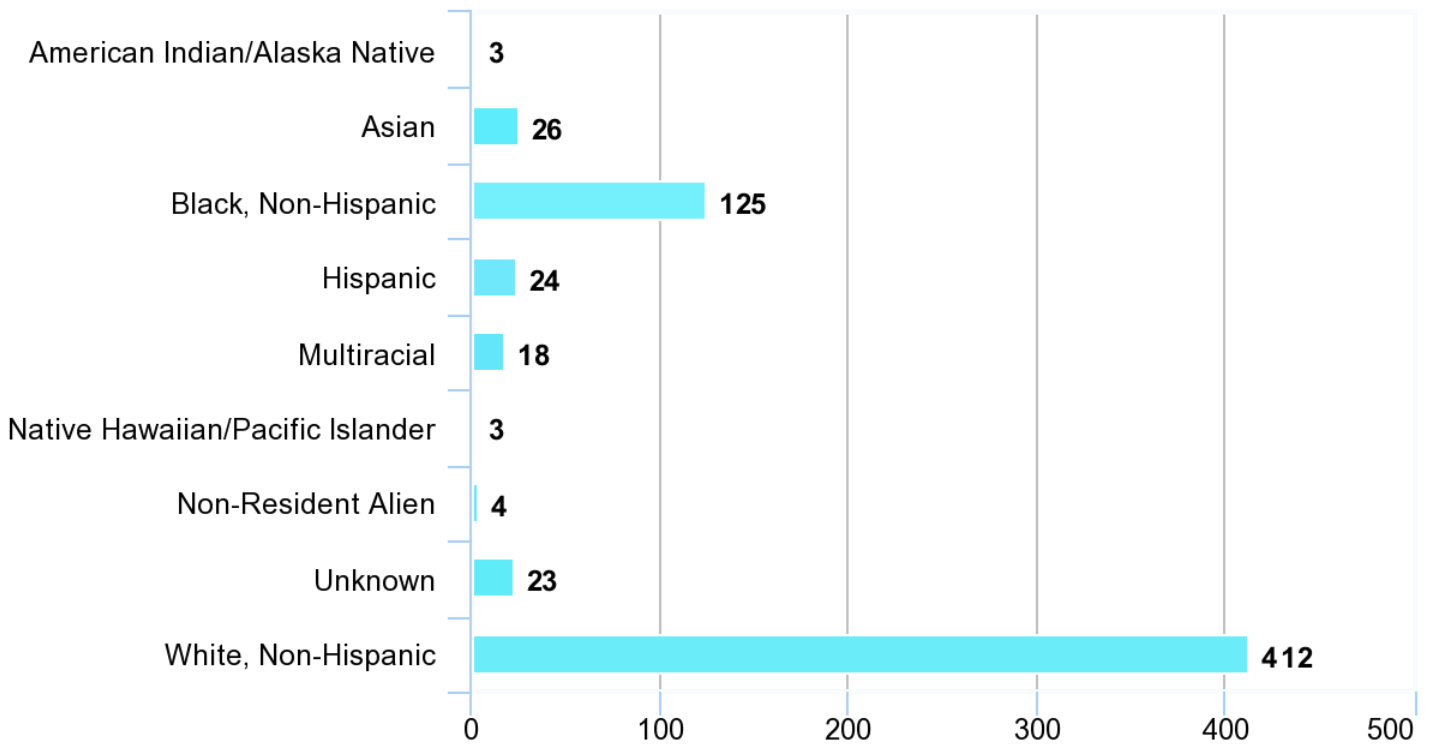
The sample consisted of students who were graduating in Fall 2021. 638 survey responses were received. Each item from the Graduating Student Survey will be presented below. The total number of respondents (represented by N) and percentage of response types for each option are included. N/A responses were excluded from the analyses, so some items will not represent the full count of respondents

### Demographics Sex



Sex	N	%
Female	501	78.53%
Male	120	18.81%
Unknown	17	2.66%
Total	638	100%

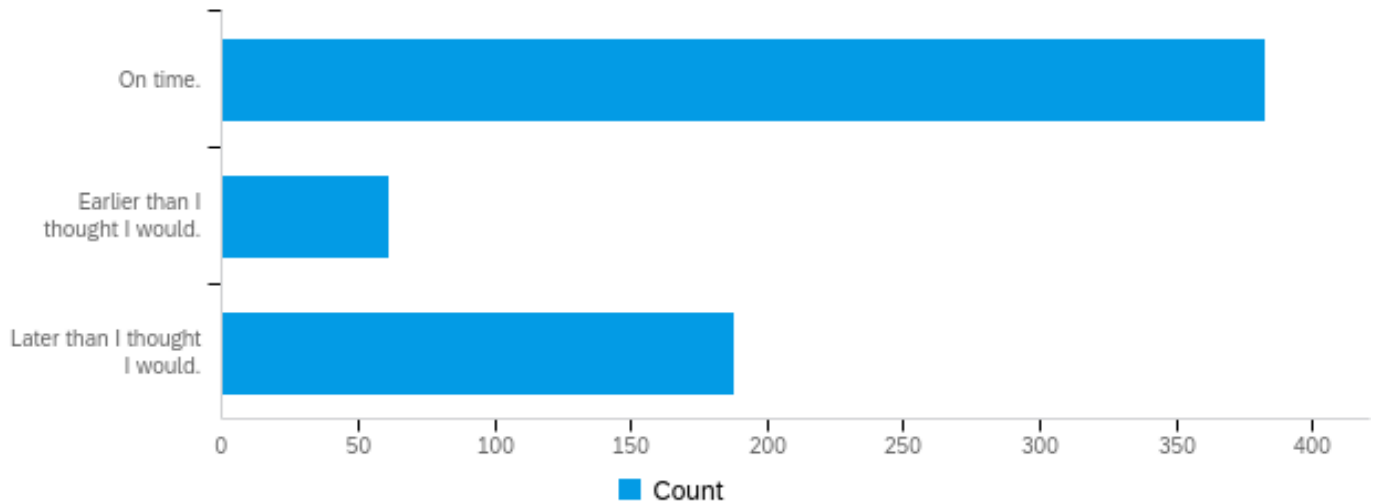
Race/Ethnicity



Race/Ethnicity	N	%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	.5%
Asian	26	4.1%
Black, Non-Hispanic	125	19.6%
Hispanic	24	3.8%
Multiracial	18	2.8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3	.5%
Non-Resident Alien	4	.6%
Unknown	23	3.5%
White, Non-Hispanic	412	64.6%
Total	638	100.0%

## General Items about Participants

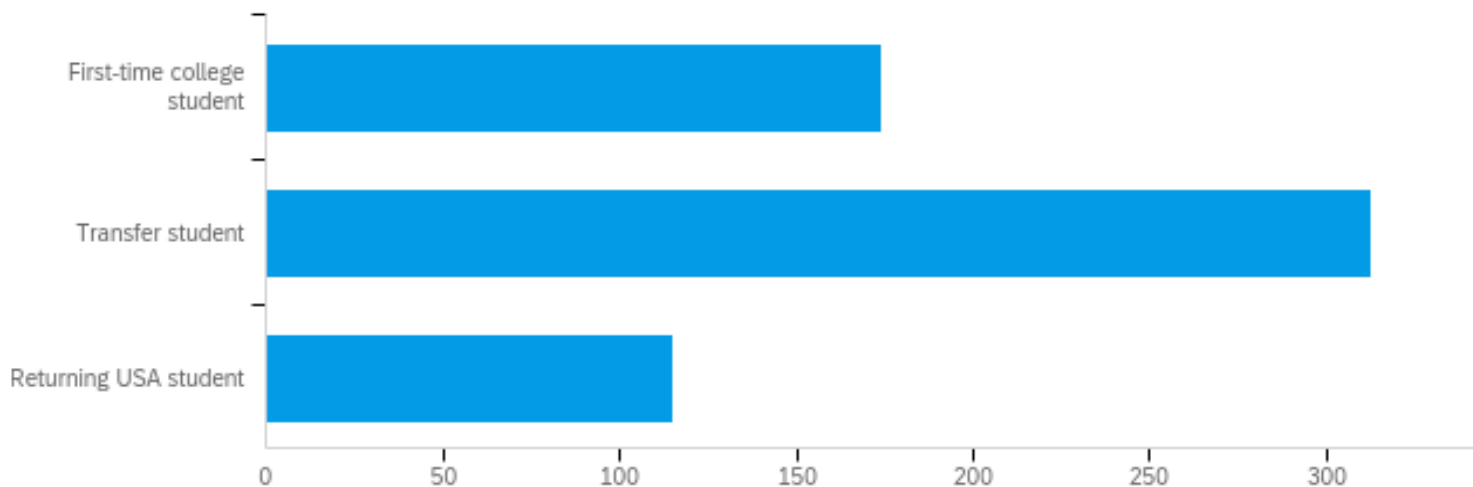
### You are graduating:



#	Answer	N	%
1	On time.	383	60.60%
2	Earlier than I thought I would.	61	9.65%
3	Later than I thought I would.	188	29.75%
	Total	632	100%

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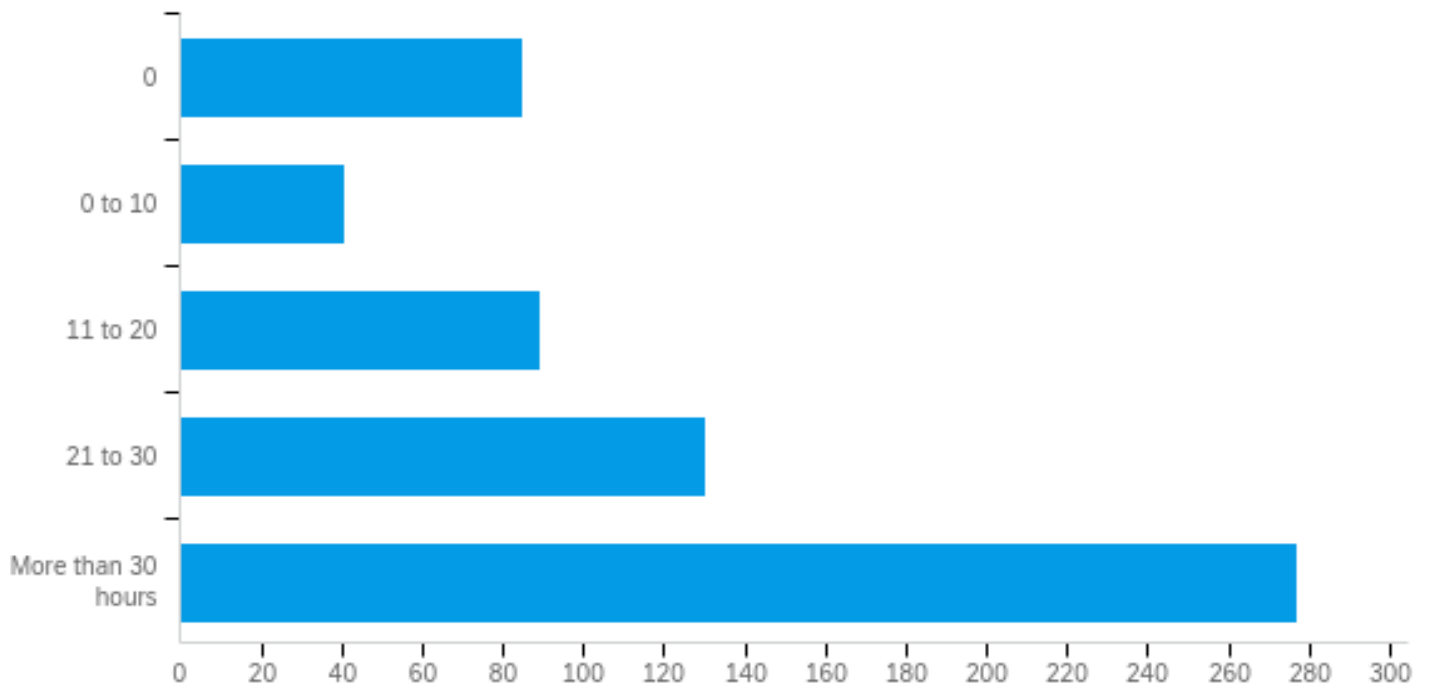
**For this degree, what was your status when you entered USA?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	First-time college student	173	28.83%
2	Transfer student	313	52.17%
3	Returning USA student	114	19.00%
	Total	600	100%

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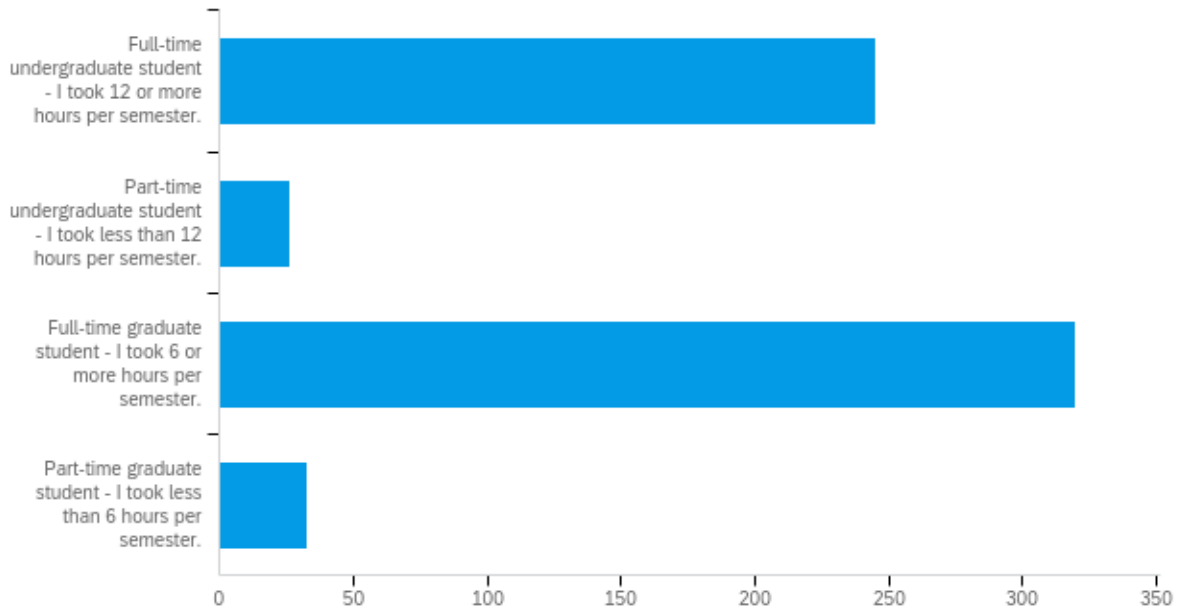
### How many hours a week do you work for pay (on & off campus)?



#	Answer	N	%
1	0	85	13.67%
2	0 to 10	41	6.59%
3	11 to 20	89	14.31%
4	21 to 30	130	20.90%
5	More than 30 hours	277	44.53%
	Total	622	100%

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**While attending USA, on average, were you a:**

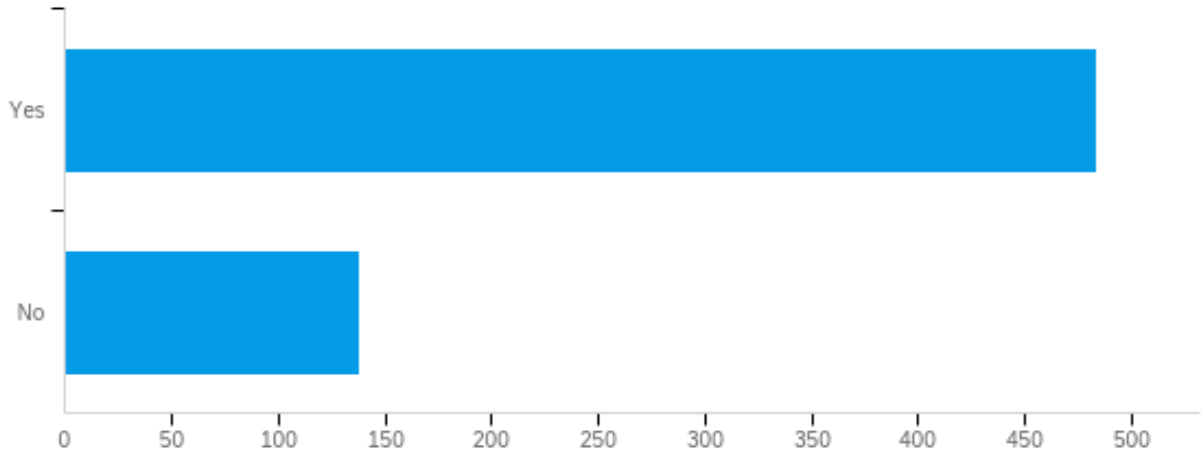


#	Answer	N	%
1	Full-time undergraduate student - I took 12 or more hours per semester.	243	39.07%
2	Part-time undergraduate student - I took less than 12 hours per semester.	26	4.18%
3	Full-time graduate student - I took 6 or more hours per semester.	320	51.45%
4	Part-time graduate student - I took less than 6 hours per semester.	33	5.31%
	Total	622	100%



## Employment Plans After Graduation

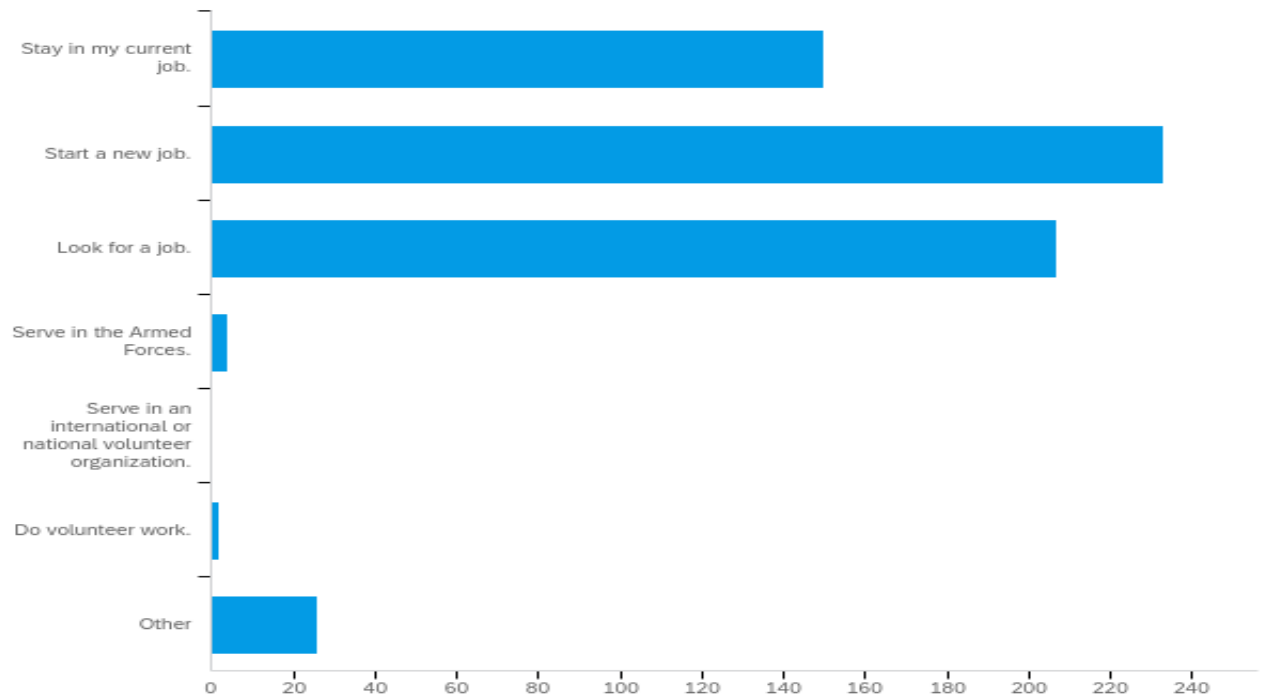
Are you currently employed?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Yes	483	77.90%
2	No	137	22.10%
	Total	620	100%

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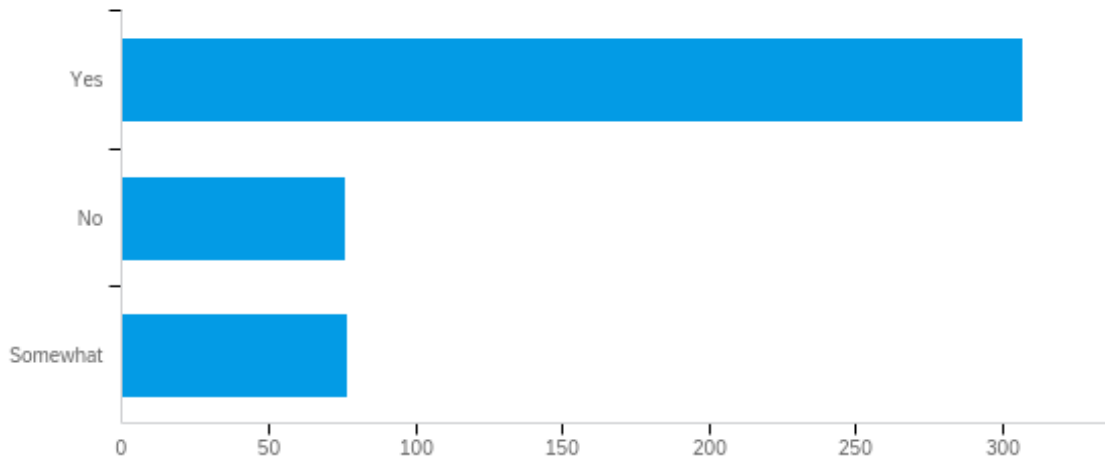
### After graduation, which of the following will be your primary activity related to employment?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Stay in my current job.	149	24.03%
2	Start a new job.	233	37.58%
3	Look for a job.	207	33.39%
4	Serve in the Armed Forces.	4	0.65%
5	Serve in an international or national volunteer organization.	0	0.00%
6	Do volunteer work.	2	0.32%
7	Other	25	4.03%
	Total	620	100%

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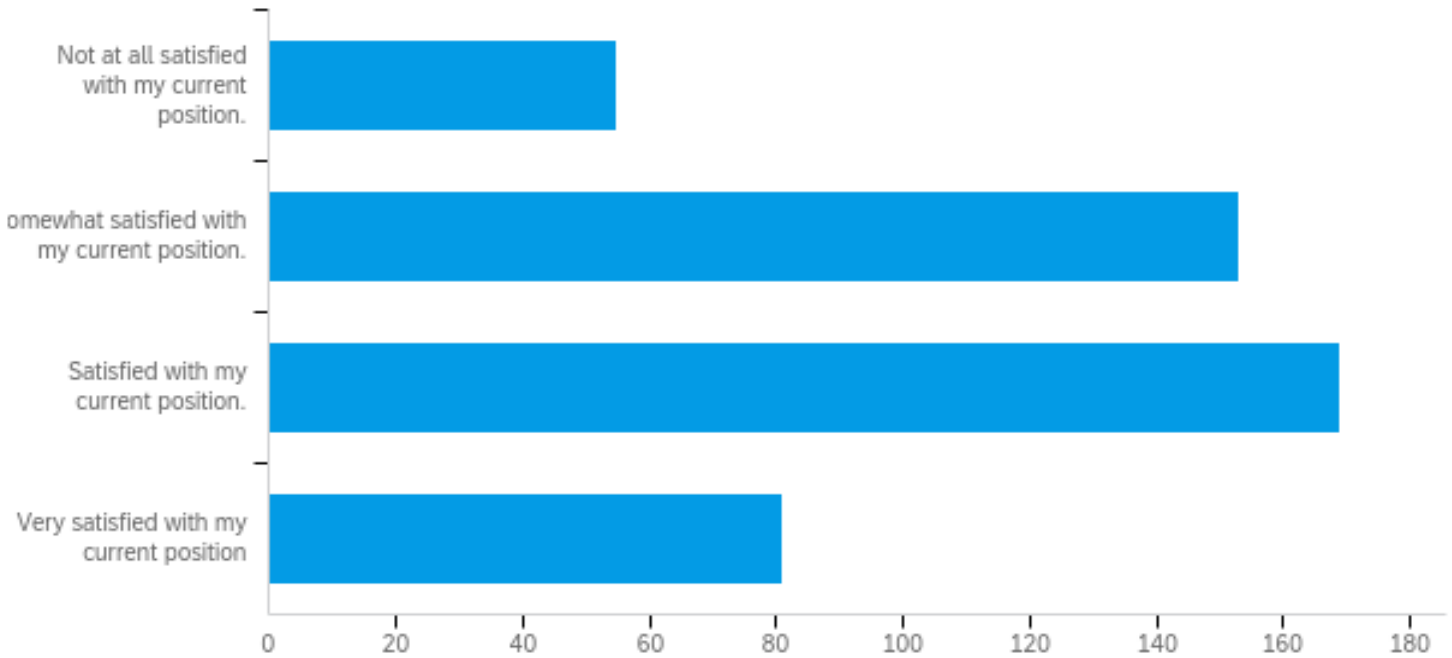
### Did your major or field of study prepare you for your current position?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	66.67%	306
2	No	16.56%	76
3	Somewhat	16.78%	77
	Total	100%	459

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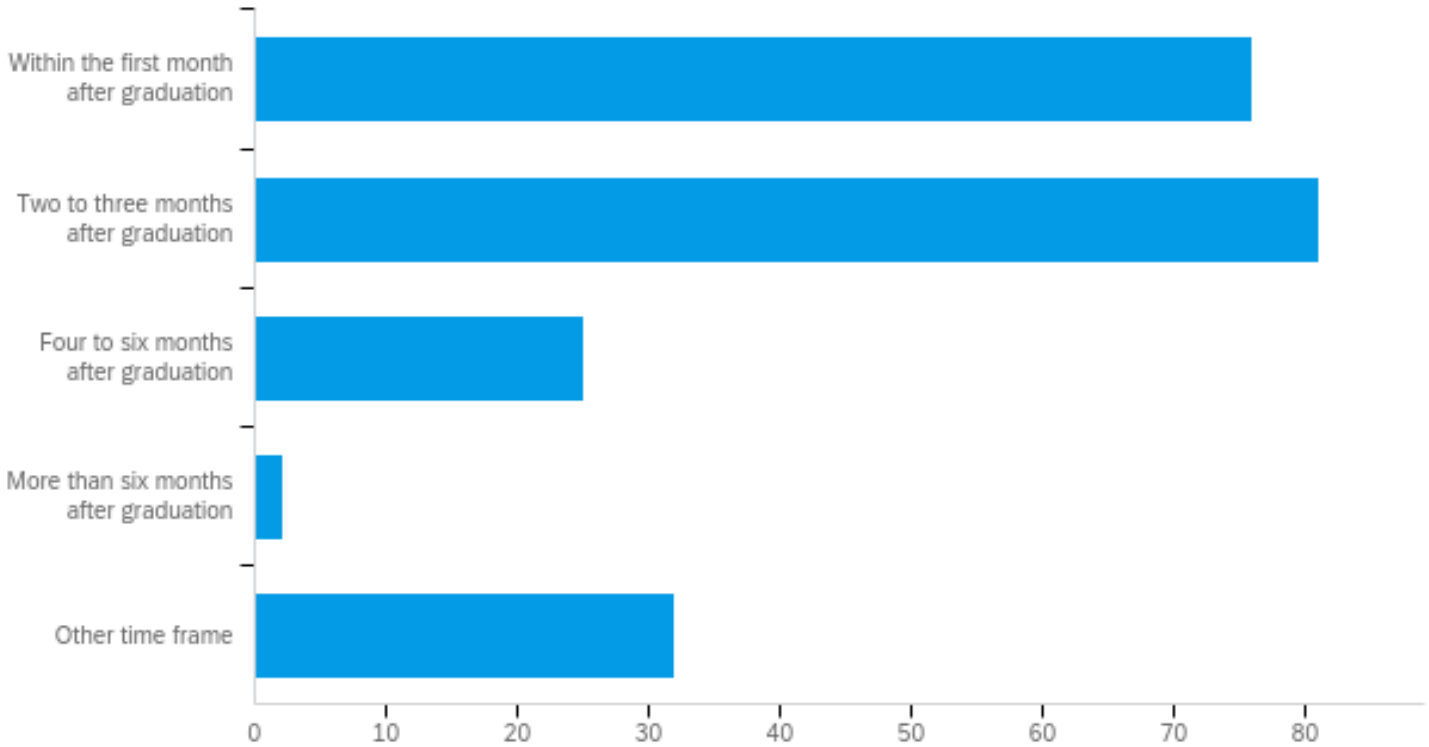
**If currently employed, would you say you are:**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Not at all satisfied with my current position.	55	12.01%
2	Somewhat satisfied with my current position.	153	33.41%
3	Satisfied with my current position.	169	36.90%
4	Very satisfied with my current position	81	17.69%
	Total	458	100%

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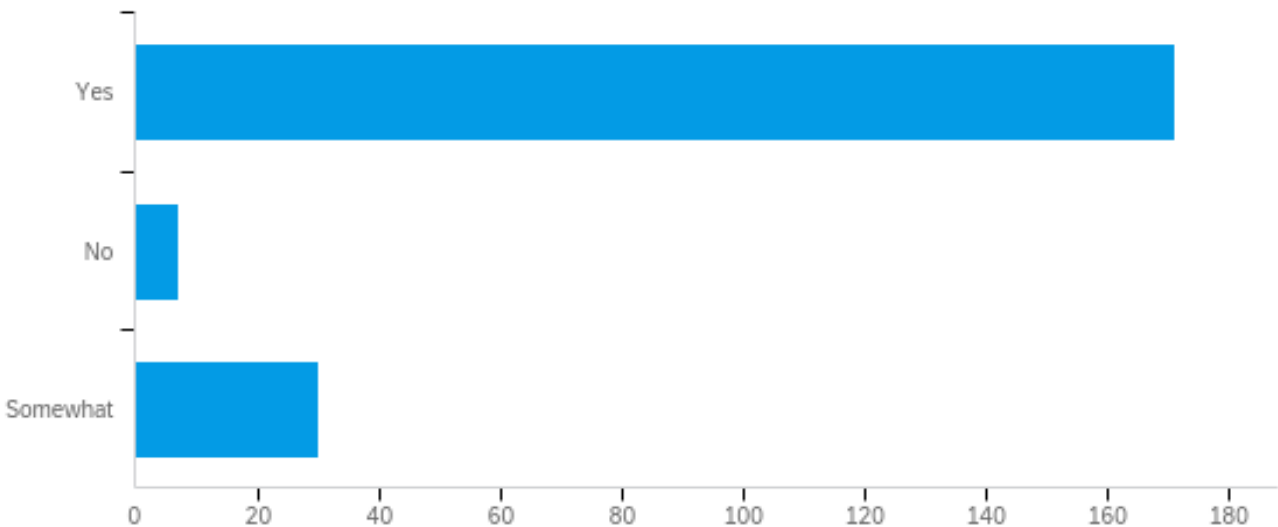
**If starting a new job, serving in the armed forces, or serving in an international volunteer organization, what is your start date?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Within the first month after graduation	76	35.19%
2	Two to three months after graduation	81	37.50%
3	Four to six months after graduation	25	11.57%
4	More than six months after graduation	2	0.93%
5	Other time frame	32	14.81%
	Total	216	100%

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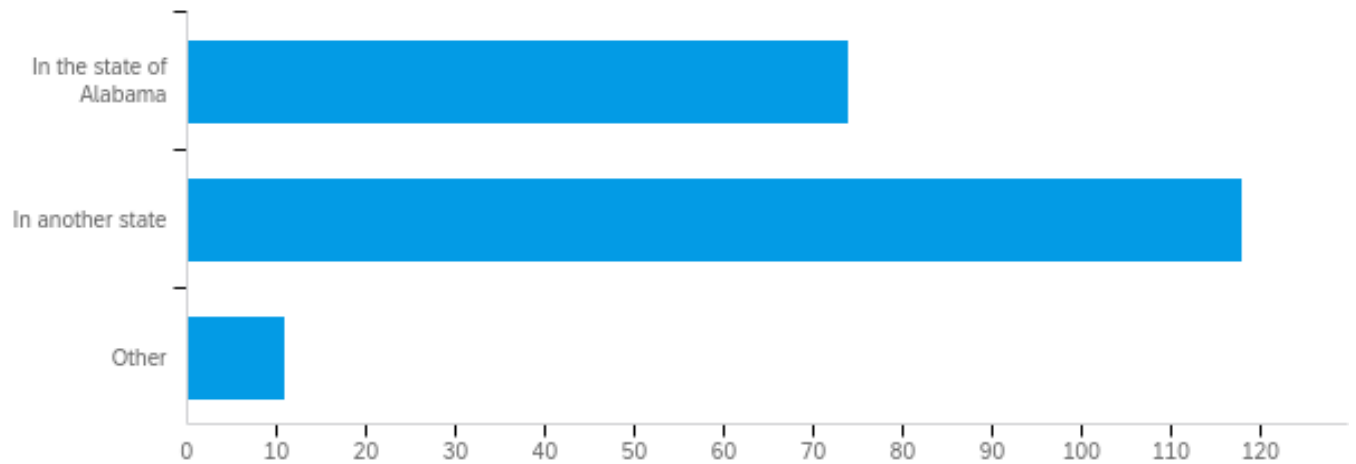
**If starting a new job after graduation, did your major or field of study prepare you for your new position?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Yes	171	82.21%
2	No	7	3.37%
3	Somewhat	30	14.42%
	Total	208	100%

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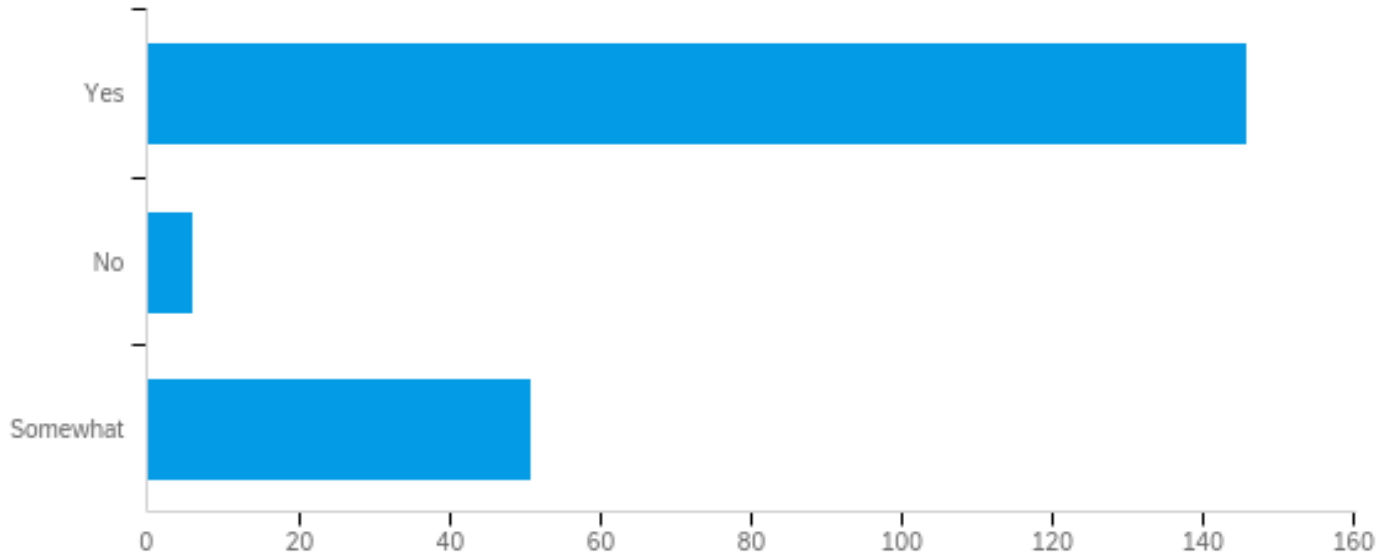
### Where do you plan on working?



#	Answer	N	%
1	In the state of Alabama	74	36.45%
2	In another state	118	58.13%
3	Other	11	5.42%
	Total	203	100%

## ITEM FREQUENCY REPORT

**If looking for a job after graduation, do you believe that your major or field of study has prepared you for the type of position you will seek?**

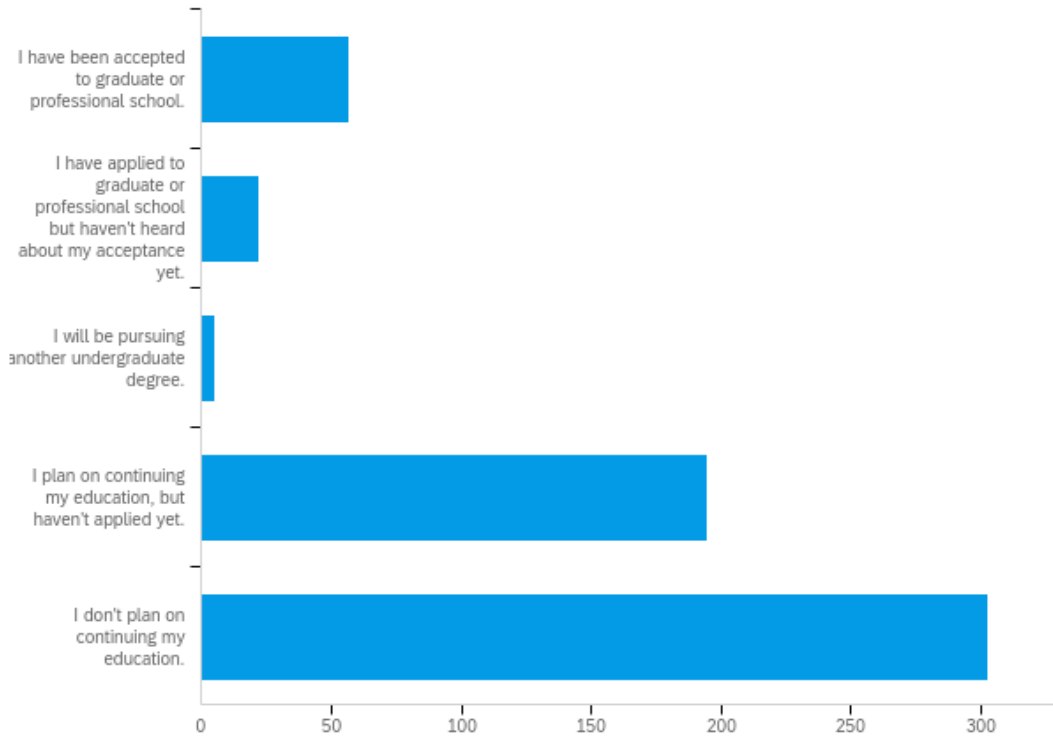


#	Answer	N	%
1	Yes	146	71.92%
2	No	6	2.96%
3	Somewhat	51	25.12%
	Total	203	100%



## Educational Plans After Graduation

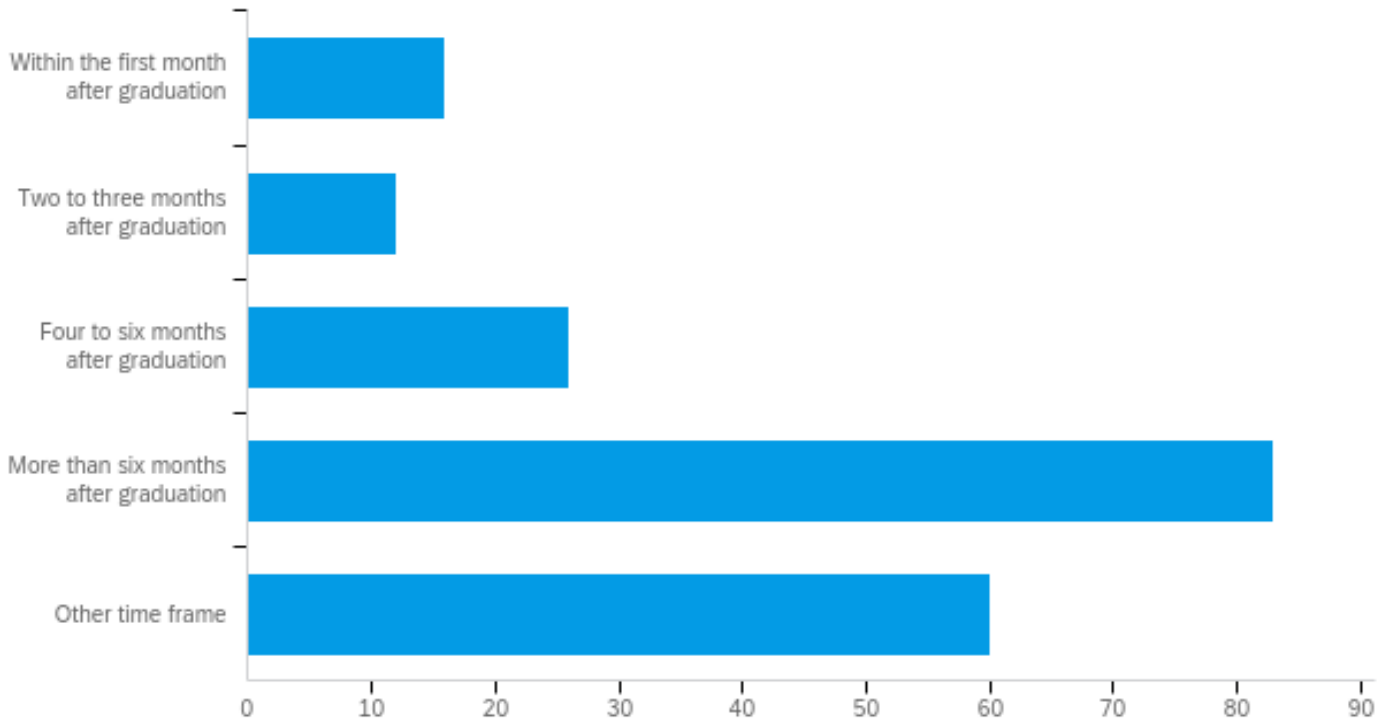
After graduation, what are your plans in regards to continuing your education within the next year?



#	Answer	N	%
1	I have been accepted to graduate or professional school.	57	9.79%
2	I have applied to graduate or professional school but haven't heard about my acceptance yet.	22	3.78%
3	I will be pursuing another undergraduate degree.	5	0.86%
4	I plan on continuing my education, but haven't applied yet.	195	33.51%
5	I don't plan on continuing my education.	303	52.06%
	Total	582	100%

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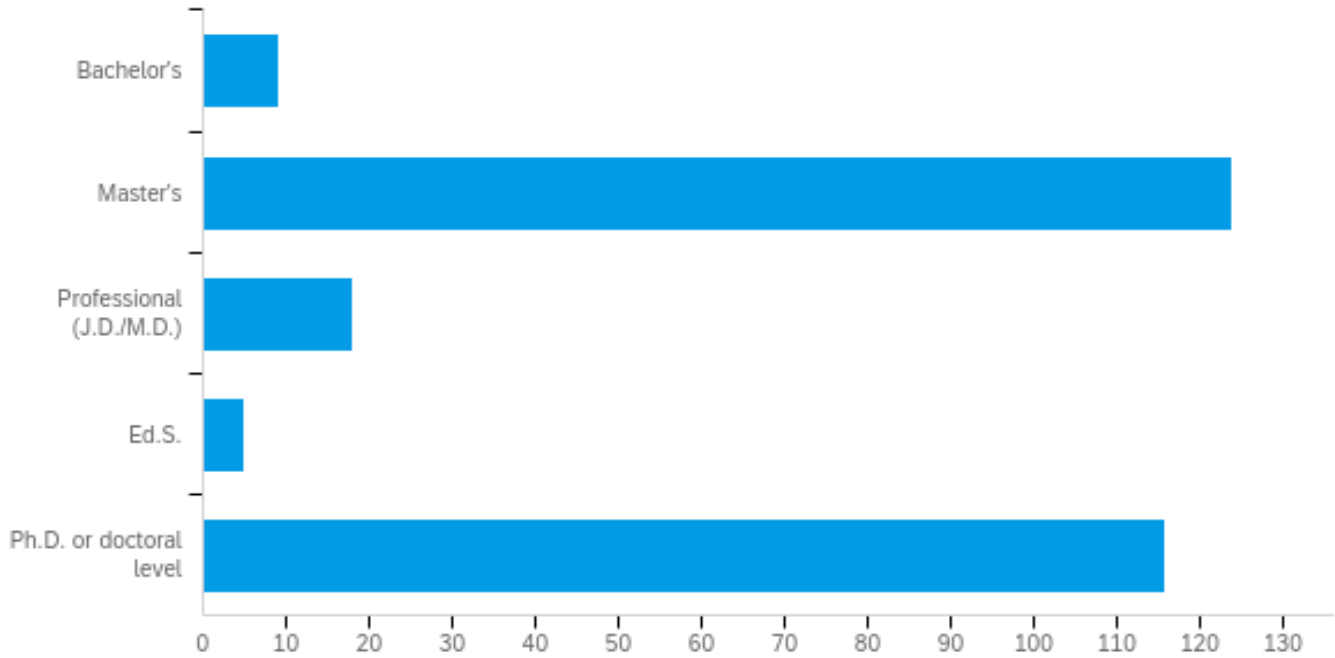
**If pursuing another undergraduate degree or planning to continue your education but haven't applied yet, when do you plan to start?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Within the first month after graduation	16	8.12%
2	Two to three months after graduation	12	6.09%
3	Four to six months after graduation	26	13.20%
4	More than six months after graduation	83	42.13%
5	Other time frame	60	30.46%
	Total	197	100%

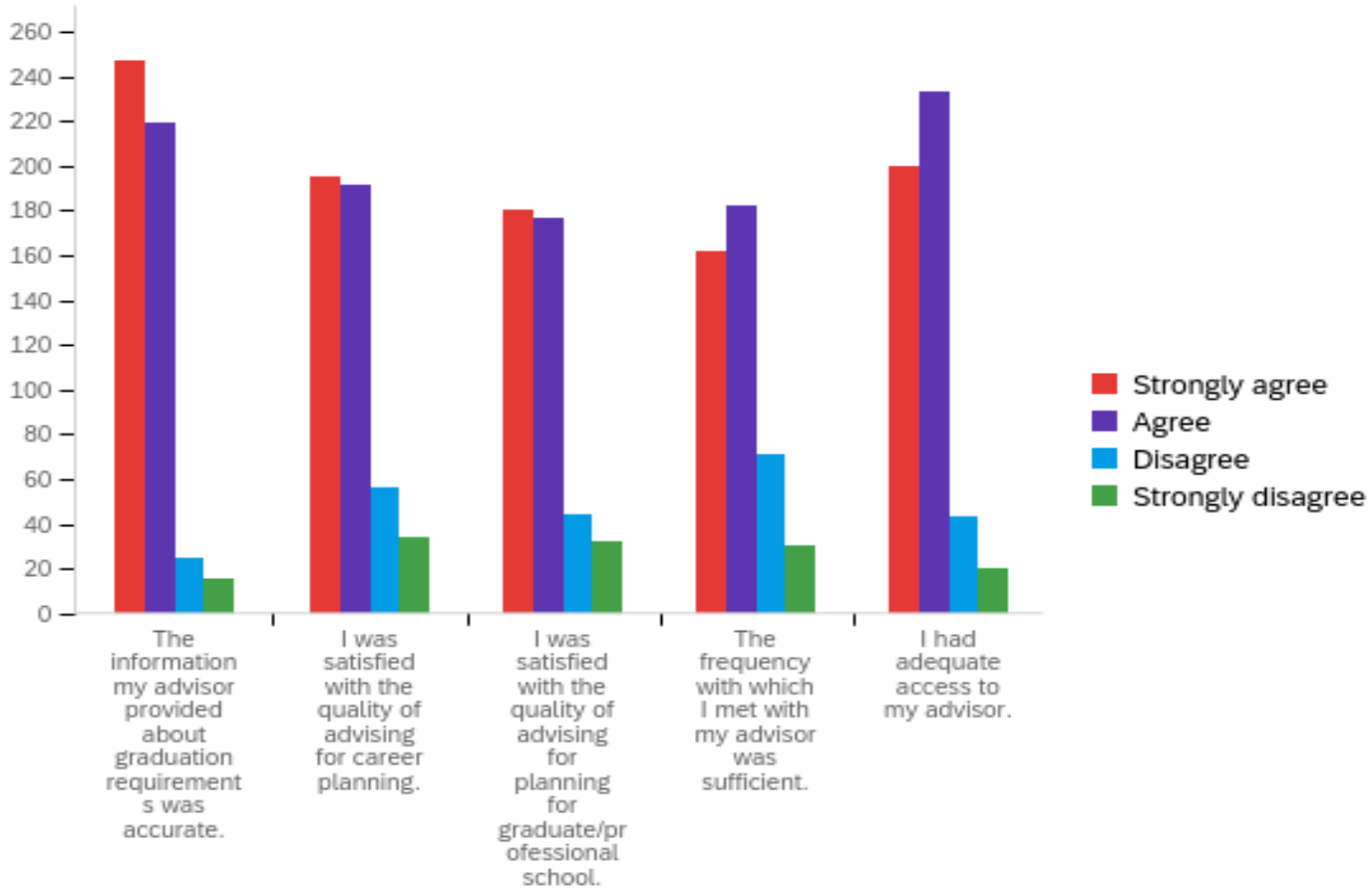
## ITEM FREQUENCY REPORT

**If you plan to continue your education, what is the highest degree you plan to obtain?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Bachelor's	9	3.31%
2	Master's	124	45.59%
3	Professional (J.D./M.D.)	18	6.62%
4	Ed.S.	5	1.84%
5	Ph.D. or doctoral level	116	42.65%
	Total	272	100%

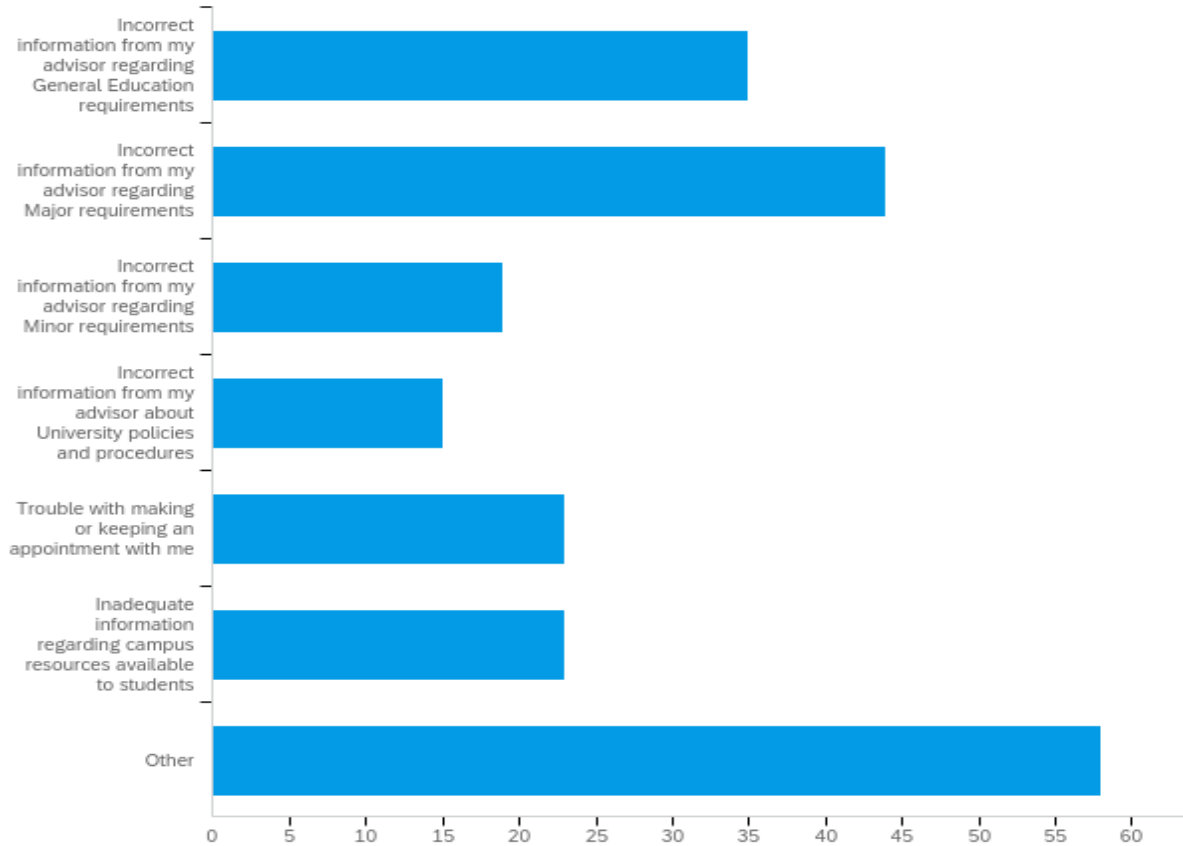
## Advising



#	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
1	The information my advisor provided about graduation requirements was accurate.	48.72%	43.20%	4.93%	3.16%	507
2	I was satisfied with the quality of advising for career planning.	40.88%	40.25%	11.74%	7.13%	477
3	I was satisfied with the quality of advising for planning for graduate/professional school.	41.57%	40.88%	10.16%	7.39%	433
4	The frequency with which I met with my advisor was sufficient.	36.40%	40.90%	15.96%	6.74%	445
5	I had adequate access to my advisor.	40.32%	46.98%	8.67%	4.03%	496

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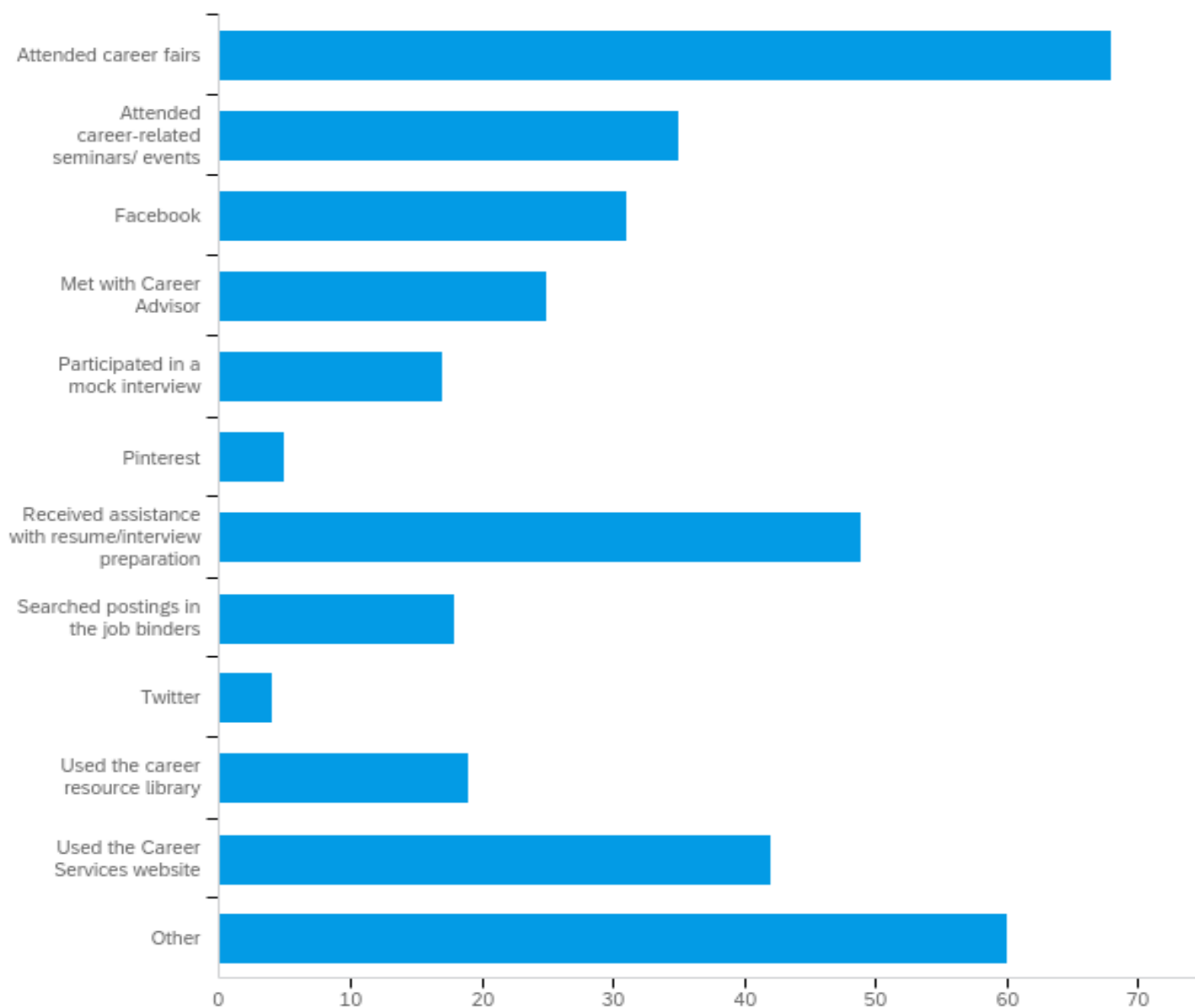
**Did you encounter any of the following problems with your advisor? (Select all that apply.)**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Incorrect information from my advisor regarding General Education requirements	35	16.13%
2	Incorrect information from my advisor regarding Major requirements	44	20.28%
3	Incorrect information from my advisor regarding Minor requirements	19	8.76%
4	Incorrect information from my advisor about university policies and procedures	15	6.91%
5	Trouble with making or keeping an appointment with me	23	10.60%
6	Inadequate information regarding campus resources available to students	23	10.60%
7	Other	58	26.73%
	Total	217	100%

## ITEM FREQUENCY REPORT

**What services available at USA Career Services did you use to search for or secure a job? (Select all that apply.)**



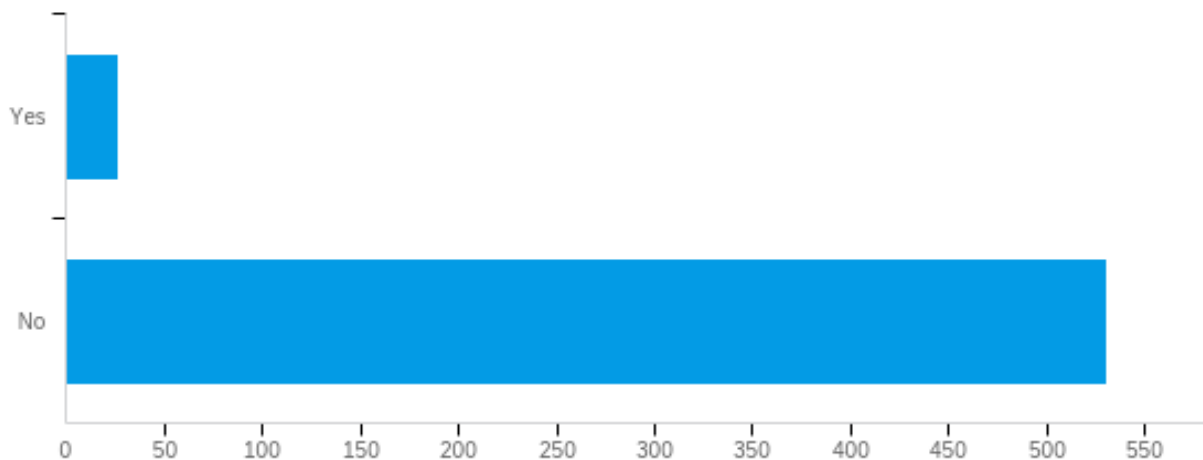
## ITEM FREQUENCY REPORT

### What services available at USA Career Services did you use to search for or secure a job? (Continued)

#	Answer	N	%
1	Attended career fairs	68	18.23%
2	Attended career-related seminars/ events	35	9.38%
3	Facebook	31	8.31%
4	Met with Career Advisor	25	6.70%
5	Participated in a mock interview	17	4.56%
6	Pinterest	5	1.34%
7	Received assistance with resume/interview preparation	49	13.14%
8	Searched postings in the job binders	18	4.83%
9	Twitter	4	1.07%
10	Used the career resource library	19	5.09%
11	Used the Career Services website	42	11.26%
12	Other	60	16.09%
	Total	373	100%

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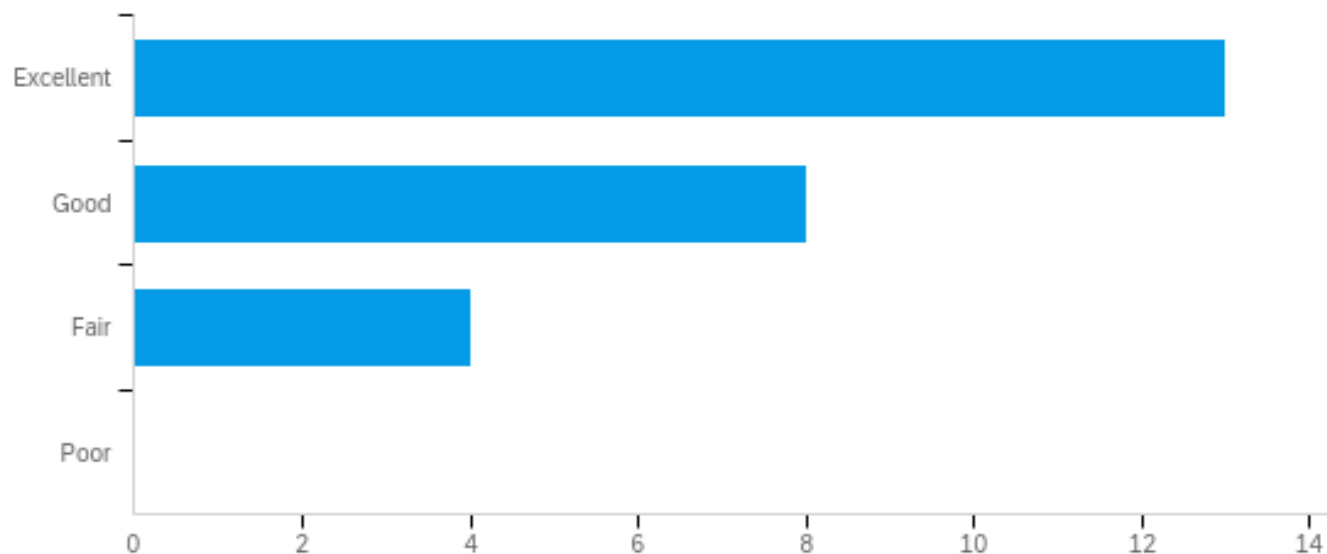
**Have you visited the office of Career Services in the past year?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Yes	26	4.67%
2	No	531	95.33%
	Total	557	100%

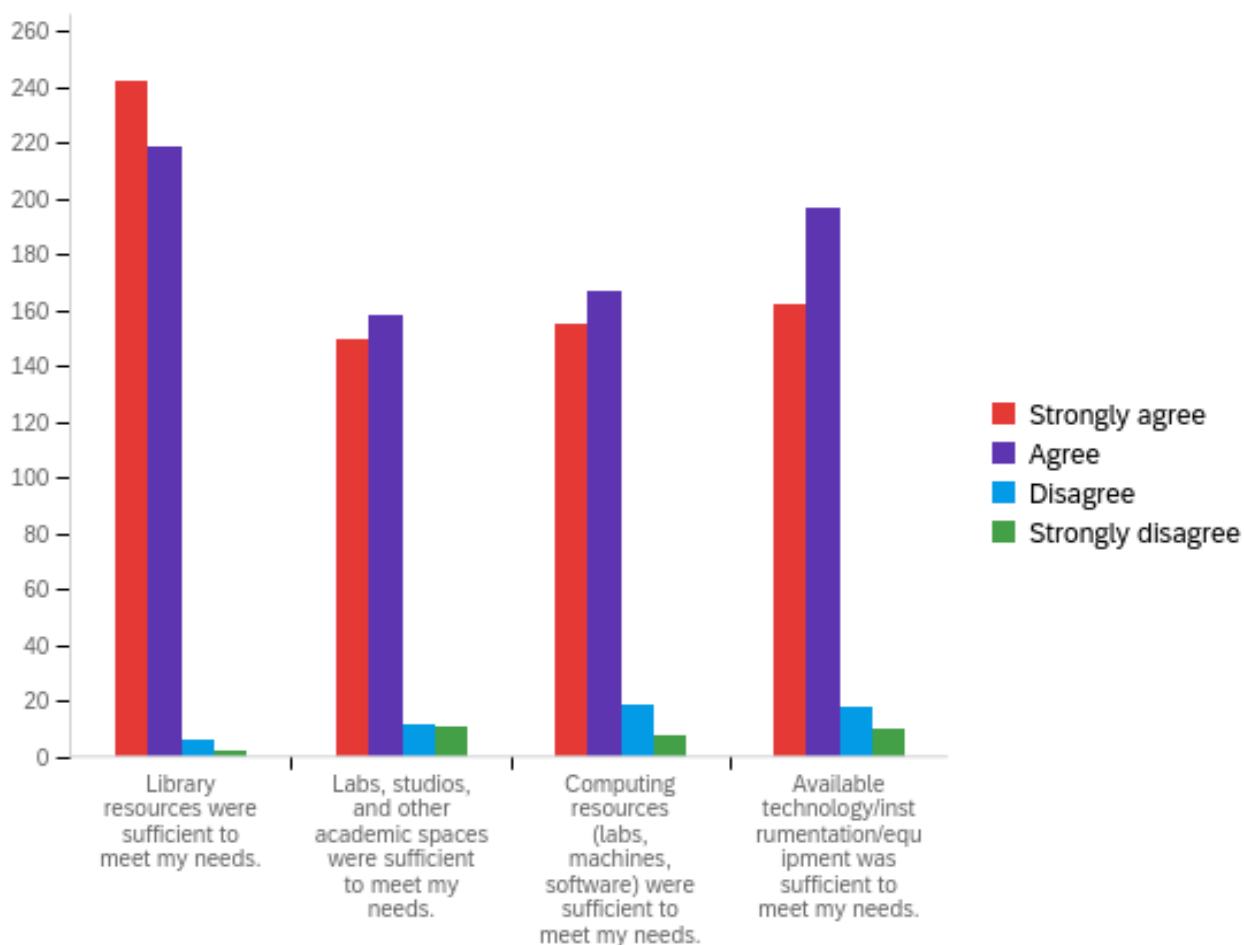


### How would you rate your overall experience with Career Services?



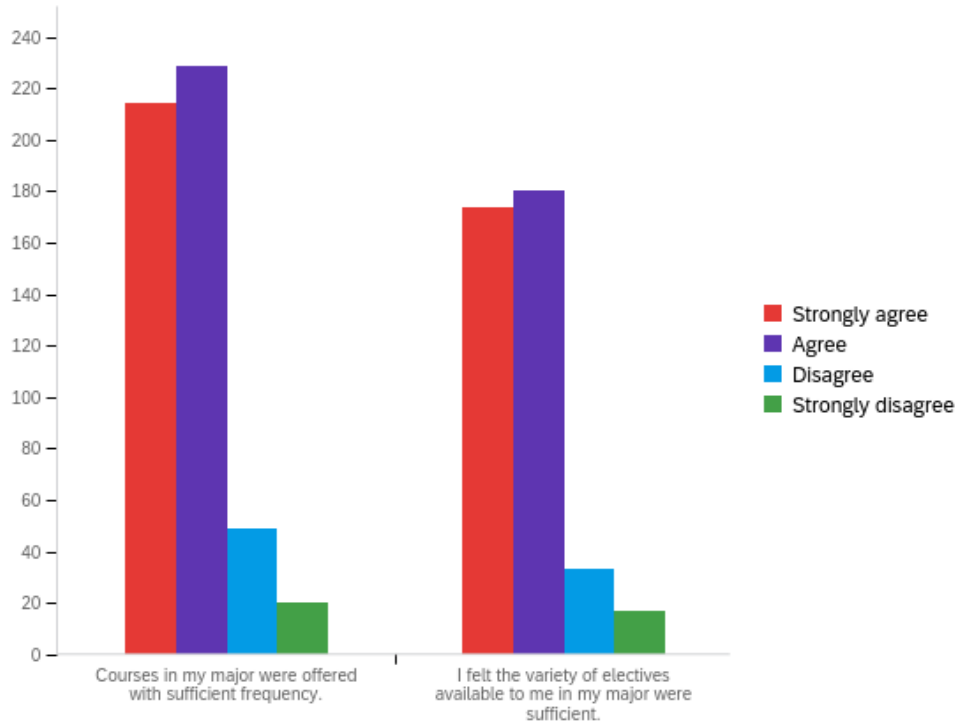
#	Answer	N	%
1	Excellent	13	52.00%
2	Good	8	32.00%
3	Fair	4	16.00%
4	Poor	0	0.00%
	Total	25	100%

## Academic Resources



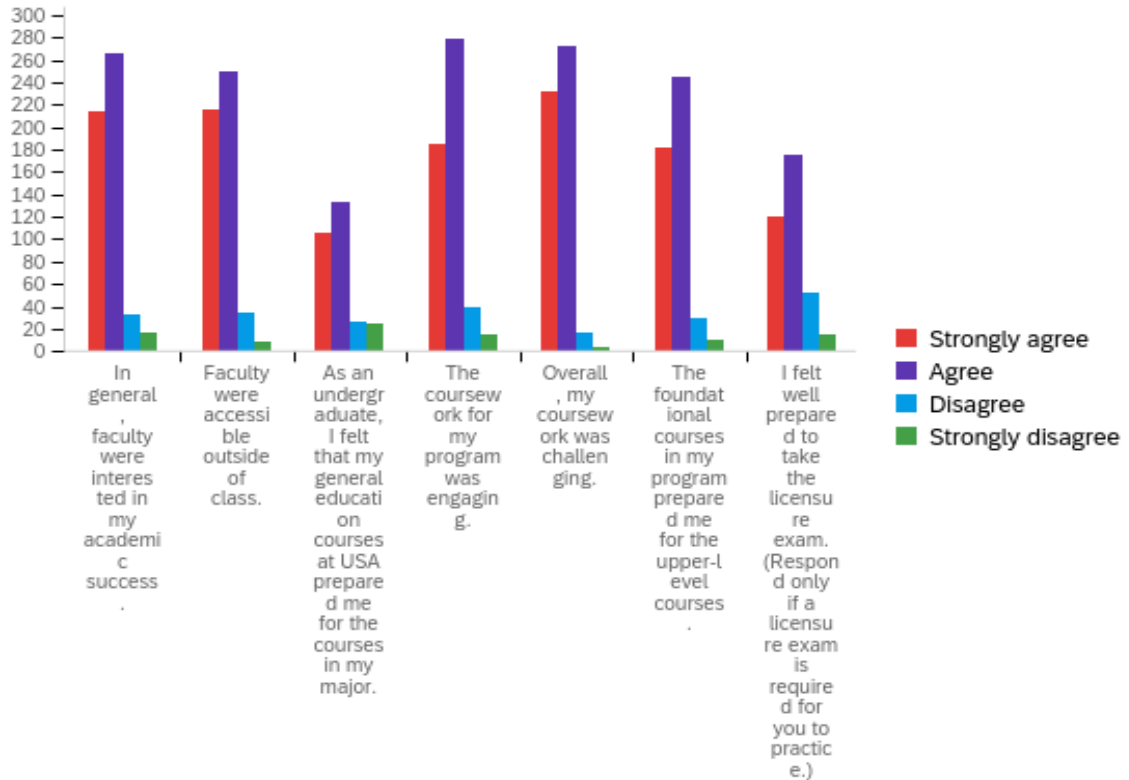
#	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
1	Library resources were sufficient to meet my needs.	51.60%	46.70%	1.28%	0.43%	469
2	Labs, studios, and other academic spaces were sufficient to meet my needs.	45.32%	47.73%	3.63%	3.32%	331
3	Computing resources (labs, machines, software) were sufficient to meet my needs.	44.41%	47.85%	5.44%	2.29%	349
4	Available technology/instrumentation/equipment was sufficient to meet my needs.	41.86%	50.90%	4.65%	2.58%	387

## Course Offerings



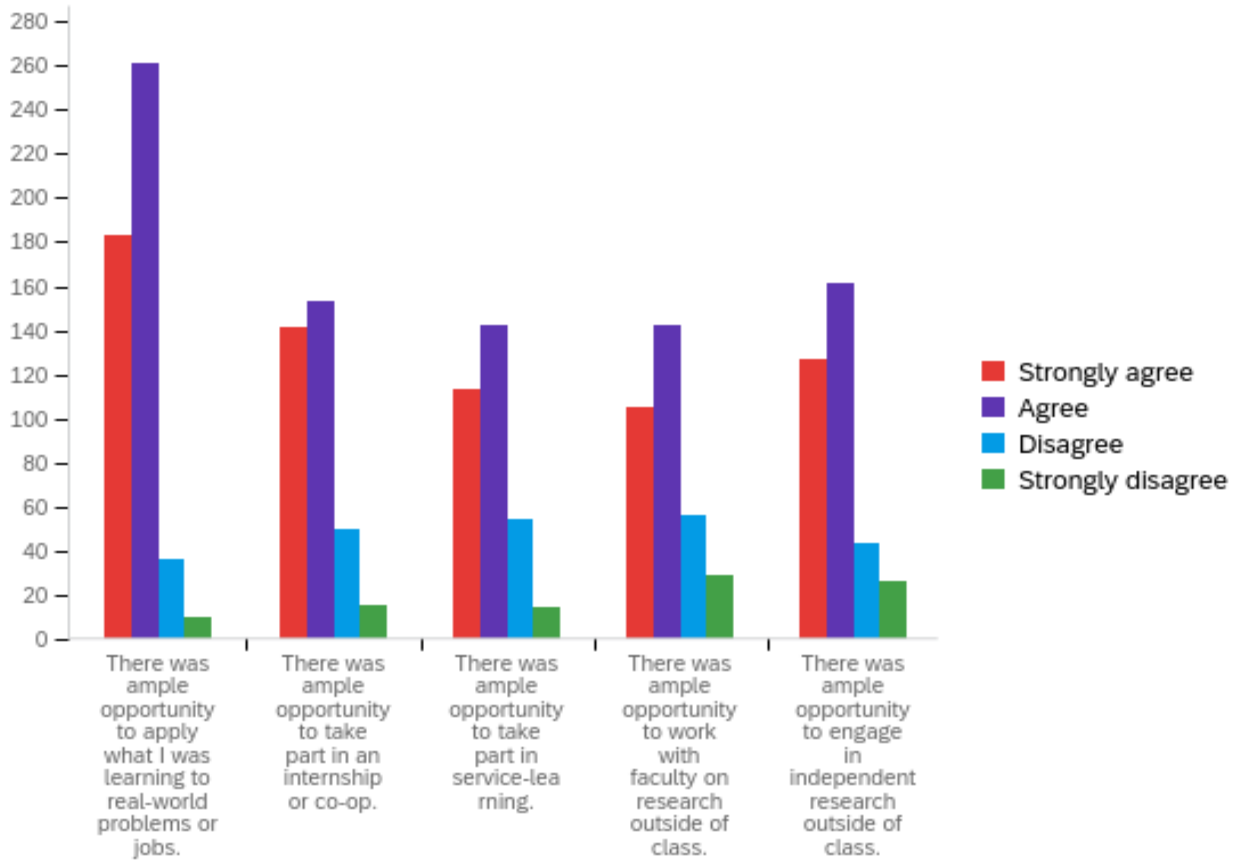
#	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
1	Courses in my major were offered with sufficient frequency.	41.80%	44.73%	9.57%	3.91%	512
2	I felt the variety of electives available to me in my major were sufficient.	43.07%	44.55%	8.17%	4.21%	404

## Faculty and Course Work



#	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
1	In general, faculty were interested in my academic success.	40.45%	50.28%	6.24%	3.02%	529
2	Faculty were accessible outside of class.	42.32%	49.21%	6.89%	1.57%	508
3	As an undergraduate, I felt that my general education courses at USA prepared me for the courses in my major.	36.55%	45.86%	9.31%	8.28%	290
4	The coursework for my program was engaging.	35.71%	53.86%	7.53%	2.90%	518
5	Overall, my coursework was challenging.	44.25%	52.11%	3.07%	0.57%	522
6	The foundational courses in my program prepared me for the upper-level courses.	38.92%	52.47%	6.45%	2.15%	465
7	I felt well prepared to take the licensure exam. (Respond only if a licensure exam is required for you to practice.)	33.15%	48.34%	14.36%	4.14%	362

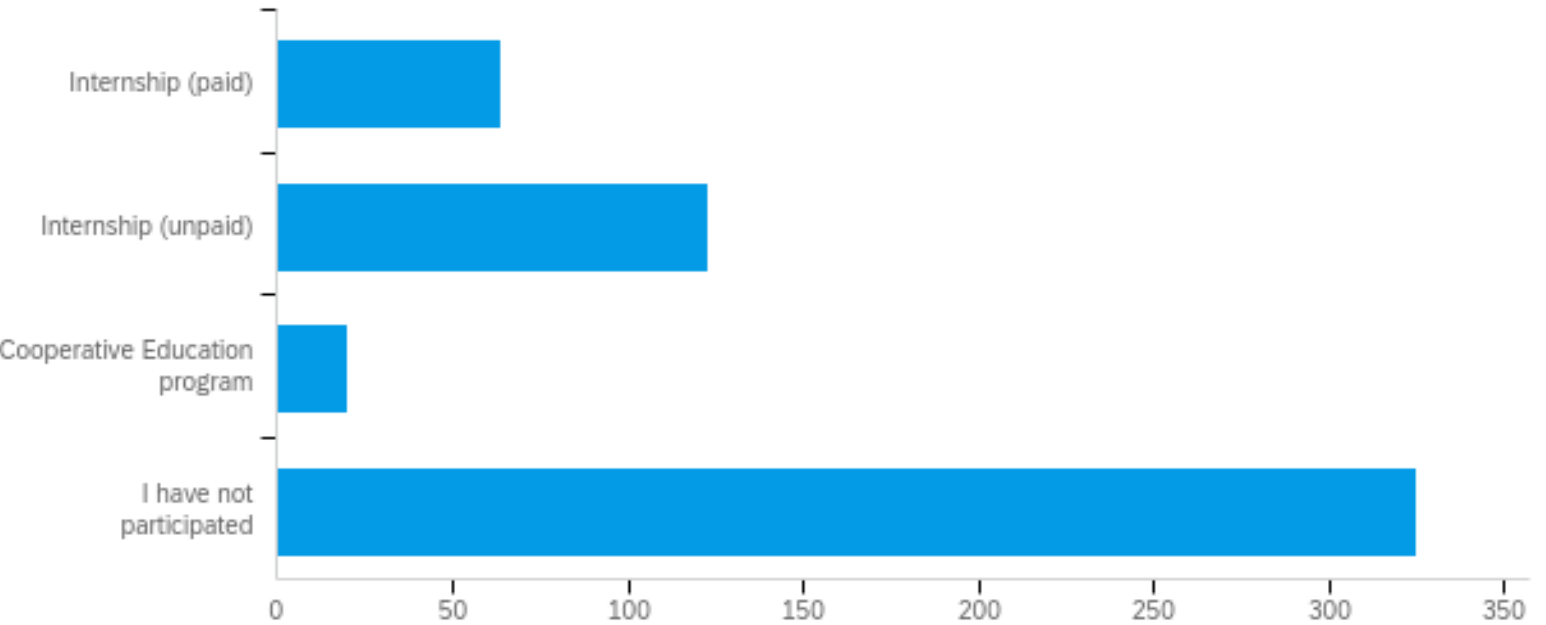
## Educational Opportunities



#	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
1	There was ample opportunity to apply what I was learning to real-world problems or jobs.	37.35%	53.27%	7.35%	2.04%	490
2	There was ample opportunity to take part in an internship or co-op.	39.28%	42.62%	13.93%	4.18%	359
3	There was ample opportunity to take part in service-learning.	34.98%	43.96%	16.72%	4.33%	323
4	There was ample opportunity to work with faculty on research outside of class.	31.63%	42.77%	16.87%	8.73%	332
5	There was ample opportunity to engage in independent research outside of class.	35.57%	45.10%	12.04%	7.28%	357

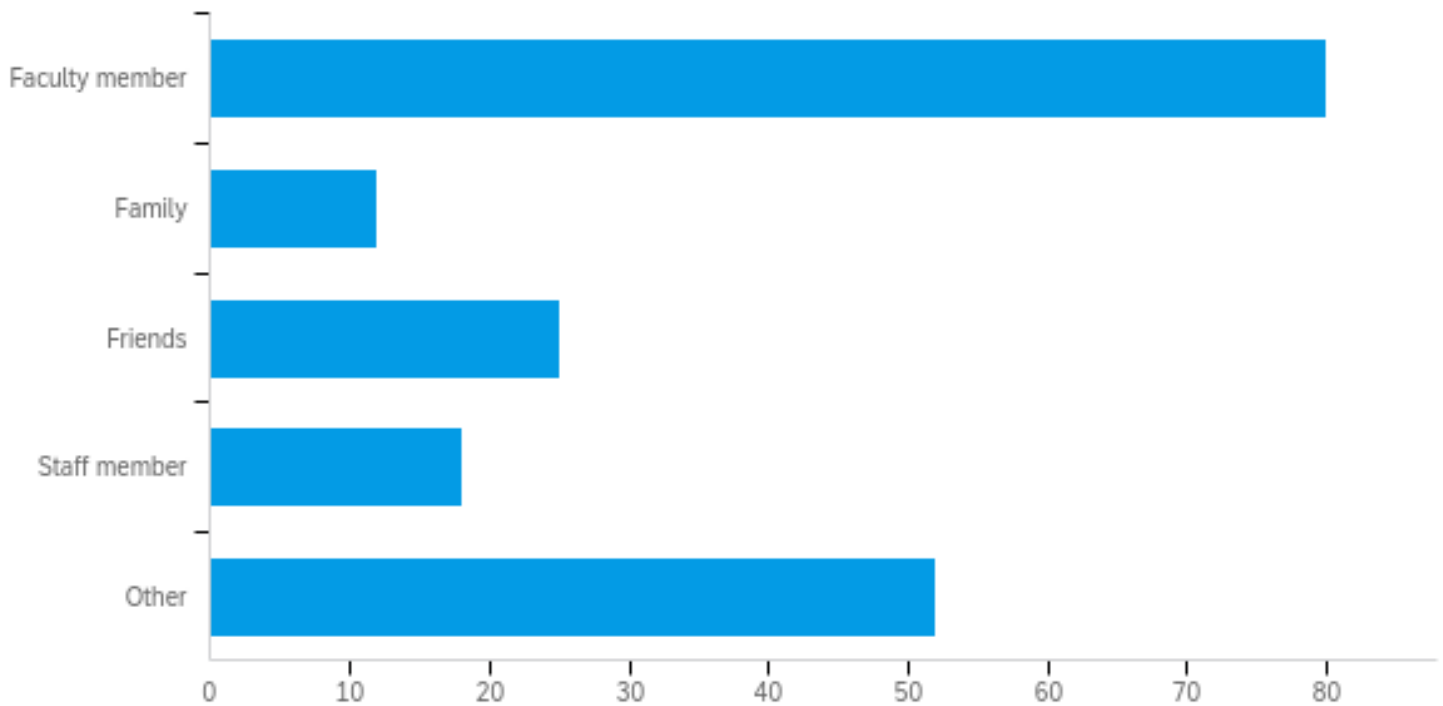
## Internships and Cooperative Education Experiences

Have you participated in any of the following? (Select all that apply.)



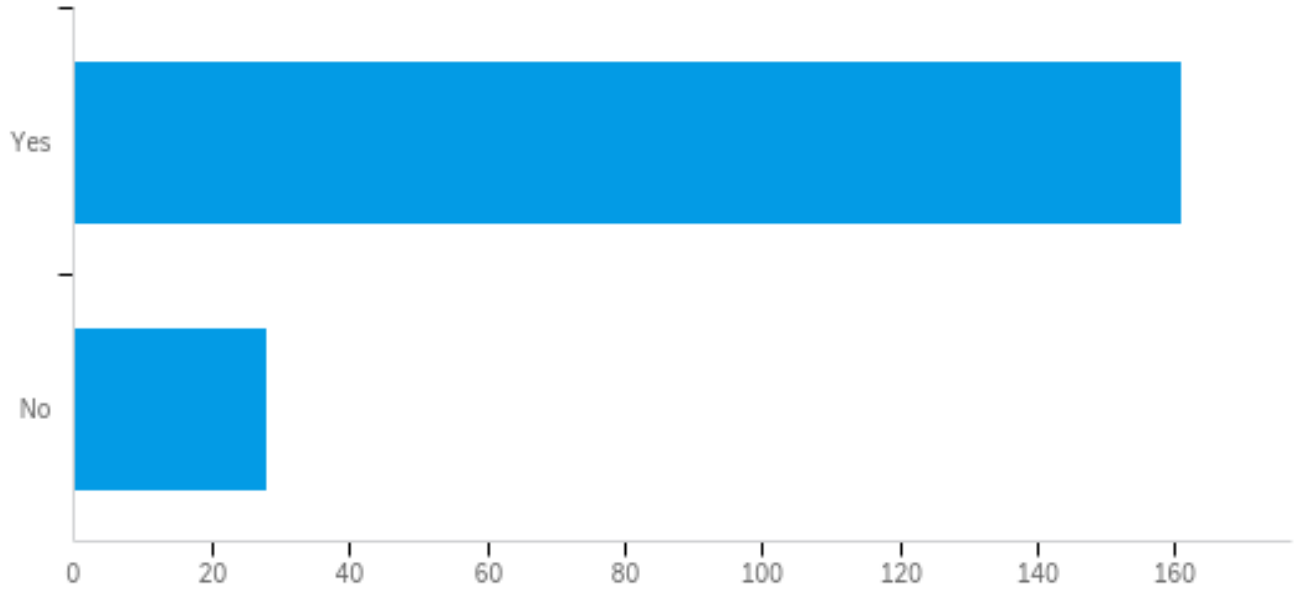
#	Answer	N	%
1	Internship (paid)	64	12.03%
2	Internship (unpaid)	123	23.12%
3	Cooperative Education program	20	3.76%
4	I have not participated	325	61.09%
	Total	532	100%

## How did you find out about your internship?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Faculty member	80	42.78%
2	Family	12	6.42%
3	Friends	25	13.37%
4	Staff member	18	9.63%
5	Other	52	27.81%
	Total	187	100%

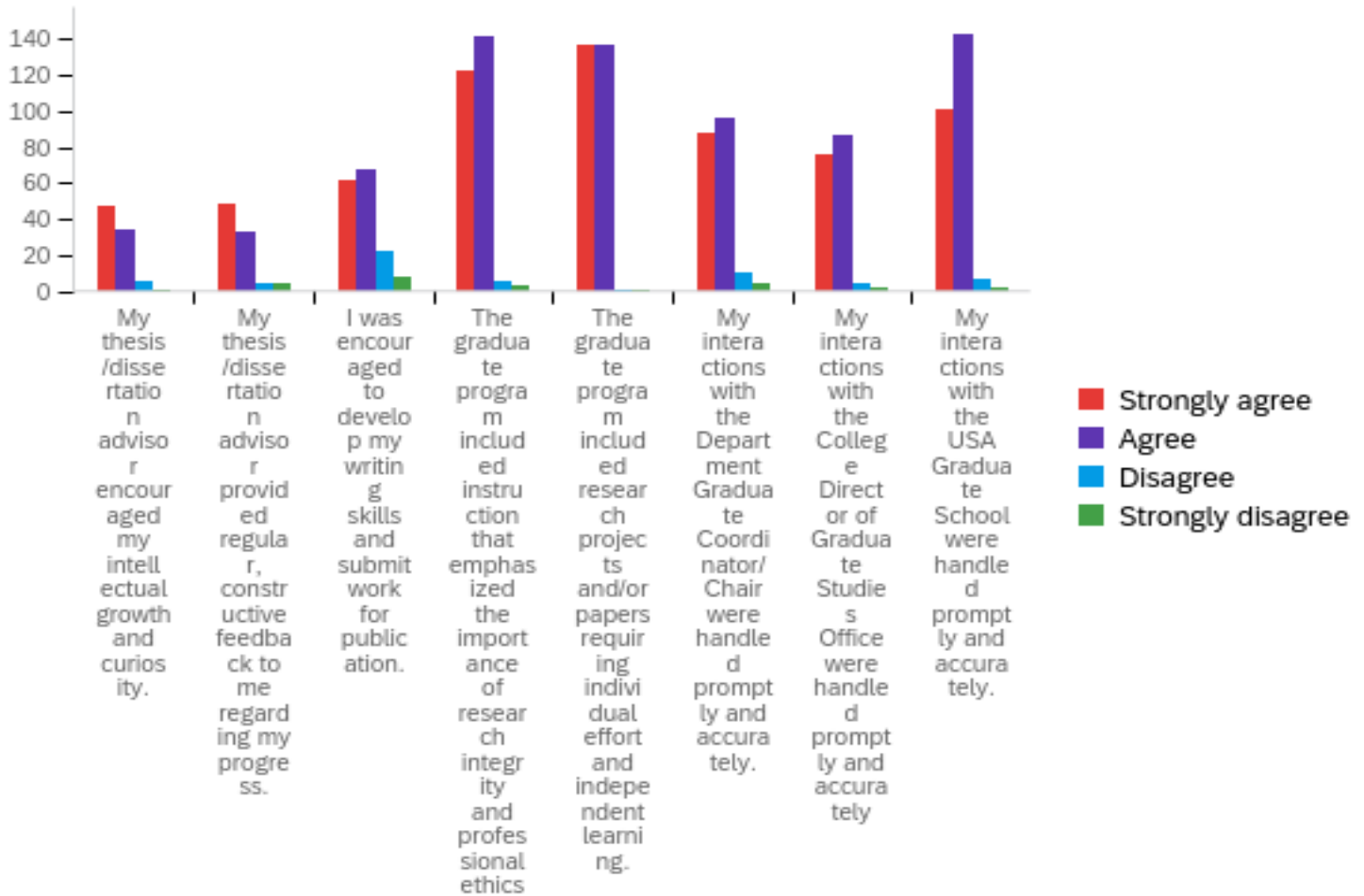
Did you receive academic credit for your internship?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Yes	161	85.19%
2	No	28	14.81%
	Total	189	100%



## Graduate Student Experience



## Graduate Student Experience (Continued)

#	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
1	My thesis/dissertation advisor encouraged my intellectual growth and curiosity.	53.41%	38.64%	6.82%	1.14%	88
2	My thesis/dissertation advisor provided regular, constructive feedback to me regarding my progress.	53.85%	36.26%	4.40%	5.49%	91
3	I was encouraged to develop my writing skills and submit work for publication.	38.61%	42.41%	13.92%	5.06%	158
4	The graduate program included instruction that emphasized the importance of research integrity and professional ethics.	44.85%	51.84%	2.21%	1.10%	272
5	The graduate program included research projects and/or papers requiring individual effort and independent learning.	49.64%	49.64%	0.36%	0.36%	276
6	My interactions with the Department Graduate Coordinator/Chair were handled promptly and accurately.	44.44%	48.48%	5.05%	2.02%	198
7	My interactions with the College Director of Graduate Studies Office were handled promptly and accurately	44.97%	51.48%	2.37%	1.18%	169
8	My interactions with the USA Graduate School were handled promptly and accurately.	39.92%	56.52%	2.77%	0.79%	253

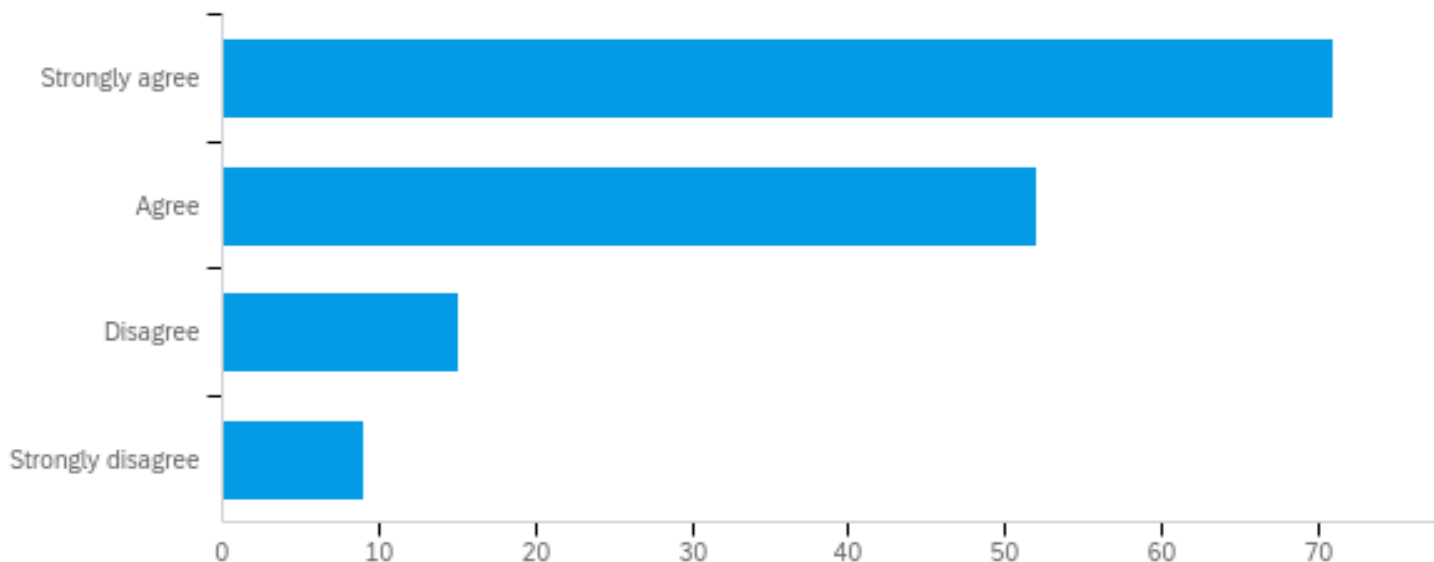
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## Student Organizations

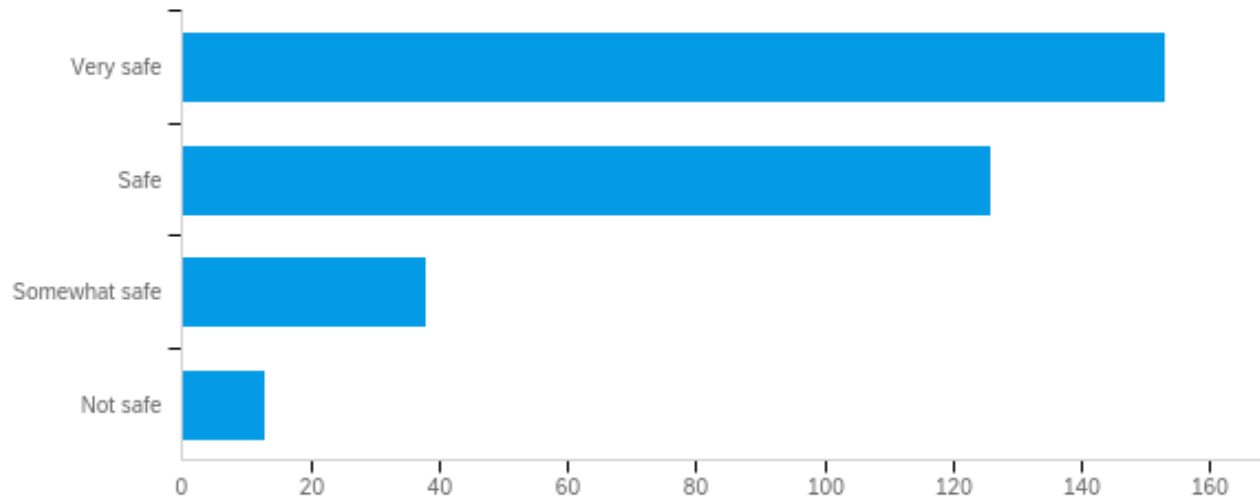
Being involved in a student organization added value to my experiences as a student at USA:



#	Answer	N	%
1	Strongly agree	71	48.30%
2	Agree	52	35.37%
3	Disagree	15	10.20%
4	Strongly disagree	9	6.12%
	Total	147	100%

## Safety

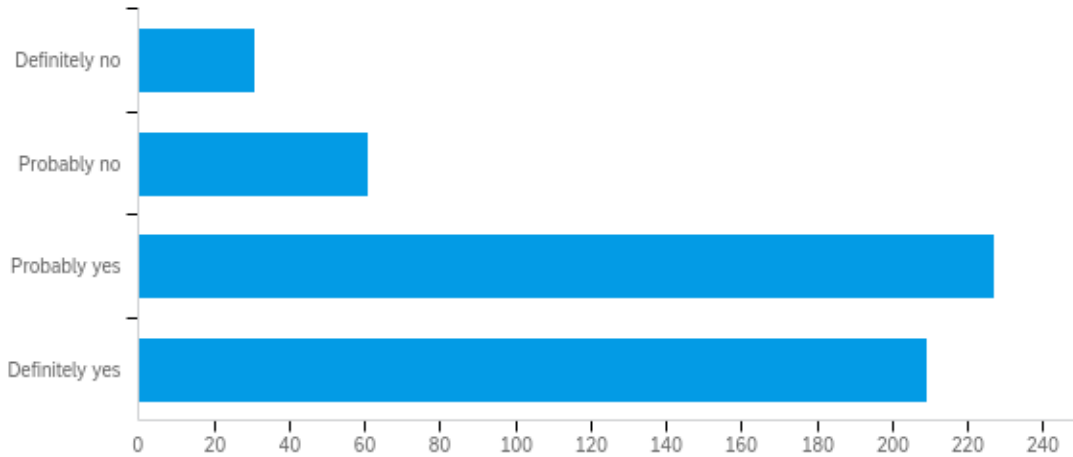
Overall, how safe did you feel while on campus?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Very safe	153	46.36%
2	Safe	126	38.18%
3	Somewhat safe	38	11.52%
4	Not safe	13	3.94%
	Total	330	100%

## Overall Experience

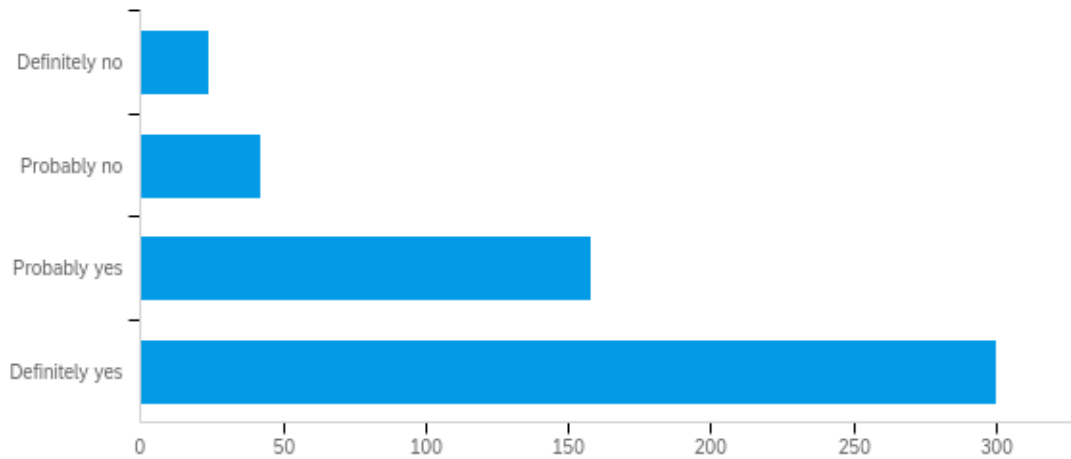
**If you were able to do it over again, would you attend USA?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Definitely no	31	5.87%
2	Probably no	61	11.55%
3	Probably yes	227	42.99%
4	Definitely yes	209	39.58%
	Total	528	100%

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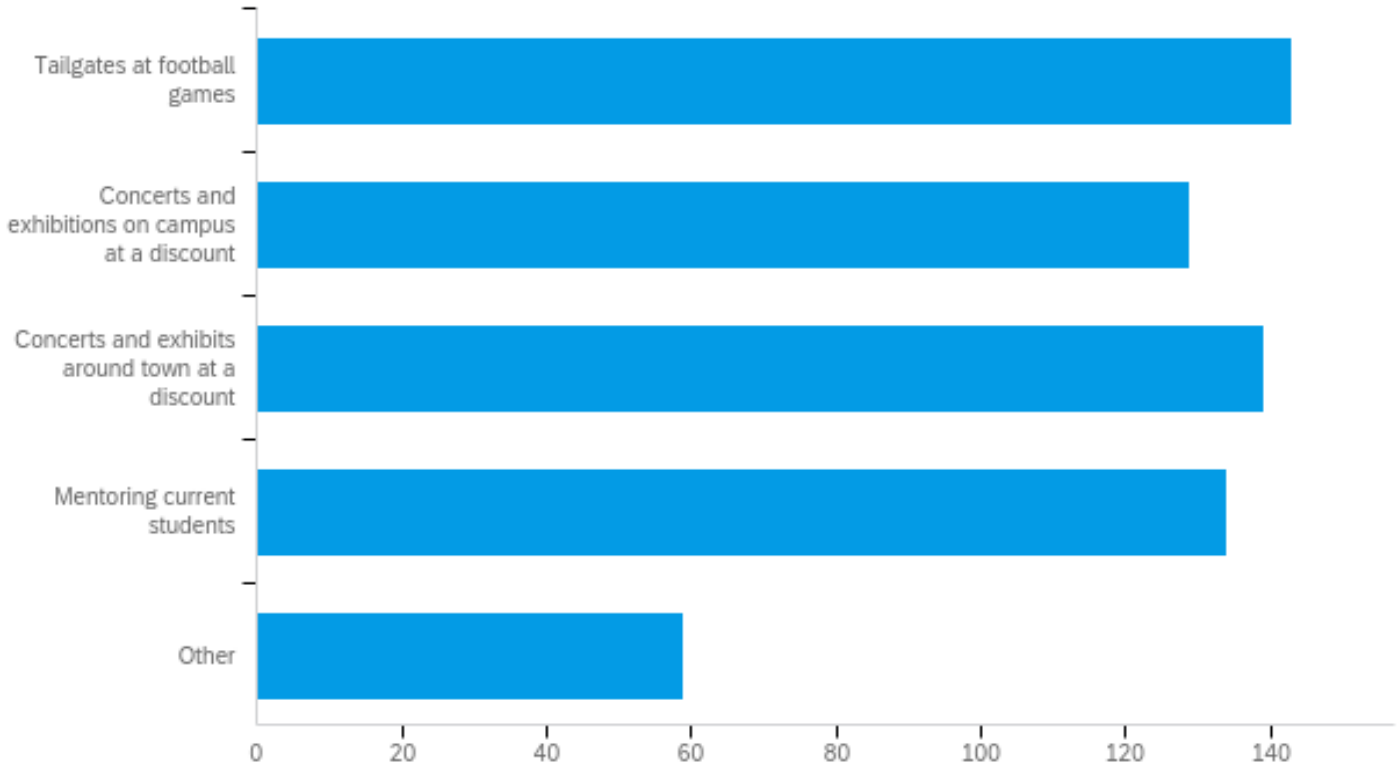
**If you had to do it over again, would you graduate with the same major?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Definitely no	24	4.58%
2	Probably no	42	8.02%
3	Probably yes	158	30.15%
4	Definitely yes	300	57.25%
	Total	524	100%

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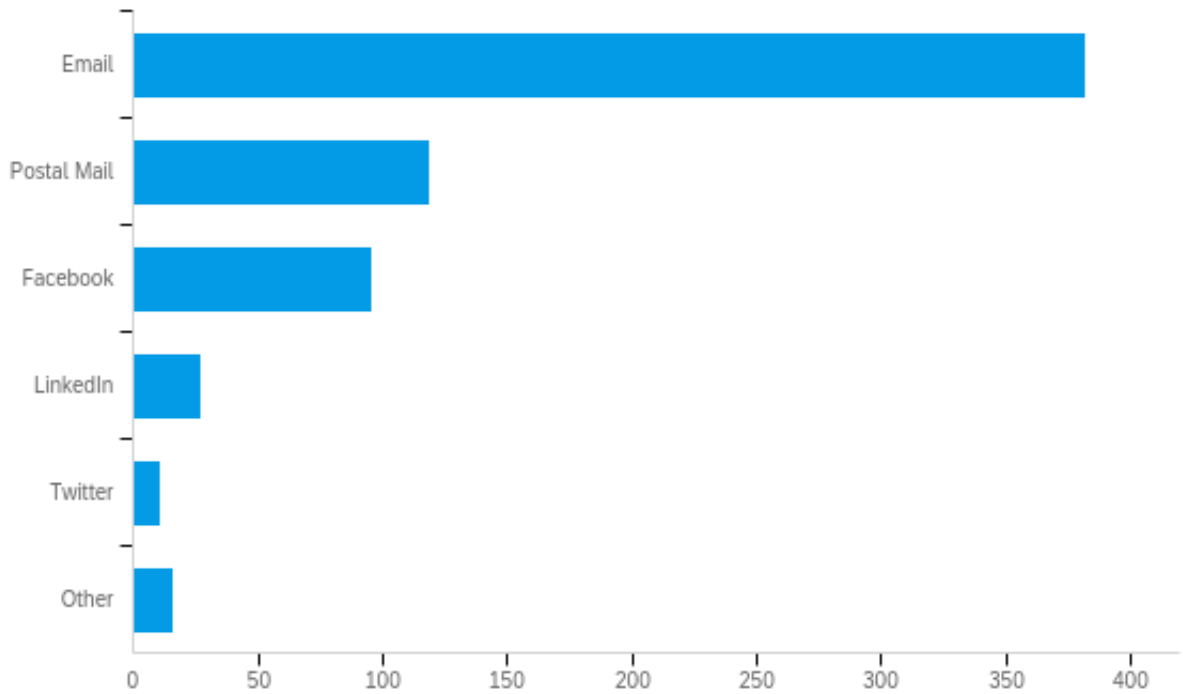
As an alumnus/a, what kinds of activities would you like to participate in?  
(Select all that apply).



#	Answer	N	%
1	Tailgates at football games	143	23.68%
2	Concerts and exhibitions on campus at a discount	129	21.36%
3	Concerts and exhibits around town at a discount	139	23.01%
4	Mentoring current students	134	22.19%
5	Other	59	9.77%
	Total	604	100%

## ITEM FREQUENCY REPORT

**As an alumnus/a, how would you like the University and your college/school to keep you informed about activities and events at USA? (Select all that apply.)**

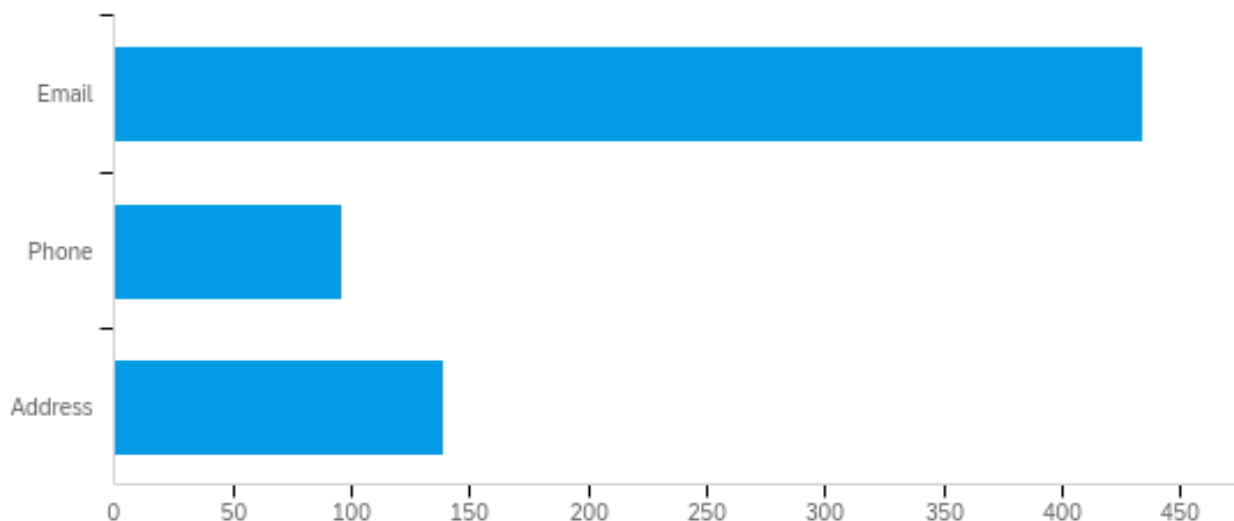


#	Answer	N	%
1	Email	382	58.68%
2	Postal Mail	119	18.28%
3	Facebook	96	14.75%
4	LinkedIn	27	4.15%
5	Twitter	11	1.69%
6	Other	16	2.46%
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**What's the best way for your college/school to keep in touch with you (select all that apply)?**



#	Answer	N	%
1	Email	434	64.87%
2	Phone	96	14.35%
3	Address	139	20.78%
	Total	669	100%