Graduating Student Survey Fall 2023

By the Office of Planning & Assessment

University of Houston-Clear Lake

Summary of the Survey

The purpose of the Graduating Student Survey is to determine the level of satisfaction of students with their recent higher education experience at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL). In addition, we solicit the students' opinions regarding which areas or issues need improvement to ensure that UHCL maintains the highest quality of instruction and support. Finally, the percentage of students who would recommend UHCL to family or friends is included in the UHCL progress card each year and is on the next page.

We conduct the Graduating Student Surveys in the fall and spring semesters using Qualtrics, a cloud-based software often used to capture a user's experience. The Office of Planning and Assessment sent an invitation to all students who applied for graduation during the Fall 2023 semester to complete the survey on November 1st. The survey was active through December 10th, 2023. You'll find the data grouped by college, degree level, gender, ethnicity, and program. The following pages summarize data collected in the Graduating Student Survey Fall 2023 by UHCL as a whole and the individual colleges.

The final reports are posted online at:
https://www.uhcl.edu/about/administrative-offices/institutional-research/survey-data

Quick points for UHCL

Demographics

Respondents:

A total of 999 UHCL graduating students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 512 students started the survey. If students exited the survey session before completing it, they had 72 hours to return and complete the survey, and 80 students did not complete the survey. However, their responses are included in the results. The median completion time of those who finished was 5 minutes and 20 seconds. The response rate for this survey is 51.25%.

Spring	2023	30.5%
Fall	2022	44.3%
Spring	2022	33.7%
Fall	2021	42.1%
Spring	2021	28.0%
Fall	2020	34.2%
Spring	2020	23.7%
Fall	2019	29.4%

Gender:

Female	58.40%	299
Male	25.78%	132
Non-binary/third gender	0.78%	4
Prefer not to respond	0.98%	5
No Response	14.06%	72

Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.73%	4
Asian	11.37%	62
Black or African American	5.32%	29
Hispanic	35.22%	192
Multi-racial	2.93%	16
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.55%	3
Other	1.10%	6
White	27.88%	152
Prefer to not respond	1.28%	7
No Response	13.57%	74

Citizenship:

International	6.99%	36
U.S. Citizen	74.75%	385
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	1.74%	9
Prefer to not respond	1.74%	9
No response	14.75%	76

Quick points for UHCL

Overall Satisfaction

The overall education received at UHCL was one of high quality.

Strongly agree	59.22%	305
Somewhat agree	26.99%	139
Neither agree nor disagree	2.71%	14
Somewhat disagree	1.35%	7
Strongly disagree	3.30%	17
No response	6.40%	33

I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.

Strongly agree	64.27%	331
Somewhat agree	19.02%	98
Neither agree nor disagree	4.85%	25
Somewhat disagree	1.94%	10
Strongly disagree	2.71%	14
No response	7.18%	37

If I were to start over, I would still choose to attend UHCL.

Strongly agree	59.22%	305
Somewhat agree	18.05%	93
Neither agree nor disagree	8.15%	42
Somewhat disagree	3.68%	19
Strongly disagree	4.07%	21
No response	6.79%	35

If I were to start over, I would still choose the same program of study.

Strongly agree	58.64%	302
Somewhat agree	18.05%	93
Neither agree nor disagree	8.73%	45
Somewhat disagree	5.43%	28
Strongly disagree	2.52%	13
No response	6.60%	34

College of Business

Demographics

Respondents:

338 graduating COB students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 139 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 41.12%.

Spring	2023	26.7%
Fall	2022	34.6%
Spring	2022	25.9%
Fall	2021	34.3%
Spring	2021	28.5%
Fall	2020	Not Captured
Spring	2020	19.5%
Fall	2019	21.0%
Spring	2019	25.1%

Gender:

Female	58.99%	82
Male	23.74%	33
Non-binary/third gender	0.71%	1
Prefer not to respond	0.00%	0
No Response	16.53%	23

Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.65%	1
Asian	11.84%	18
Black or African American	5.26%	8
Hispanic	30.92%	47
Multi-racial	3.94%	6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.65%	1
Other	1.97%	3
White	28.94%	44
Prefer to not respond	0.65%	1
No Response	15.13%	23

Citizenship:

International	7.19%	10
U.S. Citizen	71.94%	100
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	2.15%	3
Prefer to not respond	2.15%	3
No response	16.54%	23

College of Business

Overall Satisfaction

The overall education received at UHCL was one of high quality.

Strongly agree	52.51%	73
Somewhat agree	28.77%	40
Neither agree nor disagree	3.59%	5
Somewhat disagree	4.31%	6
Strongly disagree	4.31%	6
No response	6.47%	9

I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.

Strongly agree	58.99%	82
Somewhat agree	18.70%	26
Neither agree nor disagree	7.19%	10
Somewhat disagree	3.59%	5
Strongly disagree	3.59%	5
No response	7.91%	11

If I were to start over, I would still choose to attend UHCL.

Strongly agree	55.39%	77
Somewhat agree	15.82%	22
Neither agree nor disagree	11.51%	16
Somewhat disagree	5.75%	8
Strongly disagree	4.31%	6
No response	7.19%	10

If I were to start over, I would still choose the same program of study.

Strongly agree	48.92%	68
Somewhat agree	21.58%	30
Neither agree nor disagree	11.51%	16
Somewhat disagree	6.47%	9
Strongly disagree	4.31%	6
No response	7.19%	10

College of Education

Demographics

Respondents:

158 graduating COE students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 74 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 46.84%.

Spring	2023	37.9%
Fall	2022	41.5%
Spring	2022	37.7%
Fall	2021	44.4%
Spring	2021	27.1%
Fall	2020	Not Captured
Spring	2020	23.7%
Fall	2019	39.5%
Spring	2019	27.0%

Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.00%	0
Asian	2.53%	2
Black or African American	8.86%	7
Hispanic	46.83%	37
Multi-racial	1.26%	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Other	0.00%	0
White	29.11%	23
Prefer to not respond	0.00%	0
No Response	11.39%	9

Gender:

Female	83.78%	62
Male	4.05%	3
Non-binary/third gender	0.00%	0
Prefer not to respond	0.00%	0
No Response	12.16%	9

Citizenship:

International	1.35%	1
U.S. Citizen	83.78%	62
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	1.35%	1
Prefer to not respond	1.35%	1
No response	12.16%	9

College of Education

Overall Satisfaction

The overall education received at UHCL was one of high quality.

Strongly agree	72.97%	54
Somewhat agree	16.21%	12
Neither agree nor disagree	1.35%	1
Somewhat disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	5.40%	4
No response	4.05%	3

I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.

Strongly agree	78.37%	58
Somewhat agree	9.45%	7
Neither agree nor disagree	0.00%	0
Somewhat disagree	1.35%	1
Strongly disagree	5.40%	4
No response	5.40%	4

If I were to start over, I would still choose to attend UHCL.

Strongly agree	78.37%	58
Somewhat agree	5.40%	4
Neither agree nor disagree	2.70%	2
Somewhat disagree	2.70%	2
Strongly disagree	6.75%	5
No response	4.05%	3

If I were to start over, I would still choose the same program of study.

Strongly agree	71.62%	53
Somewhat agree	10.81%	8
Neither agree nor disagree	8.10%	6
Somewhat disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	5.40%	4
No response	4.05%	3

College of Human Sciences and Humanities

Demographics

Respondents:

260 graduating HSH students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 155 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 59.62%.

Spring	2023	34.2%
Fall	2022	41.3%
Spring	2022	30.7%
Spring	2021	27.5%
Fall	2020	Not Captured
Spring	2020	23.7%
Fall	2019	31.6%
Spring	2019	33.3%
Fall	2018	35.0%

Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.23%	2
Asian	5.55%	9
Black or African American	4.93%	8
Hispanic	42.59%	69
Multi-racial	3.07%	6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.23%	2
Other	0.61%	1
White	29.01%	47
Prefer to not respond	1.23%	2
No Response	9.87%	16

Gender:

Female	61.93%	96
Male	24.51%	38
Prefer to self-describe	1.29%	2
Prefer not to respond	1.93%	3
No Response	10.32%	16

Citizenship:

International	3.22%	5
U.S. Citizen	83.22%	129
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	1.29%	2
Prefer to not respond	1.29%	2
No response	10.96%	17

College of Human Sciences and Humanities

Overall Satisfaction

The overall education received at UHCL was one of high quality.

Strongly agree	67.09%	104
Somewhat agree	24.51%	38
Neither agree nor disagree	0.64%	1
Somewhat disagree	0.64%	1
Strongly disagree	3.87%	6
No response	3.22%	5

I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.

Strongly agree	69.67%	108
Somewhat agree	20.00%	31
Neither agree nor disagree	3.22%	5
Somewhat disagree	1.93%	3
Strongly disagree	1.93%	3
No response	3.22%	5

If I were to start over, I would still choose to attend UHCL.

Strongly agree	63.22%	98
Somewhat agree	21.29%	33
Neither agree nor disagree	5.16%	8
Somewhat disagree	3.22%	5
Strongly disagree	3.87%	6
No response	3.22%	5

If I were to start over, I would still choose the same program of study.

Strongly agree	64.51%	100
Somewhat agree	18.70%	29
Neither agree nor disagree	3.87%	6
Somewhat disagree	8.38%	13
Strongly disagree	1.29%	2
No response	3.22%	5

College of Science and Engineering

Demographics

Respondents:

243 graduating CSE students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 135 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 55.56%.

Spring	2023	23.2%
Fall	2022	37.5%
Spring	2022	31.0%
Spring	2021	23.8%
Fall	2020	Not Captured
Spring	2020	19.4%
Fall	2019	28.2%
Spring	2019	25.0%
Fall	2018	24.7%

Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.71%	1
Asian	23.57%	33
Black or African American	4.28%	6
Hispanic	27.85%	39
Multi-racial	2.14%	3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Other	1.42%	1
White	27.14%	38
Prefer to not respond	2.85%	4
No Response	10.00%	14

Gender:

Female	43.70%	59
Male	43.70%	59
Non-binary / third gender	0.74%	1
Prefer not to respond	2.22%	3
No Response	9.62%	13

Citizenship:

International	14.81%	20
U.S. Citizen	69.62%	94
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	2.22%	3
Prefer to not respond	2.22%	3
No response	11.11%	15

College of Science and Engineering

Overall Satisfaction

The overall education received at UHCL was one of high quality.

Strongly agree	54.81%	74
Somewhat agree	36.29%	49
Neither agree nor disagree	5.18%	7
Somewhat disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.74%	1
No response	2.96%	4

I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.

Strongly agree	61.48%	83
Somewhat agree	25.18%	34
Neither agree nor disagree	7.40%	10
Somewhat disagree	0.74%	1
Strongly disagree	1.48%	2
No response	3.70%	5

If I were to start over, I would still choose to attend UHCL.

Strongly agree	53.33%	72
Somewhat agree	25.18%	34
Neither agree nor disagree	11.85%	16
Somewhat disagree	2.96%	4
Strongly disagree	2.96%	4
No response	3.70%	5

If I were to start over, I would still choose the same program of study.

Strongly agree	60.00%	81
Somewhat agree	19.25%	26
Neither agree nor disagree	12.59%	17
Somewhat disagree	4.44%	6
Strongly disagree	0.74%	1
No response	2.96%	4

What will be your degree level?

Degree Program
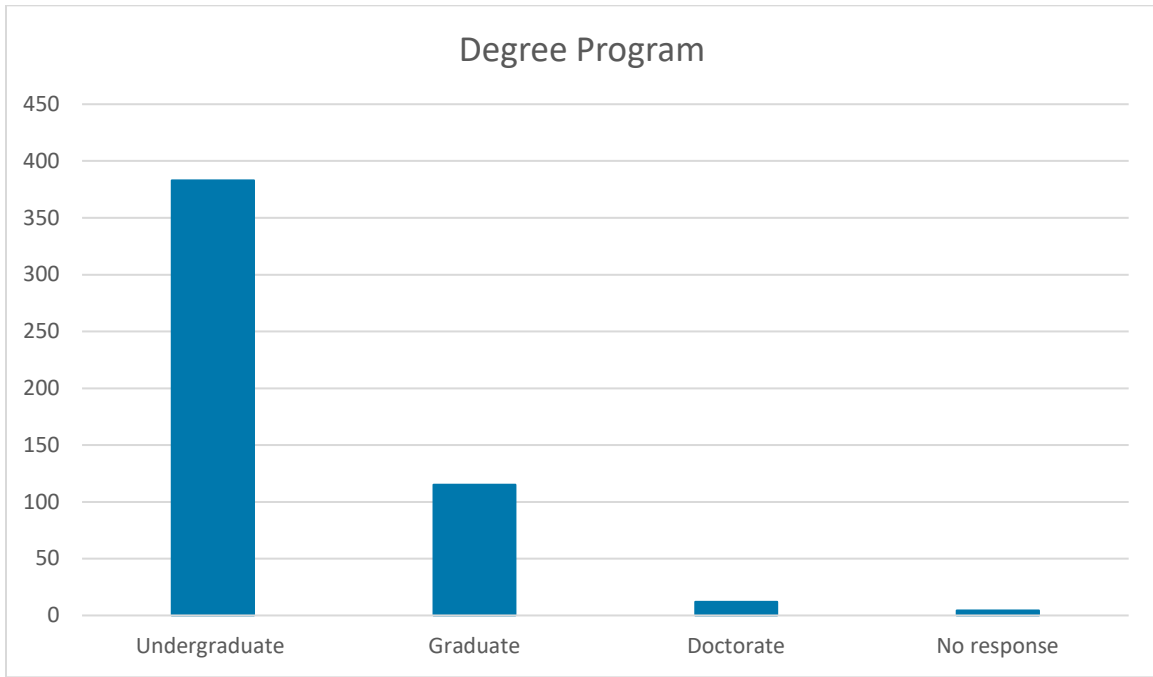
Degree	Count of Responses	Percentage
Undergraduate	381	74.41%
Graduate	114	22.27%
Doctorate	5	0.98%
No response	12	2.34%
Total	512	100.00%

From what college will you receive your degree?

From which college will you receive your degree?

■ COB ■ COE ■ HSH ■ COE
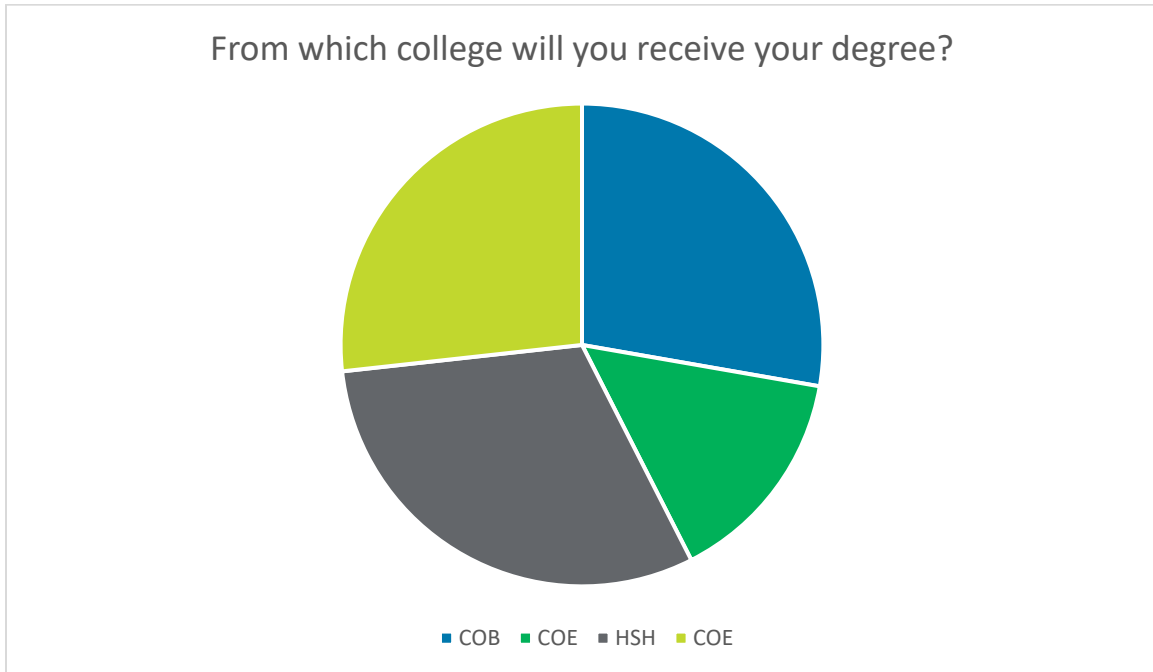
School	# Response	Percentage
College of Business	138	26.95%
College of Education	74	14.45%
College of Human Sciences and Humanities	154	30.08%
College of Science and Engineering	134	26.17%

What is your primary degree program in the College of Business?

Top 5
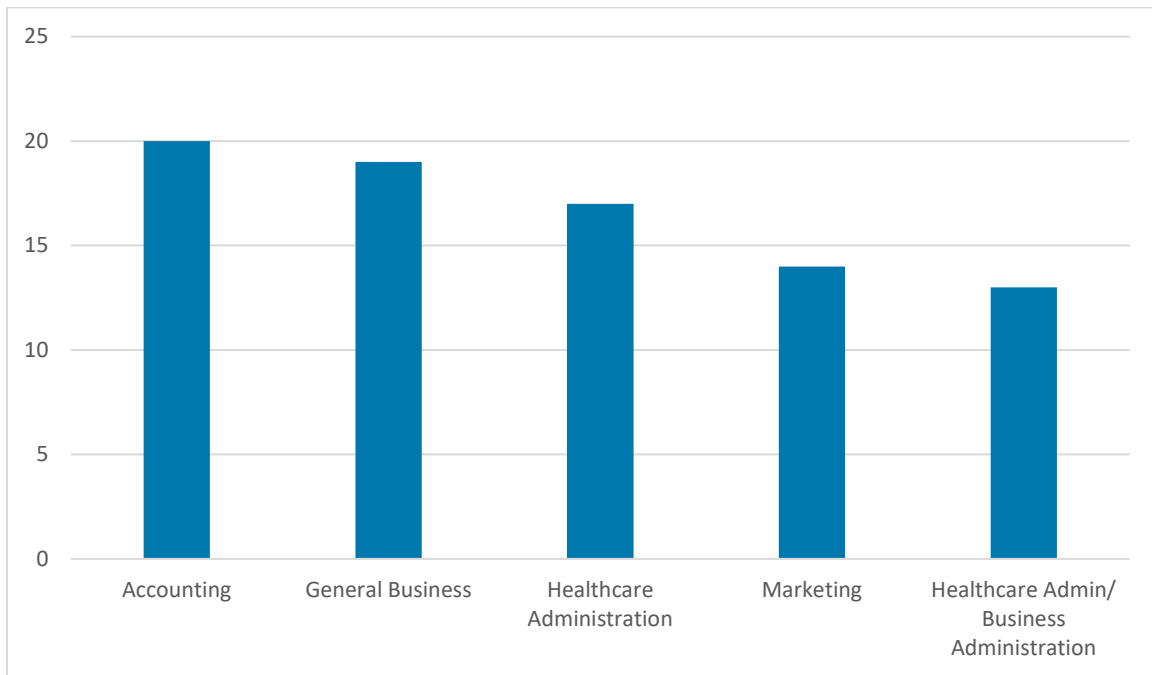
Degree	Count
Accounting	20
Business Administration	8
Environmental Management	2
Finance	6
General Business	19
Healthcare Admin/ Business Administration	13
Healthcare Administration	17
Human Resource Management	8
Legal Studies	6
Management	12
Management Information Systems	11
Marketing	14

What is your primary degree program in the College of Education? Top 5
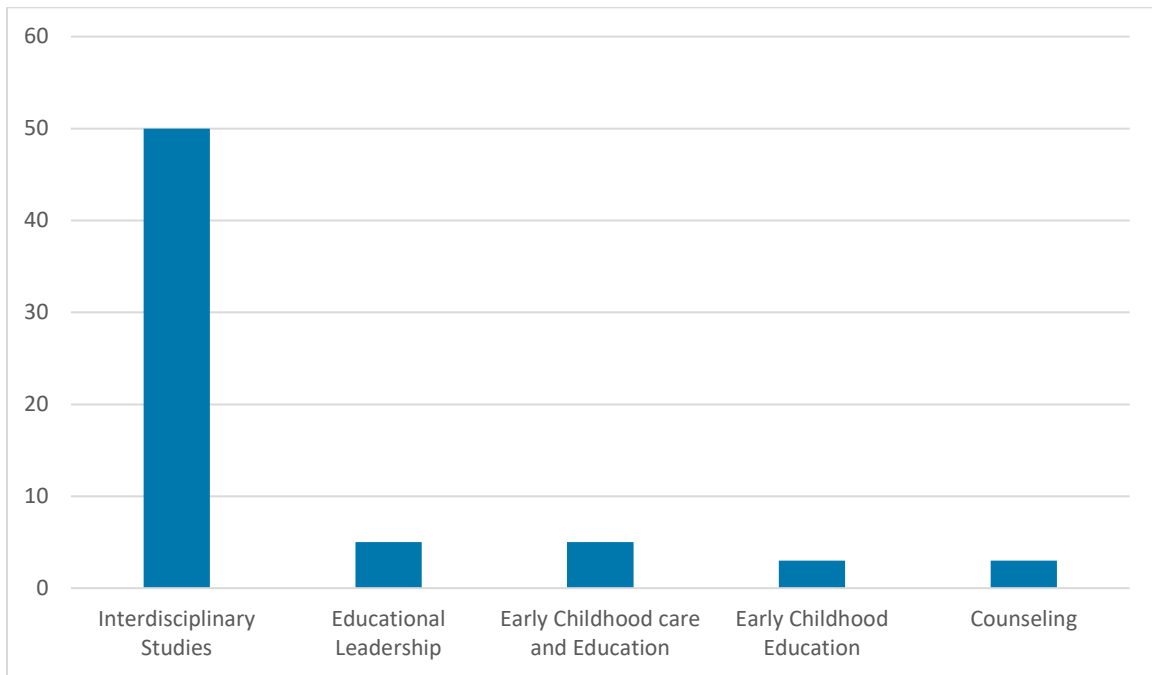
Degree	Count
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	2
Counseling	3
Curriculum & Instruction	2
Early Childhood Care and Education	5
Early Childhood Education	3
Educational Leadership	5
Educational Management	0
Instructional Design and Technology	0
Interdisciplinary Studies	50
Masters of Arts in Teaching	0
School Library & Information Science	0
UHCL Certifications	0

What is your primary degree program in the College of Human Science and Humanities?

Top 5
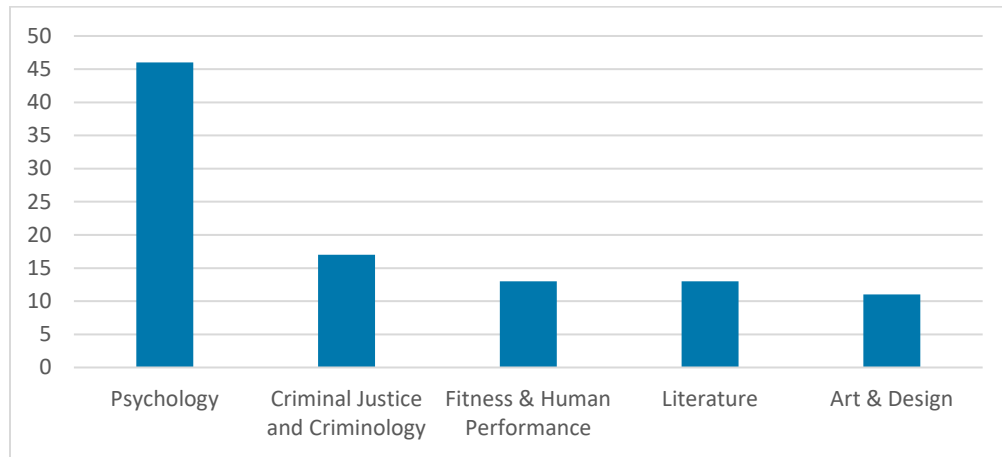
Degree	Count
Anthropology	3
Art & Design	11
Behavior Analysis	1
Behavioral Sciences - General	8
Clinical Psychology	4
Communication	10
Criminal Justice and Criminology	17
Criminology	2
Cross-Cultural Studies	0
Digital Media Studies	3
Exercise & Health Sciences	4
Family Therapy	0
Fitness & Human Performance	13
Geography	0
Health Service Psychology Psy.D.	0
History	6
Humanities	6
Industrial/ Organizational Psychology	1
Literature	13
Nursing	2
Obtained a Dual Degree	2
Psychology	46
Public Service Leadership	1
School Psychology	0
Social Work	0
Sociology	4

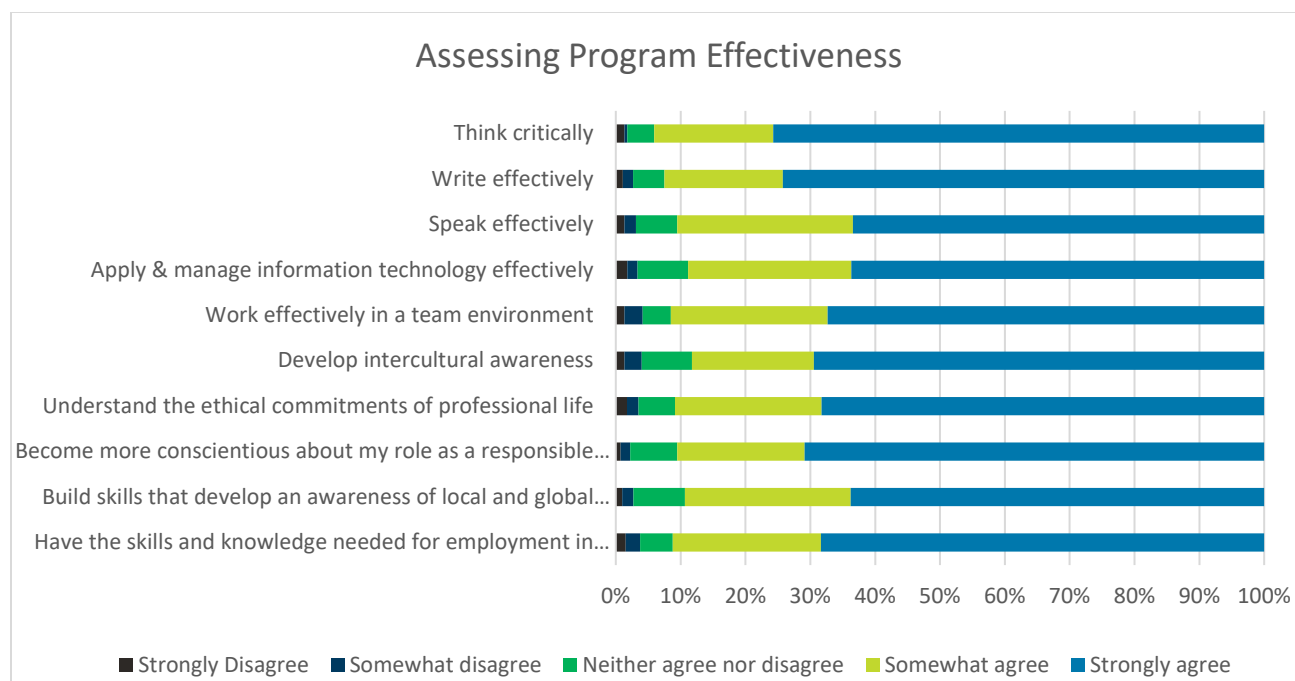# What is your primary degree program in the College of Science and Engineering?

Top 5
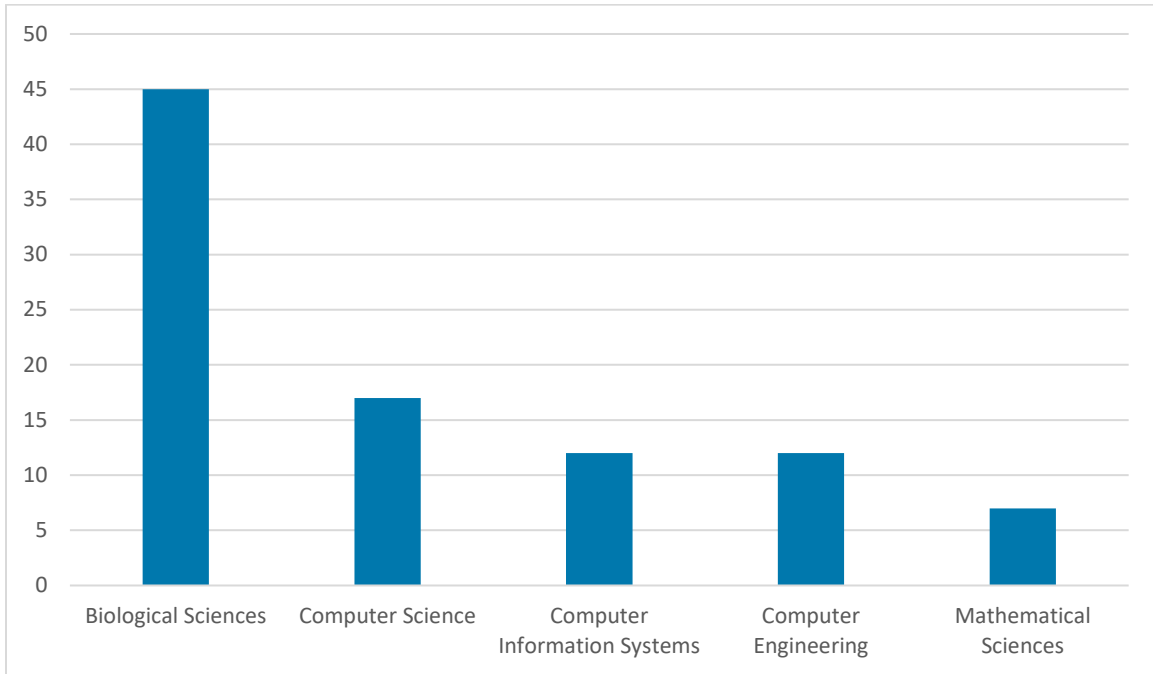
Degree	Count
Biological Sciences	45
Biotechnology	1
Chemistry	6
Computer Engineering	12
Computer Information Systems	12
Computer Science	17
Data Science	1
Engineering Management	5
Environmental Science	0
Information Technology	5
Mathematical Sciences	7
Mechanical Engineering	1
Obtained Dual Degree	0
Occupational Safety and Health	6
Software Engineering	3

I was satisfied with the availability of classes at the following times & locations.


Satisfaction with Class Availability
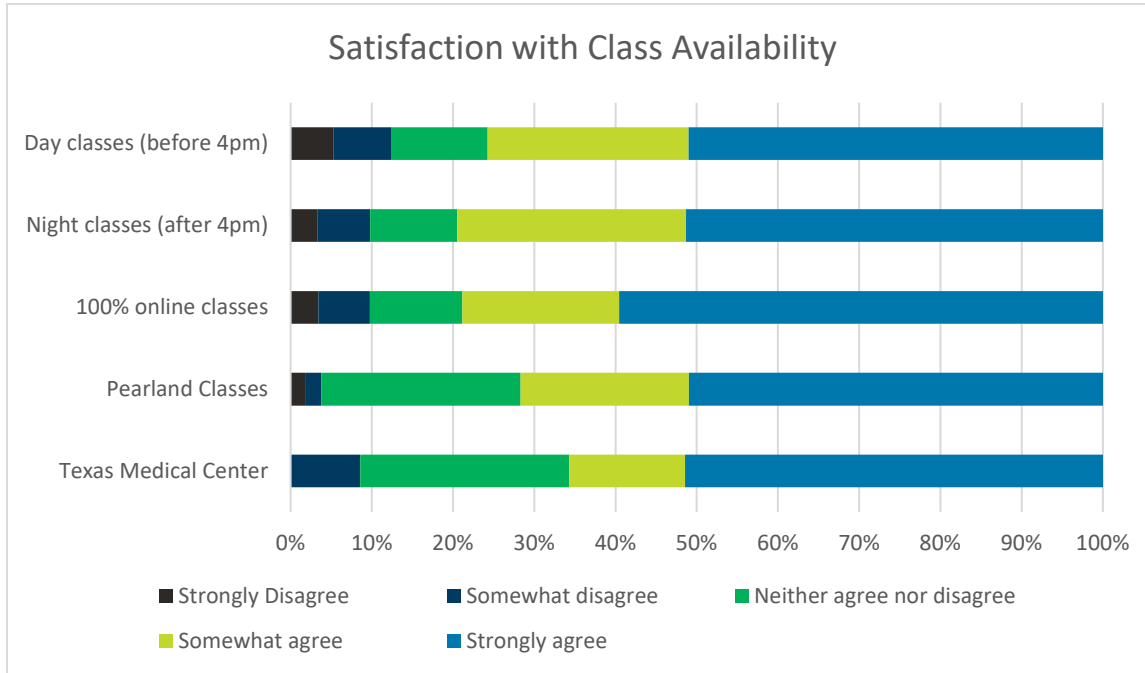
Time/Location	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Blank/Not applicable
Day classes (before 4 pm)	21	28	47	98	202	116
Night classes (after 4 pm)	14	27	45	118	215	93
100% online classes	15	28	50	85	262	72
Pearland Classes	1	1	13	11	27	459
Texas Medical Center	0	3	9	5	18	477

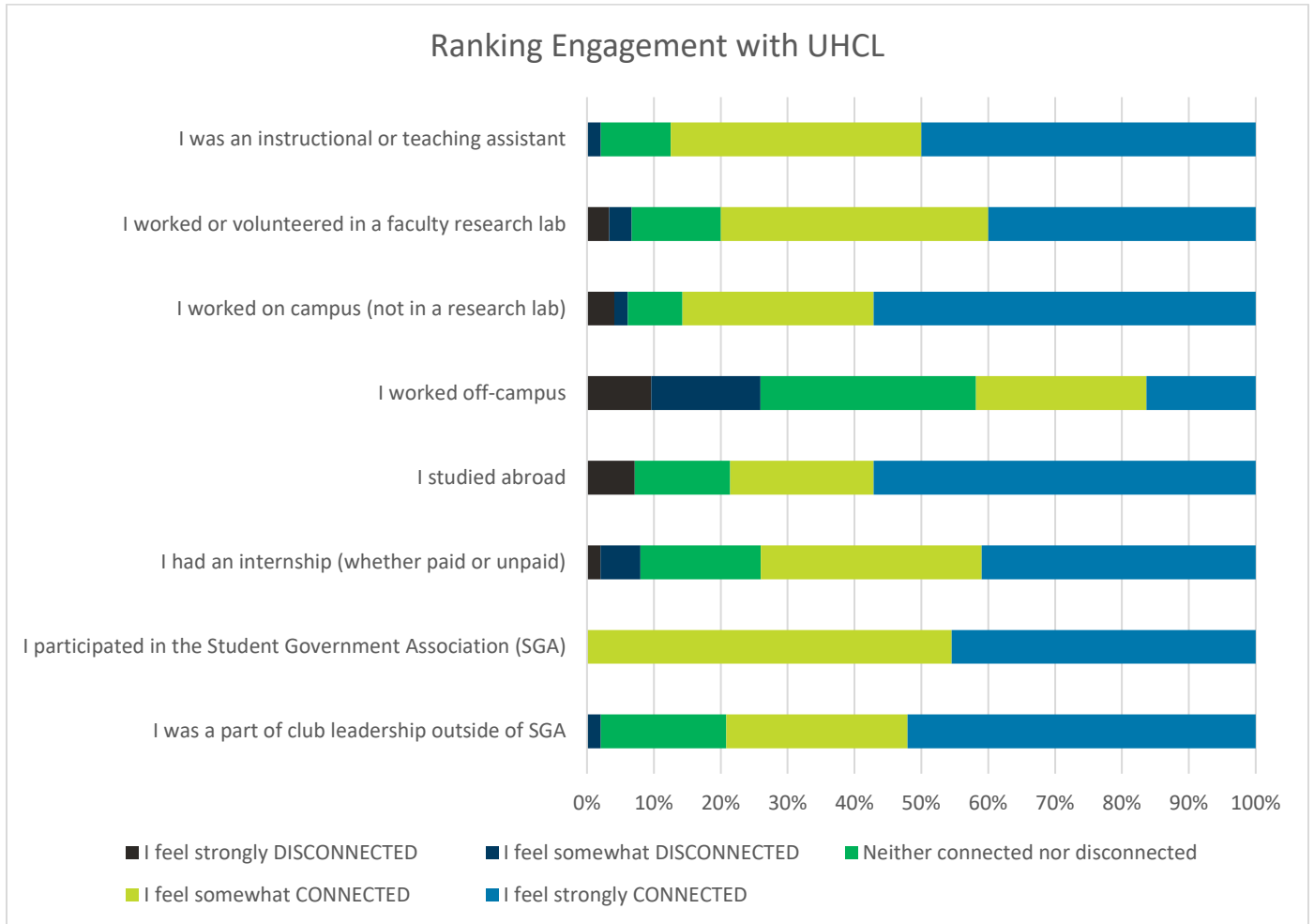# Please indicate your level of agreement with how well your program prepared you in each of the following areas:

Assessing Program Effectiveness

Legend: ■ Strongly Disagree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Strongly agree

Area	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Blank/Not applicable
Think critically	6	2	19	84	346	55
Write effectively	5	7	22	83	337	58
Speak effectively	6	8	29	123	288	58
Apply & manage information technology effectively	8	7	35	113	286	63
Work effectively in a team environment	6	13	20	111	309	53
Develop intercultural awareness	6	12	35	85	314	60
Understand the ethical commitments of professional life	8	8	26	104	314	52
Become more conscientious about my role as a responsible citizen	3	6	29	79	285	110
Build skills that develop an awareness of local and global needs	4	7	32	103	257	109
Have the skills and knowledge needed for employment in my field	7	10	23	104	311	57

Please select the box for each activity you did while a student at UHCL, regardless of when or how often you did so. Check all that apply.


Engagement at UHCL
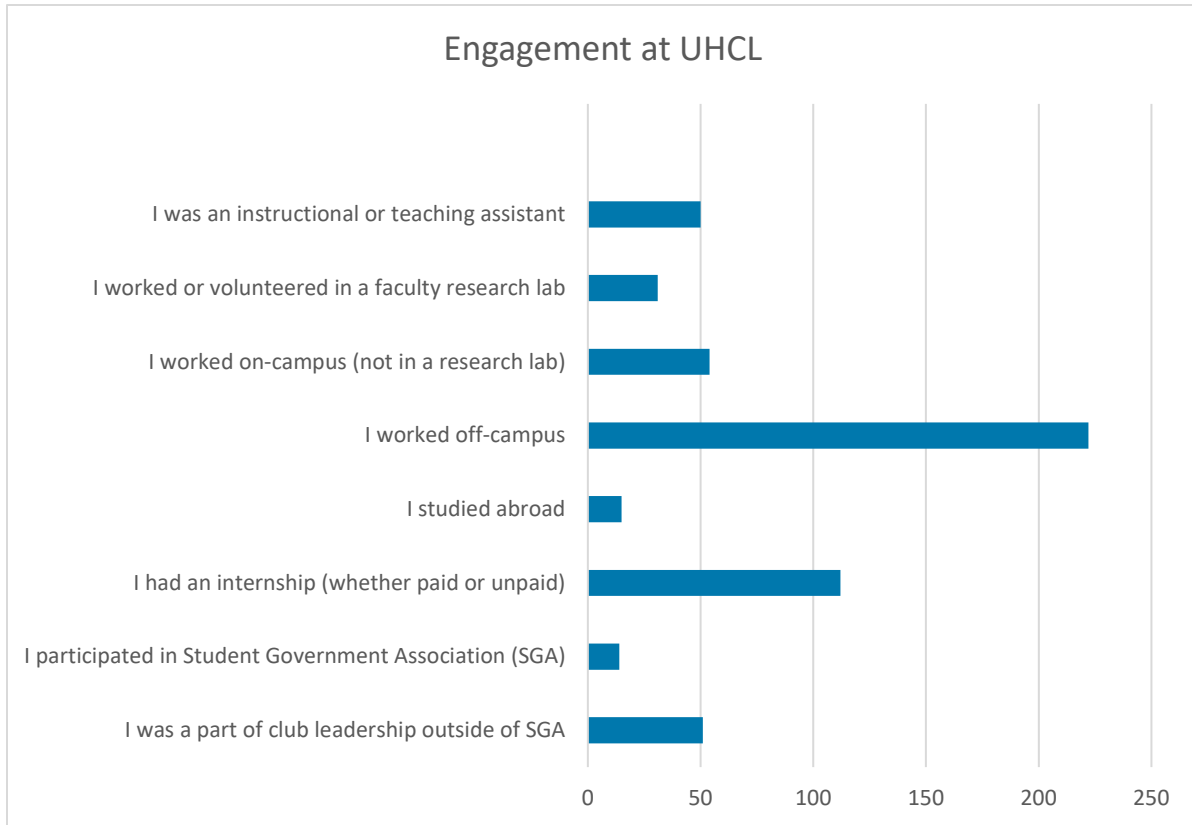
Response	Count	Percentage
I was an instructional or teaching assistant	50	
I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab	31	
I worked on campus (not in a research lab)	54	
I worked off-campus	222	
I studied abroad	15	
I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)	112	
I participated in the Student Government Association (SGA)	14	
I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA	51	
Blank/Not applicable	169	

Please rank your CONNECTEDNESS to UHCL based on the activity(ies) you participated in:

## Ranking Engagement with UHCL

Legend:
- I feel strongly DISCONNECTED
- I feel somewhat DISCONNECTED
- Neither connected nor disconnected
- I feel somewhat CONNECTED
- I feel strongly CONNECTED

Categories (top to bottom):
- I was an instructional or teaching assistant
- I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab
- I worked on campus (not in a research lab)
- I worked off-campus
- I studied abroad
- I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)
- I participated in the Student Government Association (SGA)
- I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA

Response	I feel strongly DISCONNECTED	I feel somewhat DISCONNECTED	Neither connected nor disconnected	I feel somewhat CONNECTED	I feel strongly CONNECTED	Blank/Not applicable
I was an instructional or teaching assistant	0	1	5	18	24	464
I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab	1	1	4	12	12	482
I worked on campus (not in a research lab)	2	1	4	14	28	463
I worked off-campus	20	34	67	53	34	304
I studied abroad	1	0	2	3	8	498
I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)	2	6	18	33	41	412
I participated in the Student Government Association (SGA)	0	0	0	6	5	501
I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA	0	1	9	13	25	464

For the activity(ies) you did NOT participate in, please select the box or boxes for why you didn't. Select all that apply.

Understanding Engagement Barriers
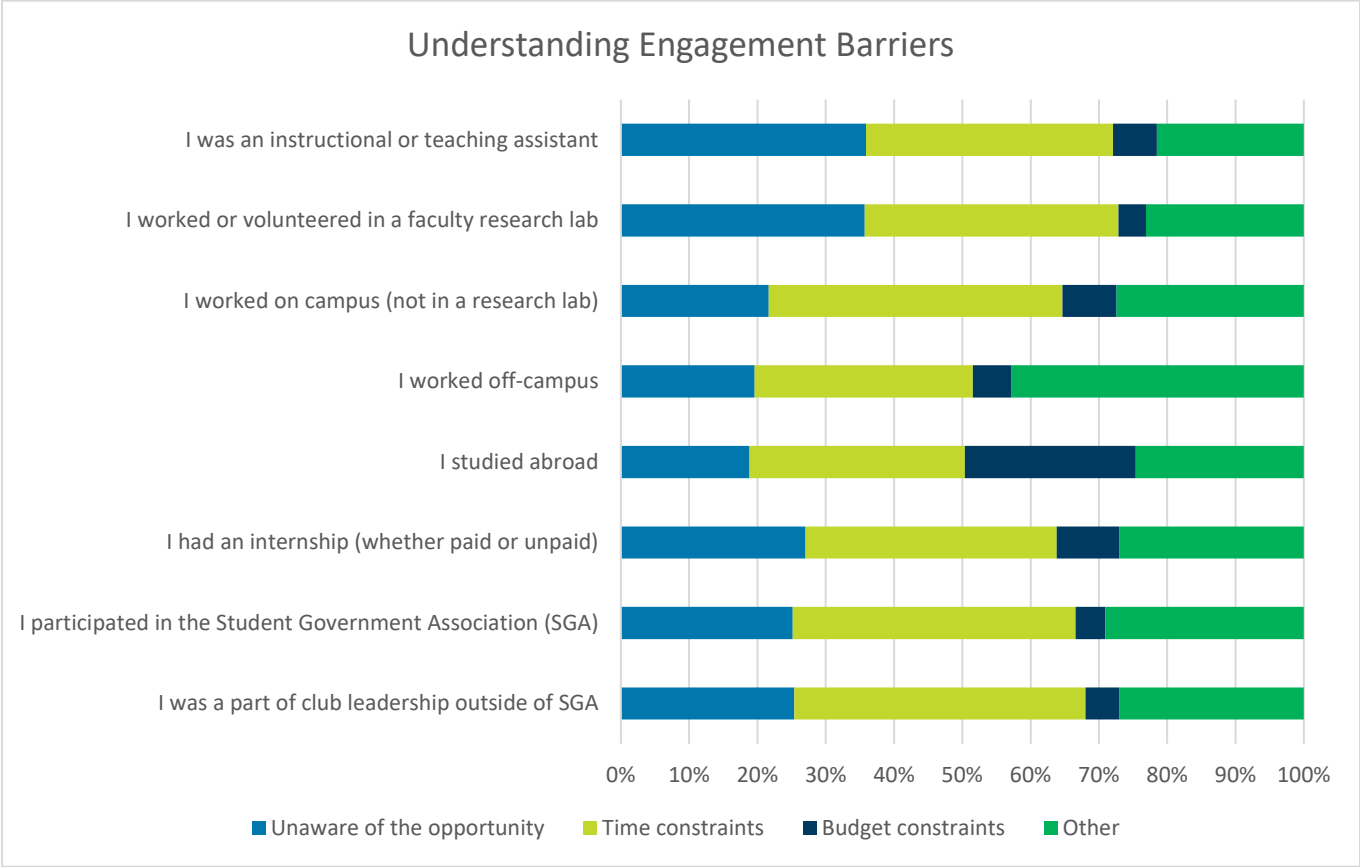
Response	Unaware of the opportunity	Time constraints	Budget constraints	Other
I was an instructional or teaching assistant	140	141	25	84
I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab	142	148	16	92
I worked on campus (not in a research lab)	82	163	30	104
I worked off-campus	38	62	11	83
I studied abroad	82	137	109	107
I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)	86	117	29	86
I participated in the Student Government Association (SGA)	104	171	18	120
I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA	93	156	18	99
Blank/Not applicable	292	237	377	310

If you were employed on-campus or off-campus, how many hours per week did you work?

On-Campus and Off-Campus Employment
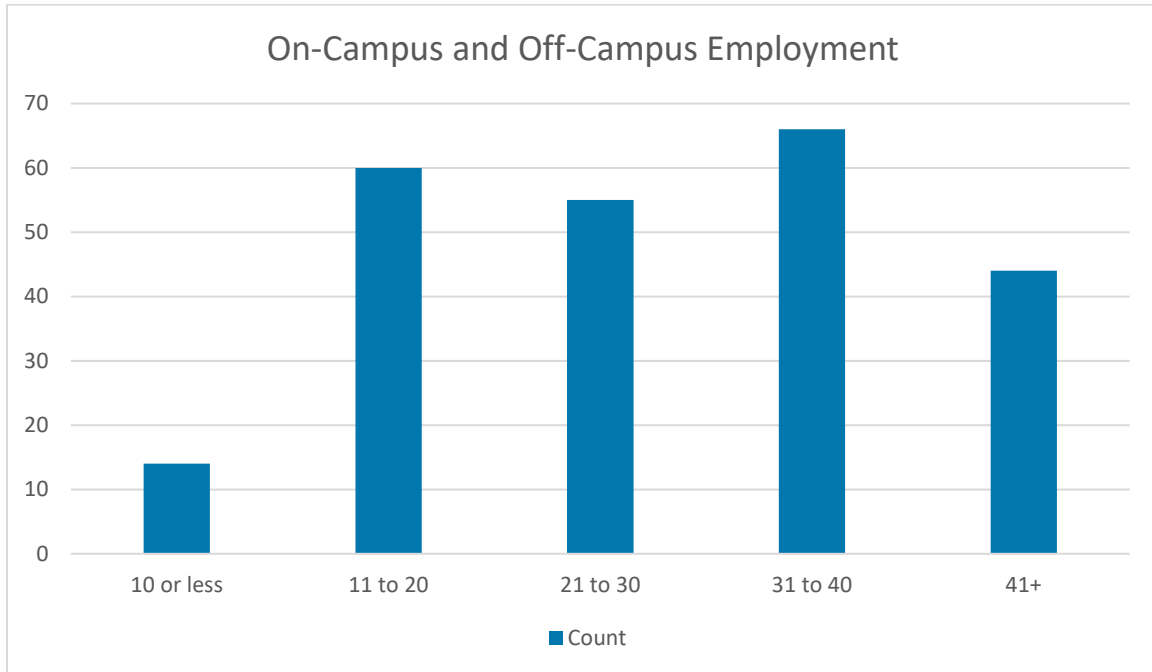
Response	Count	Percentage
10 or less	14	5.86%
11-20	60	25.10%
21-30	55	23.01%
31-40	66	27.62%
41+	44	18.41%

What will be your status upon graduating?

Status

Response	Count	Percentage
Active military service or dependent	5	1.01%
Self-employed	13	2.63%
Employed full-time	226	45.66%
Employed part-time	69	13.94%
Unemployed, seeking work	116	23.43%
Unemployed, not seeking employment	11	2.22%
Continuing as a full-time student after graduation	31	6.26%
Continuing as a part-time student after graduation	15	3.03%
Volunteer	9	1.82%

To what extent is your employment related to your major or area of study at UHCL if employed, self-employed, or volunteering?

Employment Relevance
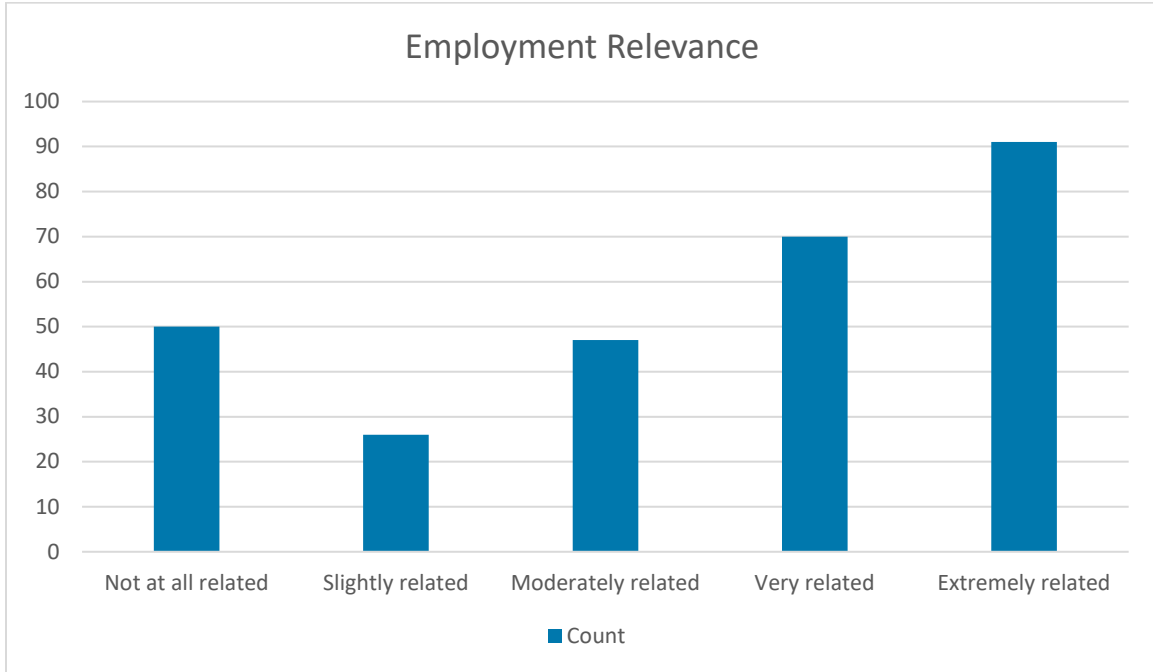
Response	Count	Percentage
Not at all related	50	17.61%
Slightly related	26	9.15%
Moderately related	47	16.55%
Very related	70	24.65%
Extremely related	91	32.04%

If employed, self-employed, or volunteering, how useful is what you learned at UHCL in your daily work at your place of employment?

Workplace Utility Assessment
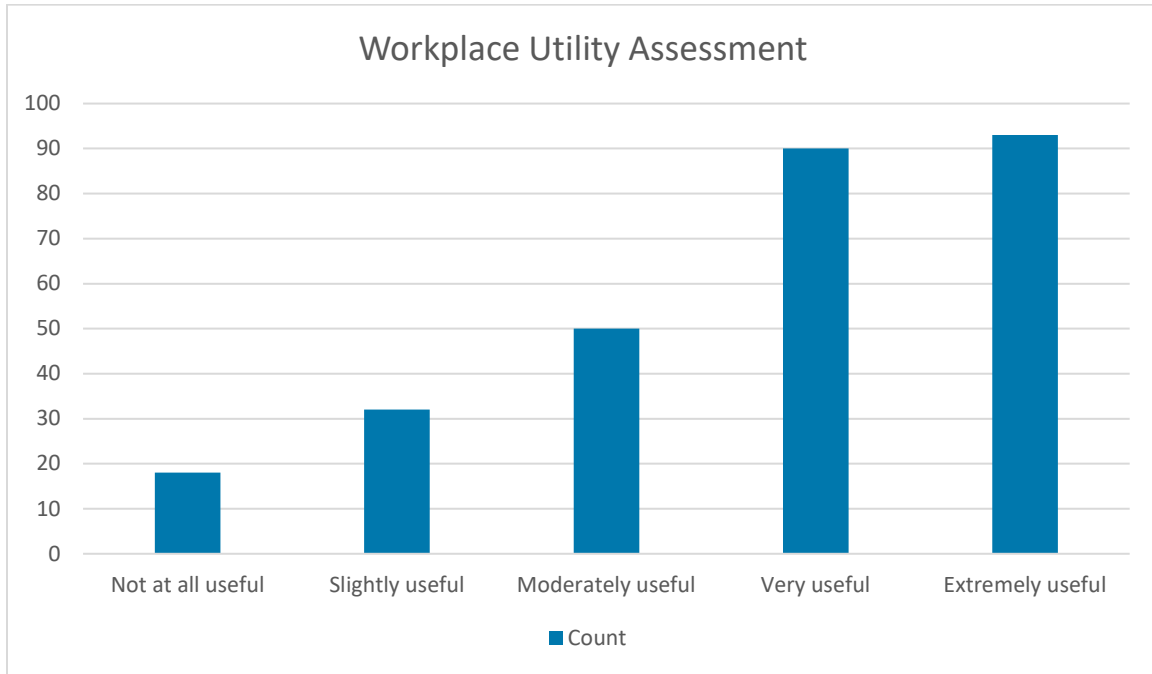
Response	Count	Percentage
Not at all useful	18	6.36%
Slightly useful	32	11.31%
Moderately useful	50	17.67%
Very useful	90	31.80%
Extremely useful	93	32.86%

If employed, how did you find your position?

Employment Source
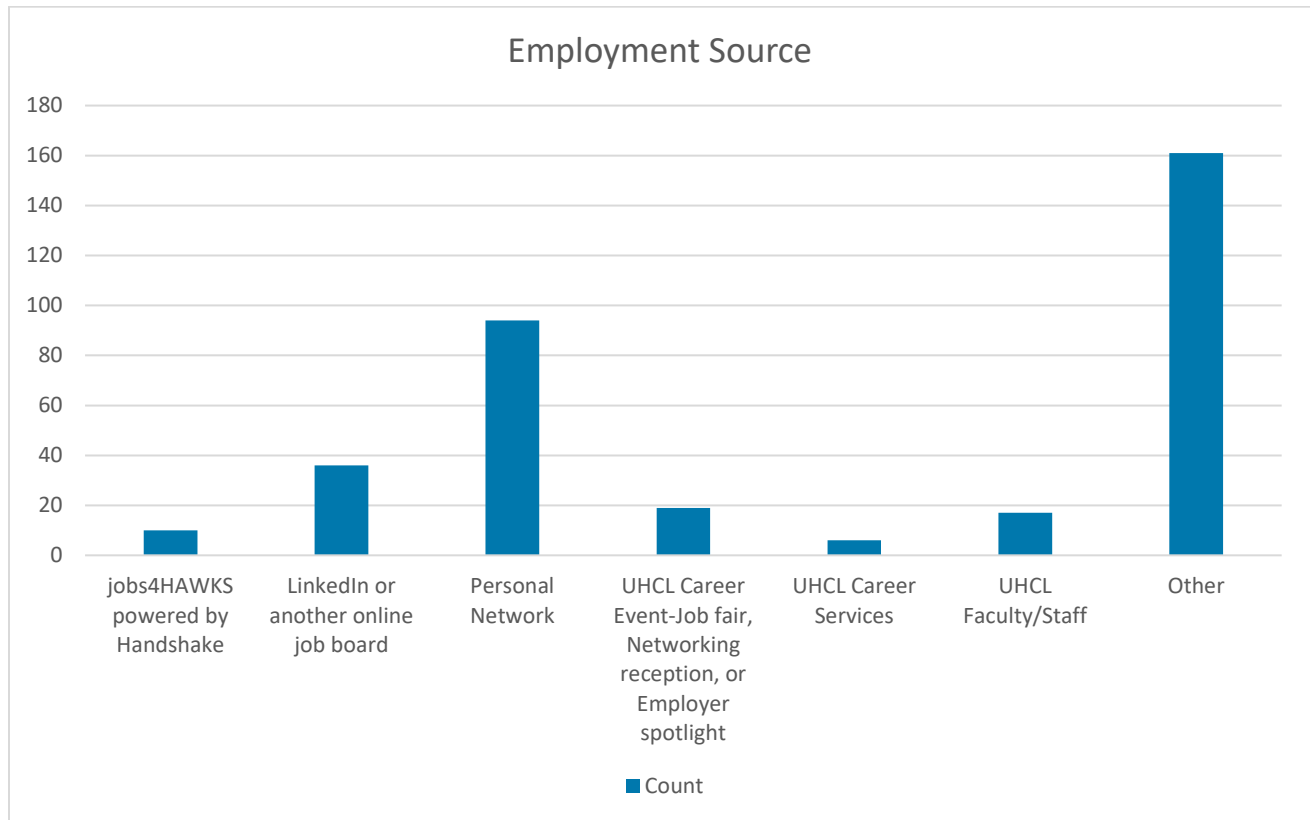
Response	Count	Percentage
jobs4HAWKS powered by Handshake	10	2.92%
LinkedIn or another online job board	36	10.50%
Personal Network	94	27.41%
UHCL Career Event-Job fair, Networking reception, or Employer spotlight	19	5.54%
UHCL Career Services	6	1.75%
UHCL Faculty/Staff	17	4.96%
Other	161	46.94%

**If you're continuing as a full-time or part-time student, what is the highest degree you plan to earn?**
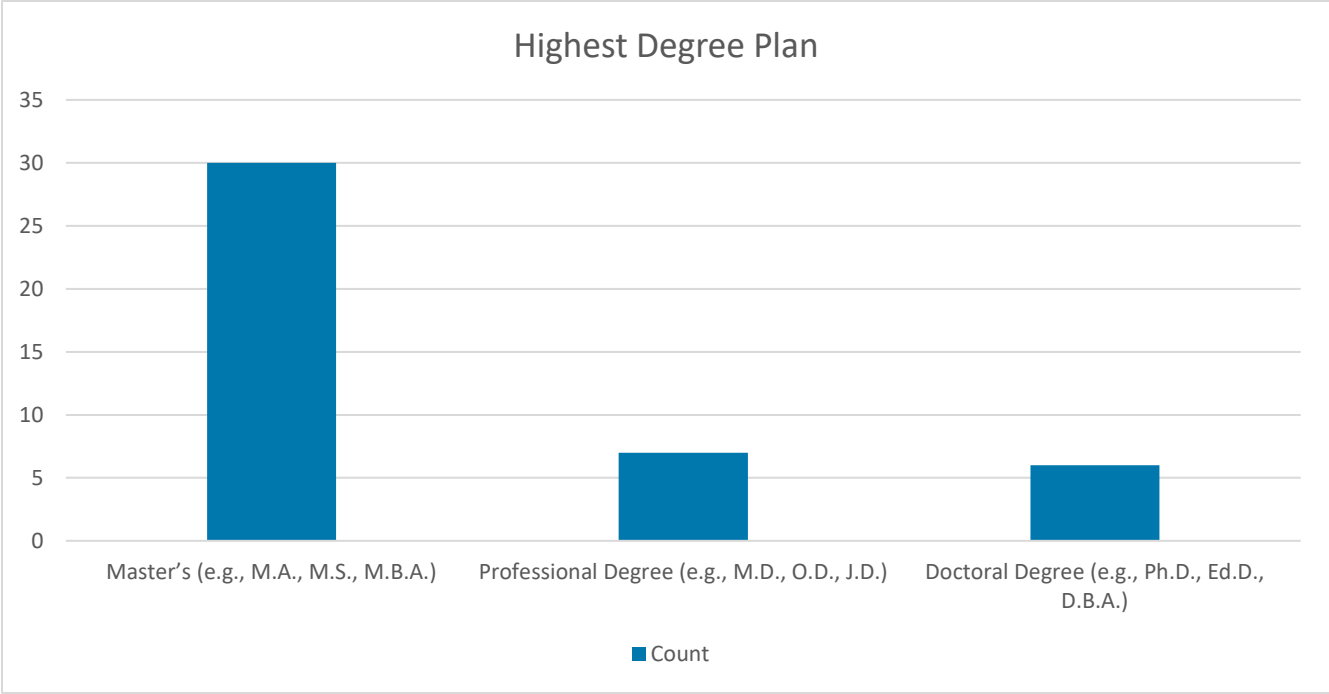
Response	Count	Percentage
Master's (e.g., M.A., M.S., M.B.A.)	30	69.77%
Professional Degree (e.g., M.D., O.D., J.D.)	7	16.28%
Doctoral Degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.B.A.)	6	13.95%

**Were you primarily a full-time or part-time student while at UHCL?**

Student Status Inquiry
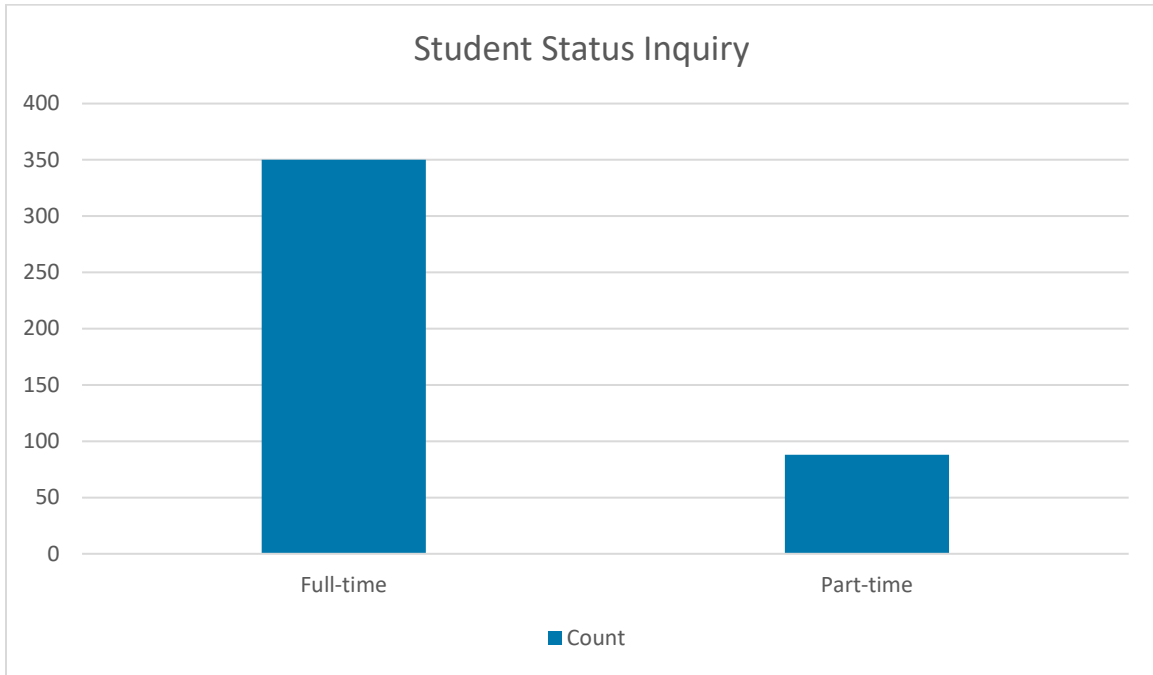
Response	Count	Percentage
Full-time	350	79.91%
Part-time	88	20.09%

Did you start your undergraduate education at UHCL, or did you transfer from another institution?
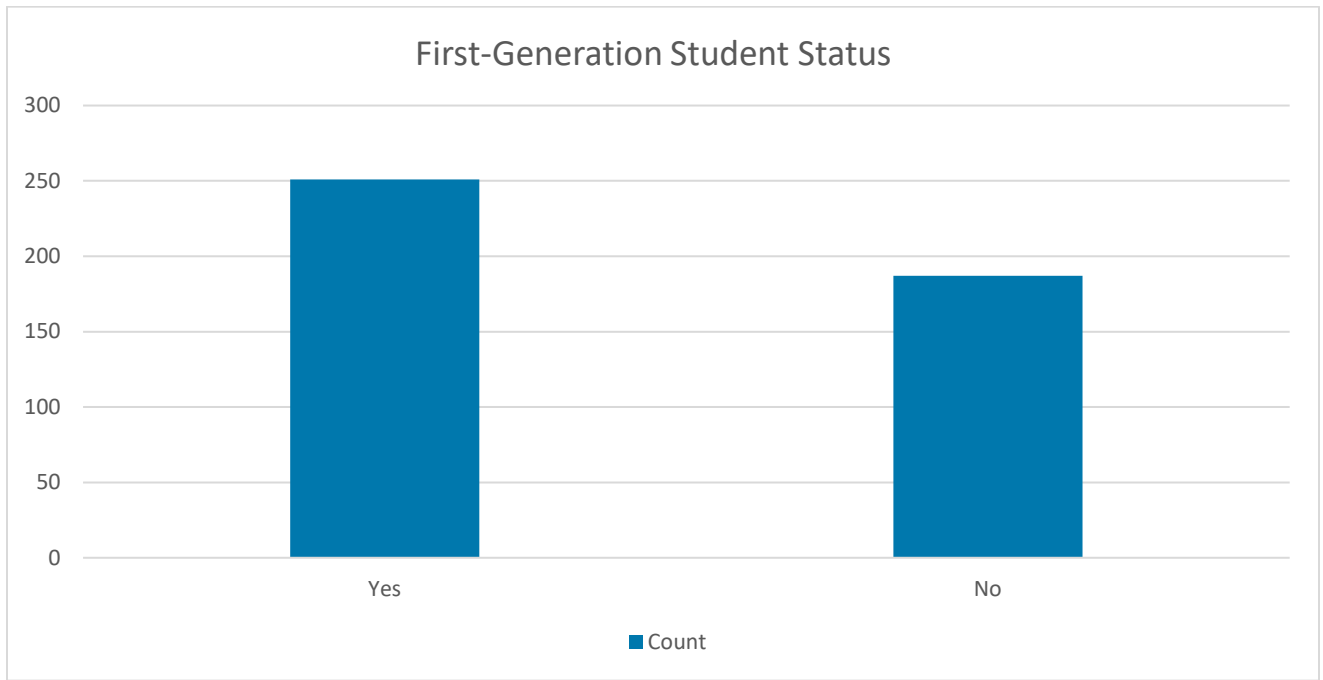
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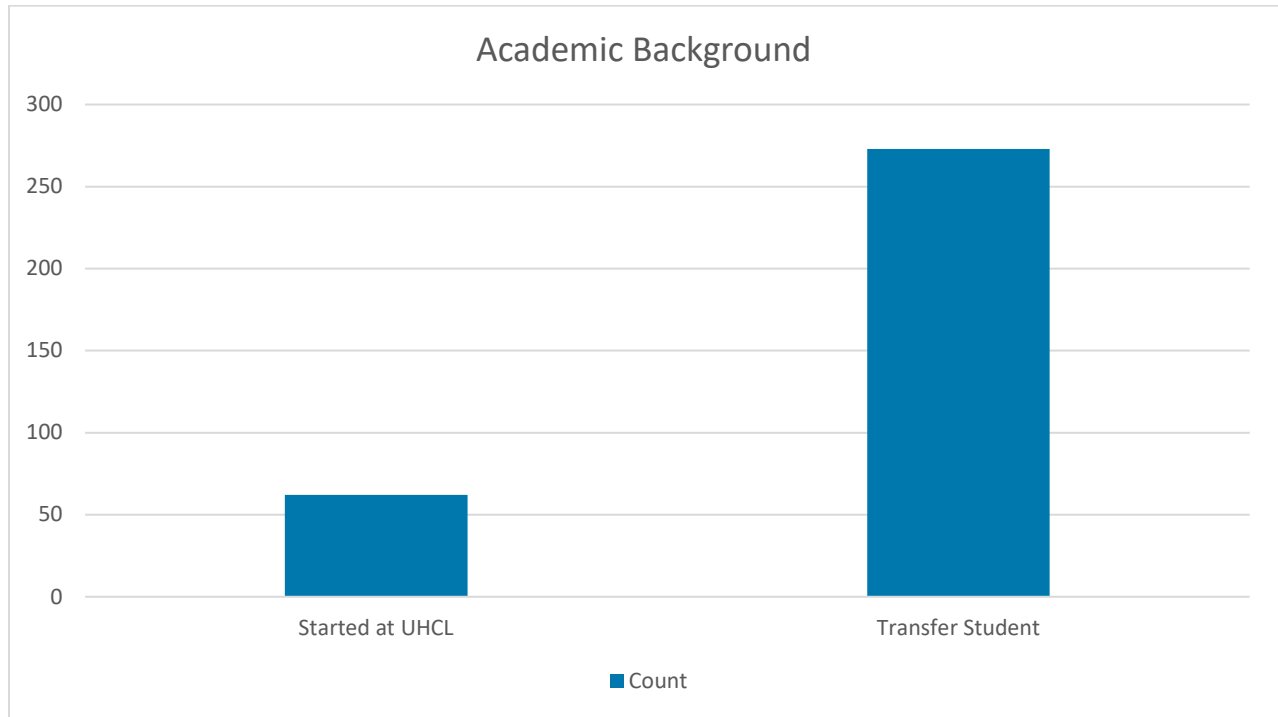
Response	Count	Percentage
Started at UHCL	62	18.51%
Transfer Student	273	81.49%

Are you a parent or primary caregiver for someone in your family?

Family Caregiver Status
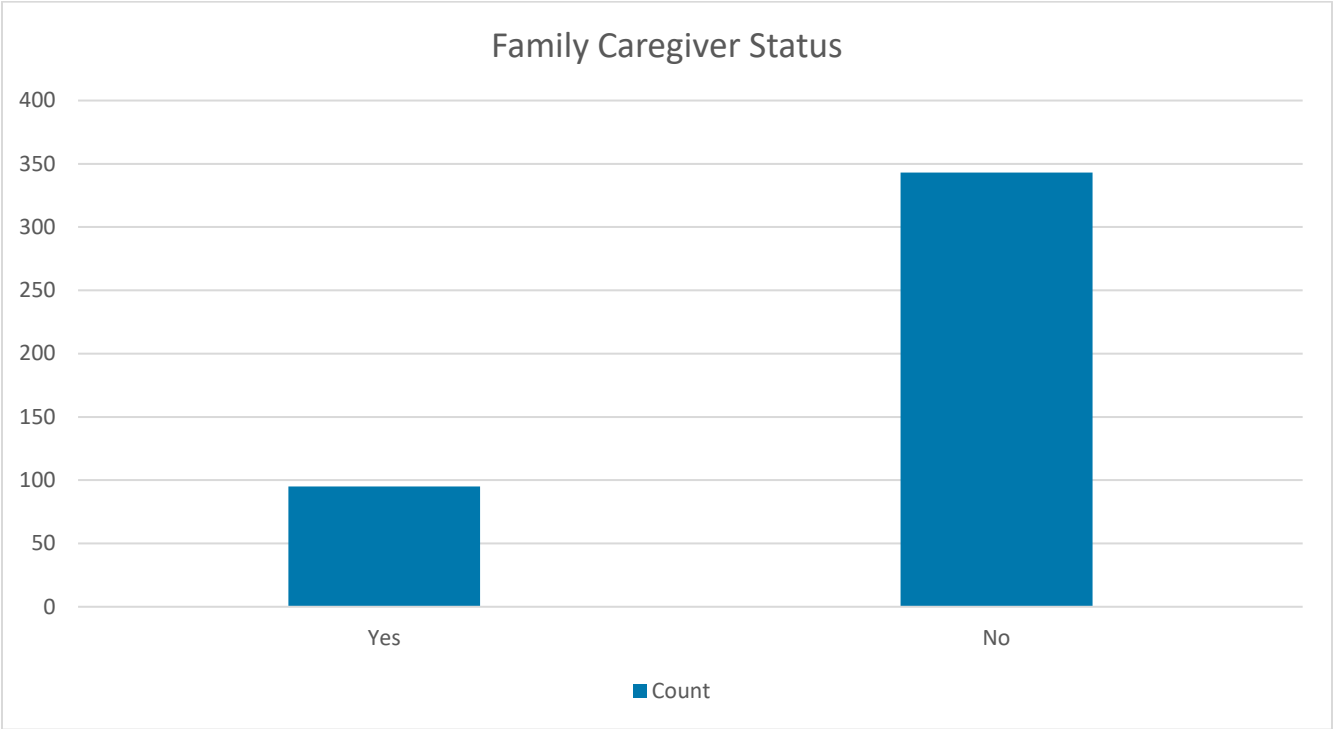
Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	95	21.69%
No	343	78.31%

Are you a first-generation student?

First-Generation Student Status

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	251	57.31%
No	187	42.69%

End of Report