

# Graduating Student Survey Spring 2024

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 Spring 2024 semester to complete the survey on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The survey was active through May 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 Spring 2024 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 1141 UHCL graduating students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 596 students started the survey. If students exited the survey session before completing it, they had 72 hours to return and complete the survey, and 52 students did not complete the survey. However, their responses are included in the results. The median completion time of those who finished was 4 minutes and 53 seconds. The response rate for this survey is 52.2%.

Fall	2023	51.3%
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	417	69.97%
Male	124	20.81%
Non-binary/third gender	3	0.50%
Prefer not to respond	3	0.50%
No Response	49	8.22%

### Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	6	1.00%
Asian	74	12.42%
Black or African American	57	9.56%
Hispanic	228	38.25%
Multi-racial	13	2.18%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0.17%
Other	8	1.34%
White	180	30.20%
Prefer to not respond	13	2.18%
No Response	48	8.05%

### Citizenship:

International	45	7.55%
U.S. Citizen	482	80.87%
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	12	2.01%
Prefer to not respond	10	1.68%
No response	47	7.89%

## Quick points for UHCL

### Overall Satisfaction

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

Strongly agree	366	61.41%
Somewhat agree	152	25.50%
Neither agree nor disagree	24	4.03%
Somewhat disagree	13	2.18%
Strongly disagree	10	1.68%
No response	31	5.20%

**I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.**

Strongly agree	388	65.10%
Somewhat agree	119	19.97%
Neither agree nor disagree	29	4.86%
Somewhat disagree	13	2.18%
Strongly disagree	15	2.52%
No response	32	5.37%

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

Strongly agree	363	60.91%
Somewhat agree	95	15.93%
Neither agree nor disagree	56	9.40%
Somewhat disagree	24	4.02%
Strongly disagree	25	4.20%
No response	33	5.54%

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

Strongly agree	345	57.89%
Somewhat agree	122	20.47%
Neither agree nor disagree	58	9.73%
Somewhat disagree	24	4.02%
Strongly disagree	17	2.86%
No response	30	5.03%

# College of Business

## Demographics

### Respondents:

322 graduating COB students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 136 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 42.2%.

Fall	2023	41.1%
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	92	67.64%
Male	38	27.95%
Non-binary/third gender	0	0.00%
Prefer not to respond	0	0.00%
No Response	6	4.41%

### Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	15	11.02%
Asian	20	14.70%
Black or African American	13	9.55%
Hispanic	53	38.98%
Multi-racial	2	1.48%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Other	1	0.73%
White	43	31.61%
Prefer to not respond	3	2.20%
No Response	6	4.41%

### Citizenship:

International	11	8.09%
U.S. Citizen	115	84.55%
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	3	2.20%
Prefer to not respond	2	1.47%
No response	6	4.41%

**College of Business**  
**Overall Satisfaction**

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

Strongly agree	76	55.89%
Somewhat agree	48	35.29%
Neither agree nor disagree	6	4.41%
Somewhat disagree	1	0.73%
Strongly disagree	3	2.21%
No response	2	1.47%

**I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.**

Strongly agree	94	69.11%
Somewhat agree	28	20.59%
Neither agree nor disagree	6	4.42%
Somewhat disagree	2	1.47%
Strongly disagree	4	2.94%
No response	2	1.47%

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

Strongly agree	85	62.50%
Somewhat agree	24	17.65%
Neither agree nor disagree	12	8.82%
Somewhat disagree	6	4.42%
Strongly disagree	6	4.42%
No response	3	2.20%

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

Strongly agree	71	52.20%
Somewhat agree	34	25.00%
Neither agree nor disagree	18	13.23%
Somewhat disagree	8	5.88%
Strongly disagree	3	2.20%
No response	2	1.47%

# College of Education

## Demographics

### Respondents:

235 graduating COE students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 179 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 76.2%.

Fall	2023	46.8%
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%

### Gender:

Female	156	87.15%
Male	11	6.15%
Non-binary/third gender	0	0.00%
Prefer not to respond	0	0.00%
No Response	12	6.70%

### Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0.00%
Asian	4	2.23%
Black or African American	19	10.61%
Hispanic	85	47.49%
Multi-racial	2	1.12%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Other	3	1.68%
White	58	32.40%
Prefer to not respond	4	2.23%
No Response	12	6.70%

### Citizenship:

International	2	1.12%
U.S. Citizen	161	89.94%
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	3	1.68%
Prefer to not respond	1	0.56%
No response	12	6.70%

**College of Education  
Overall Satisfaction**

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

Strongly agree	124	69.27%
Somewhat agree	36	20.11%
Neither agree nor disagree	4	2.23%
Somewhat disagree	7	3.91%
Strongly disagree	2	1.12%
No response	6	3.35%

**I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.**

Strongly agree	130	72.62%
Somewhat agree	24	13.40%
Neither agree nor disagree	9	5.02%
Somewhat disagree	4	2.23%
Strongly disagree	4	2.23%
No response	8	4.47%

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

Strongly agree	124	69.27%
Somewhat agree	19	10.61%
Neither agree nor disagree	16	8.93%
Somewhat disagree	5	2.80%
Strongly disagree	8	4.47%
No response	7	3.91%

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

Strongly agree	118	65.92%
Somewhat agree	30	16.75%
Neither agree nor disagree	12	6.70%
Somewhat disagree	7	3.91%
Strongly disagree	6	3.35%
No response	6	3.35%



# College of Human Sciences and Humanities

## Demographics

### Respondents:

316 graduating HSH students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 160 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 50.6%.

Fall	2023	59.6%
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%

### Gender:

Female	118	73.75%
Male	29	18.12%
Non-binary/Third Gender	3	1.87%
Prefer not to respond	2	1.25%
No Response	8	5.00%

### Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	4	2.50%
Asian	12	7.50%
Black or African American	20	12.50%
Hispanic	58	36.25%
Multi-racial	7	4.37%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0.62%
Other	2	1.25%
White	56	35.00%
Prefer to not respond	4	2.50%
No Response	8	5.00%

### Citizenship:

International	6	3.75%
U.S. Citizen	138	86.25%
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	4	2.50%
Prefer to not respond	4	2.50%
No response	8	5.00%

**College of Human Sciences and Humanities**  
**Overall Satisfaction**

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

Strongly agree	104	65.00%
Somewhat agree	43	26.87%
Neither agree nor disagree	5	3.12%
Somewhat disagree	3	1.88%
Strongly disagree	2	1.25%
No response	3	1.88%

**I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.**

Strongly agree	109	68.12%
Somewhat agree	36	22.50%
Neither agree nor disagree	6	3.75%
Somewhat disagree	4	2.50%
Strongly disagree	3	1.88%
No response	2	1.25%

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

Strongly agree	98	61.25%
Somewhat agree	36	22.50%
Neither agree nor disagree	10	6.25%
Somewhat disagree	7	4.37%
Strongly disagree	6	3.75%
No response	3	1.88%

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

Strongly agree	93	58.13%
Somewhat agree	38	23.75%
Neither agree nor disagree	17	10.63%
Somewhat disagree	5	3.12%
Strongly disagree	5	3.12%
No response	2	1.25%

# College of Science and Engineering

## Demographics

### Respondents:

268 graduating CSE students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 102 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 38.1%.

Fall	2023	55.6%
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%

### Gender:

Female	51	50.00%
Male	46	45.10%
Non-binary/third gender	0	0.00%
Prefer not to respond	1	0.98%
No Response	4	3.92%

### Ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0.00%
Asian	38	37.25%
Black or African American	5	4.90%
Hispanic	32	31.37%
Multi-racial	2	1.96%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Other	2	1.96%
White	21	20.59%
Prefer to not respond	2	1.96%
No Response	3	2.94%

### Citizenship:

International	26	25.50%
U.S. Citizen	68	66.67%
U.S. Resident (Green Card)	3	2.94%
Prefer to not respond	3	2.94%
No response	2	1.96%

**College of Science and Engineering**  
**Overall Satisfaction**

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

Strongly agree	62	60.78%
Somewhat agree	25	24.50%
Neither agree nor disagree	9	8.82%
Somewhat disagree	2	1.96%
Strongly disagree	3	2.94%
No response	1	0.98%

**I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.**

Strongly agree	55	53.92%
Somewhat agree	31	30.39%
Neither agree nor disagree	8	7.84%
Somewhat disagree	3	2.94%
Strongly disagree	4	3.92%
No response	1	0.98%

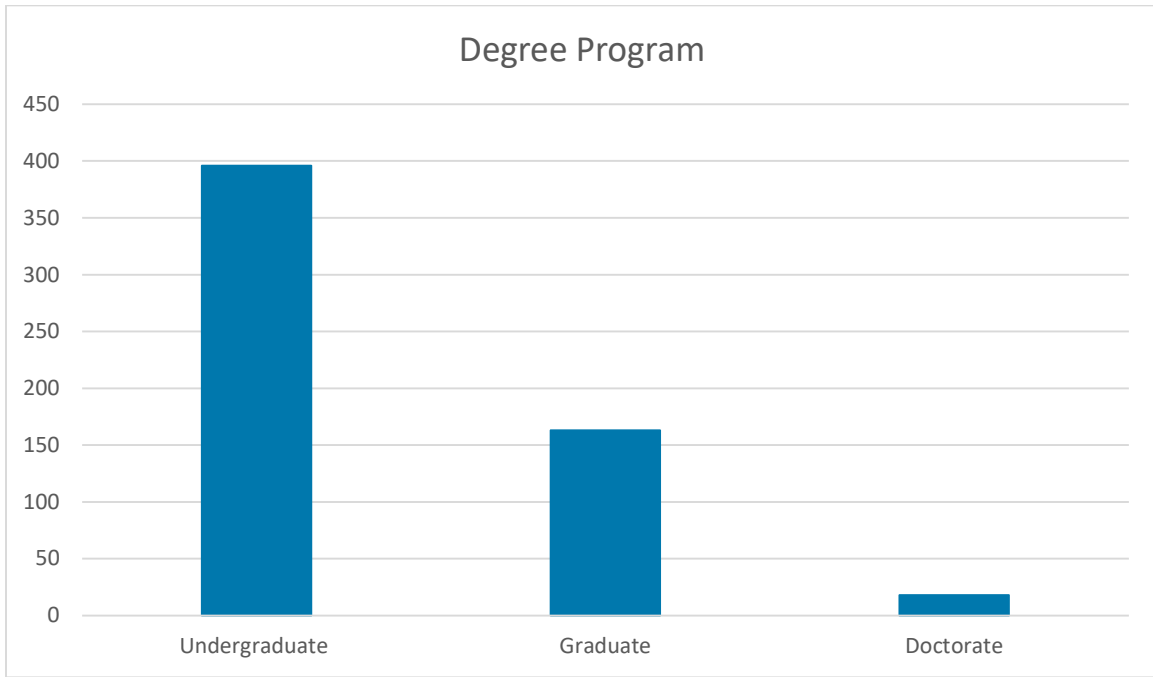
**If I were to start over, I would still choose to attend UHCL.**

Strongly agree	56	54.90%
Somewhat agree	16	15.69%
Neither agree nor disagree	18	17.65%
Somewhat disagree	6	5.88%
Strongly disagree	5	4.90%
No response	1	0.98%

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

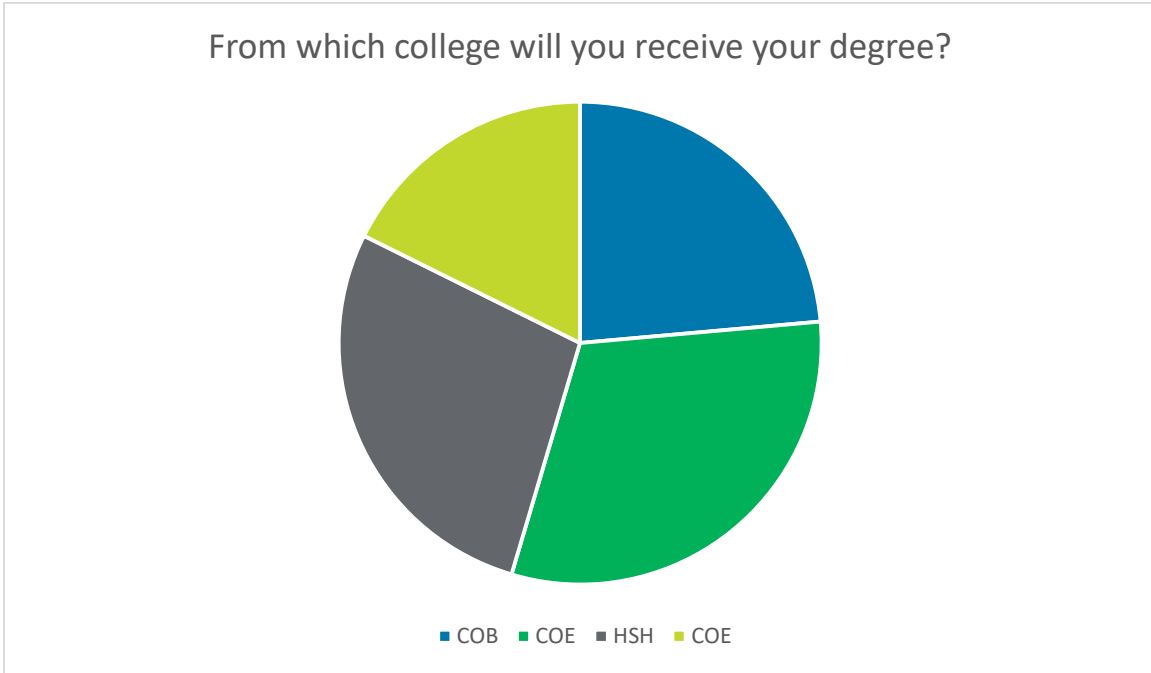
Strongly agree	63	61.76%
Somewhat agree	20	19.61%
Neither agree nor disagree	11	10.78%
Somewhat disagree	4	3.92%
Strongly disagree	3	2.94%
No response	1	0.98%

## What will be your degree level?



Degree	Count of Responses	Percentage
Undergraduate	396	66.44%
Graduate	163	27.35%
Doctorate	18	3.02%
No response	19	3.19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

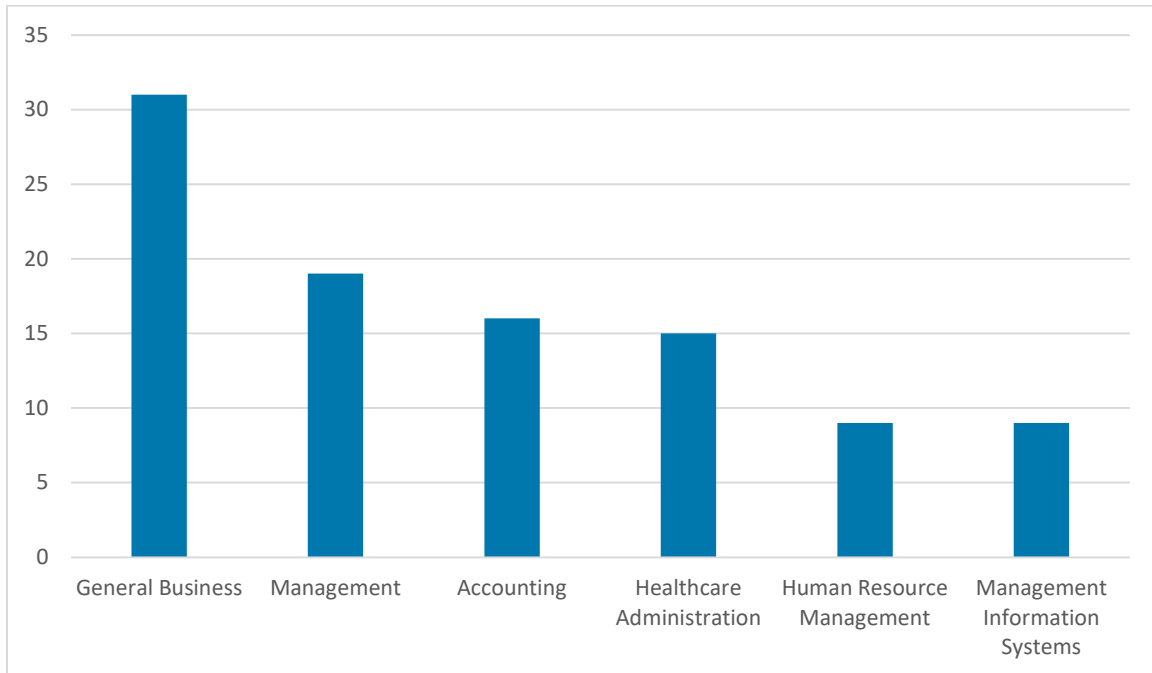
## From what college will you receive your degree?



School	# Response	Percentage
College of Business	136	22.82%
College of Education	179	30.03%
College of Human Sciences and Humanities	160	26.85%
College of Science and Engineering	102	17.11%
No response	19	3.19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

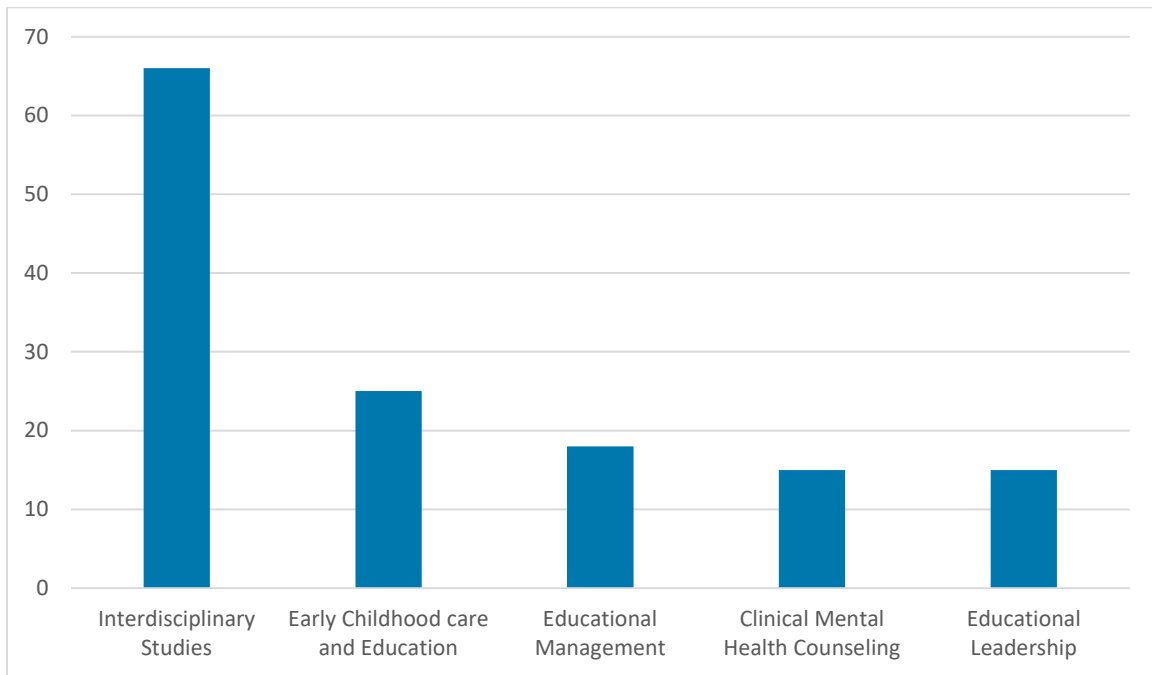
### Top 5



Degree	Count
Accounting	16
Business Administration	8
Environmental Management	3
Finance	8
General Business	31
Healthcare Admin/ Business Administration	4
Healthcare Administration	15
Human Resource Management	9
Legal Studies	4
Management	19
Management Information Systems	9
Marketing	8
Professional Accounting	1

## What is your primary degree program in the College of Education?

### Top 5

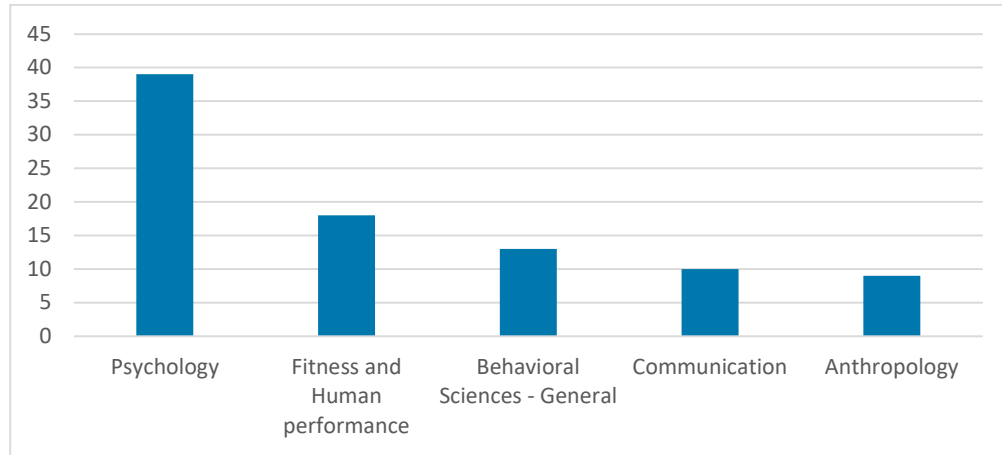


Degree	Count
Addictions Counseling	1
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	15
Counseling	1
Curriculum & Instruction	5
Early Childhood Care and Education	25
Early Childhood Education	4
Education (BSE)	10
Educational Leadership	15
Educational Management	18
Instructional Design and Technology	2
Interdisciplinary Studies	66
Multicultural Studies in Education	1
Obtained a dual degree	4
Reading	2
School Library & Information Science	8
Teaching	3



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

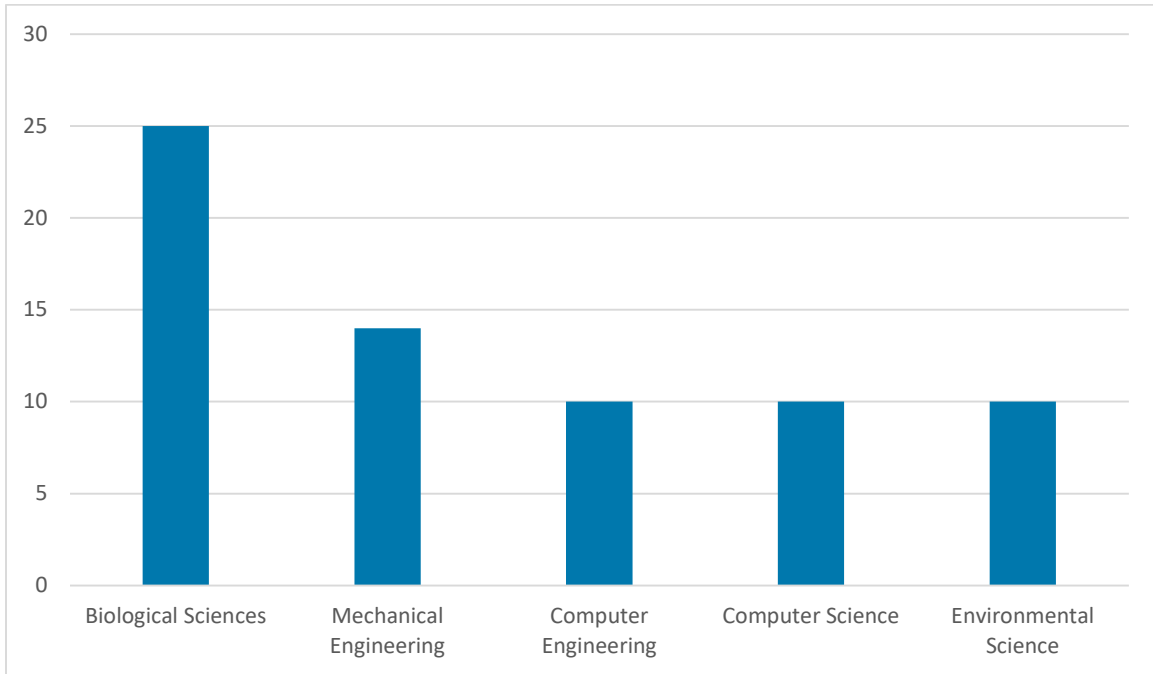
### Top 5



Degree	Count
Anthropology	9
Art & Design	8
Behavior Analysis	4
Behavioral Sciences - General	13
BFA ec-12	1
BFA with ARTS EC12 cert	1
Clinical Psychology	3
Communication	10
Criminal Justice and Criminology	4
Criminology	4
Cross-Cultural Studies	2
Exercise & Health Sciences	1
Family Therapy	2
Fitness & Human Performance	18
Geography	1
Health Service Psychology Psy.D.	1
History	6
Humanities	3
Industrial/ Organizational Psychology	5
Literature	6
Minor in History and Minor in Anthropology	1
Obtained a Dual Degree	4
Psychology	39
Public Service Leadership	3
School Psychology	4
Social Work	8
Sociology	2

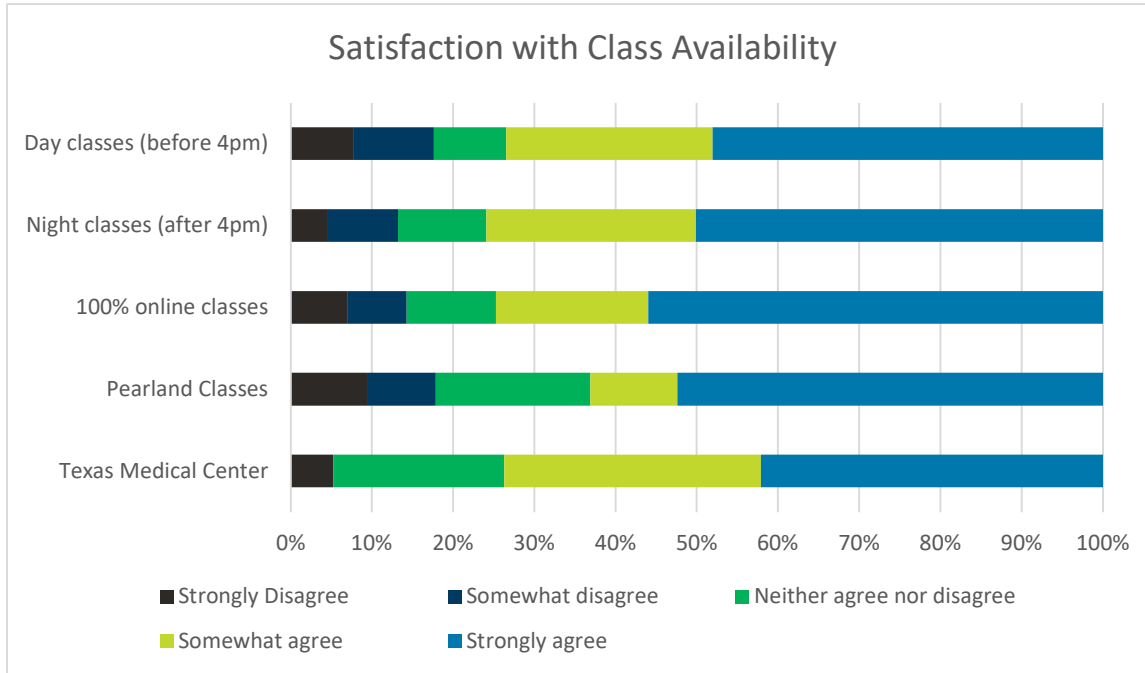
## What is your primary degree program in the College of Science and Engineering?

### Top 5



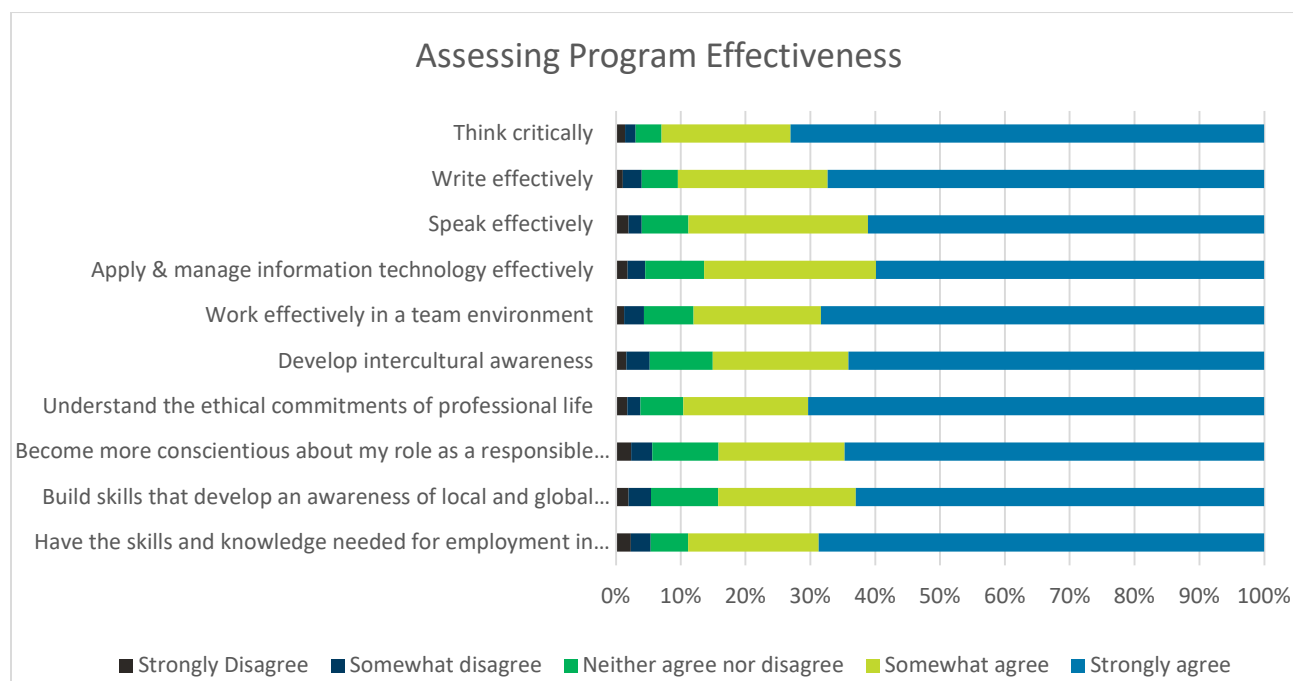
Degree	Count
Biological Sciences	25
Biotechnology	6
Chemistry	1
Computer Engineering	10
Computer Information Systems	1
Computer Science	10
Engineering Management	4
Environmental Science	10
Information Technology	3
Mathematical Sciences	7
Mechanical Engineering	14
Occupational Safety and Health	2
Physics	2
Software Engineering	7

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



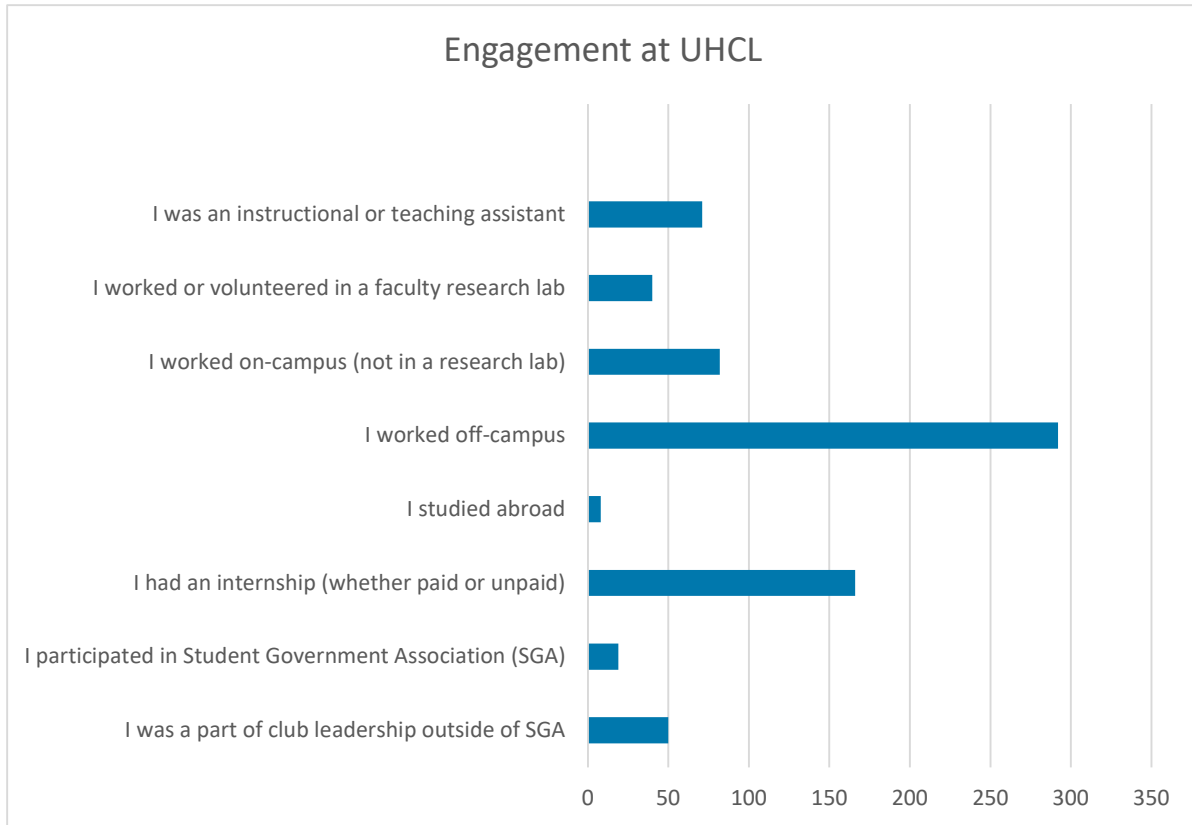
Time/Location	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Blank/Not applicable
<b>Day classes (before 4 pm)</b>	34	43	39	111	210	159
<b>Night classes (after 4 pm)</b>	22	41	52	123	239	119
<b>100% online classes</b>	36	38	57	97	290	78
<b>Pearland Classes</b>	8	7	16	9	44	512
<b>Texas Medical Center</b>	1	0	4	6	8	577

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



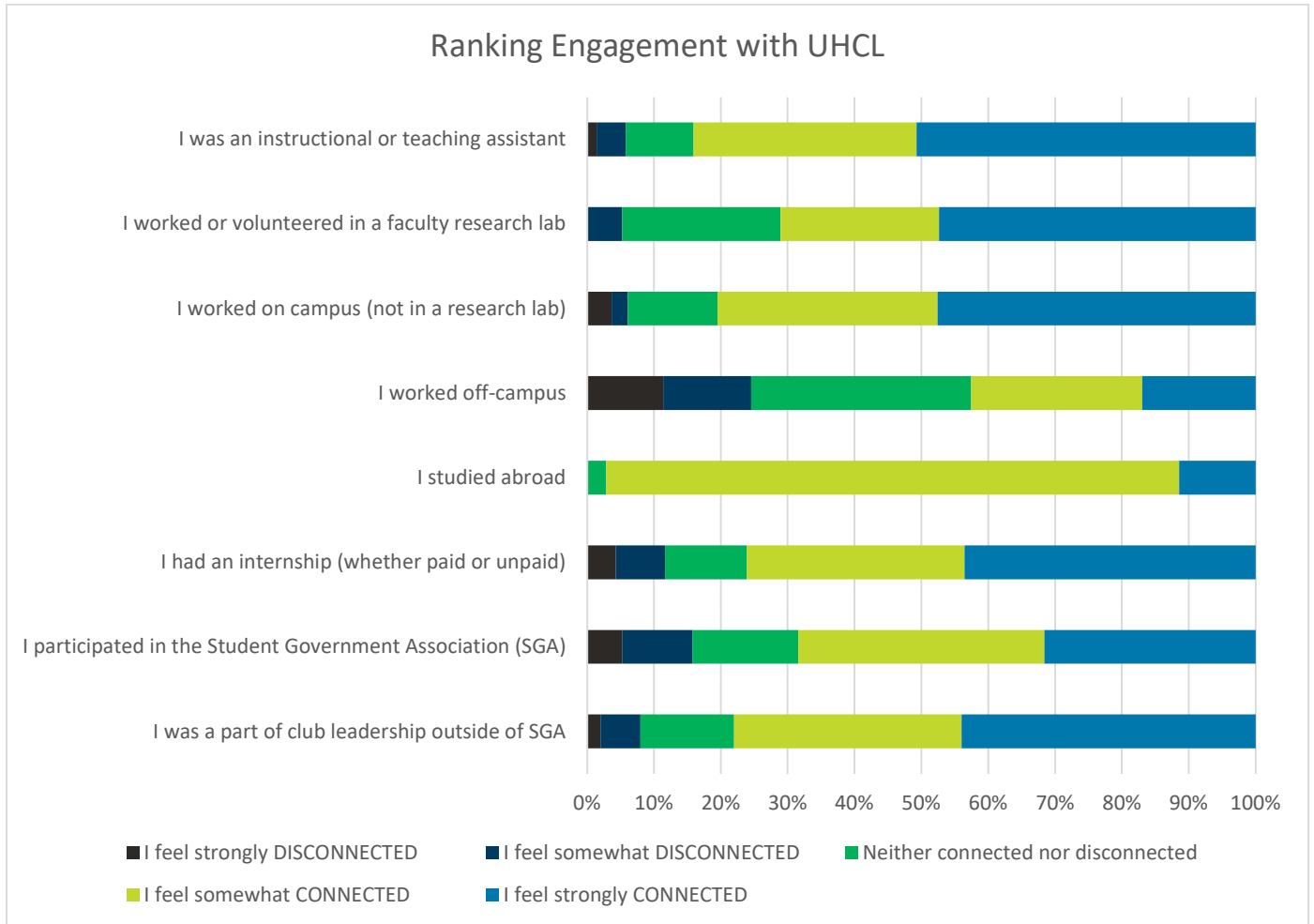
Area	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Blank/Not applicable
<b>Think critically</b>	8	9	22	110	404	43
<b>Write effectively</b>	6	16	31	128	373	42
<b>Speak effectively</b>	11	11	40	153	338	43
<b>Apply &amp; manage information technology effectively</b>	10	15	50	146	330	45
<b>Work effectively in a team environment</b>	7	17	42	108	376	46
<b>Develop intercultural awareness</b>	9	20	54	116	356	41
<b>Understand the ethical commitments of professional life</b>	10	11	37	107	391	40
<b>Become more conscientious about my role as a responsible citizen</b>	13	18	56	107	356	46
<b>Build skills that develop an awareness of local and global needs</b>	11	19	57	117	347	45
<b>Have the skills and knowledge needed for employment in my field</b>	13	17	32	112	382	40

**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.**



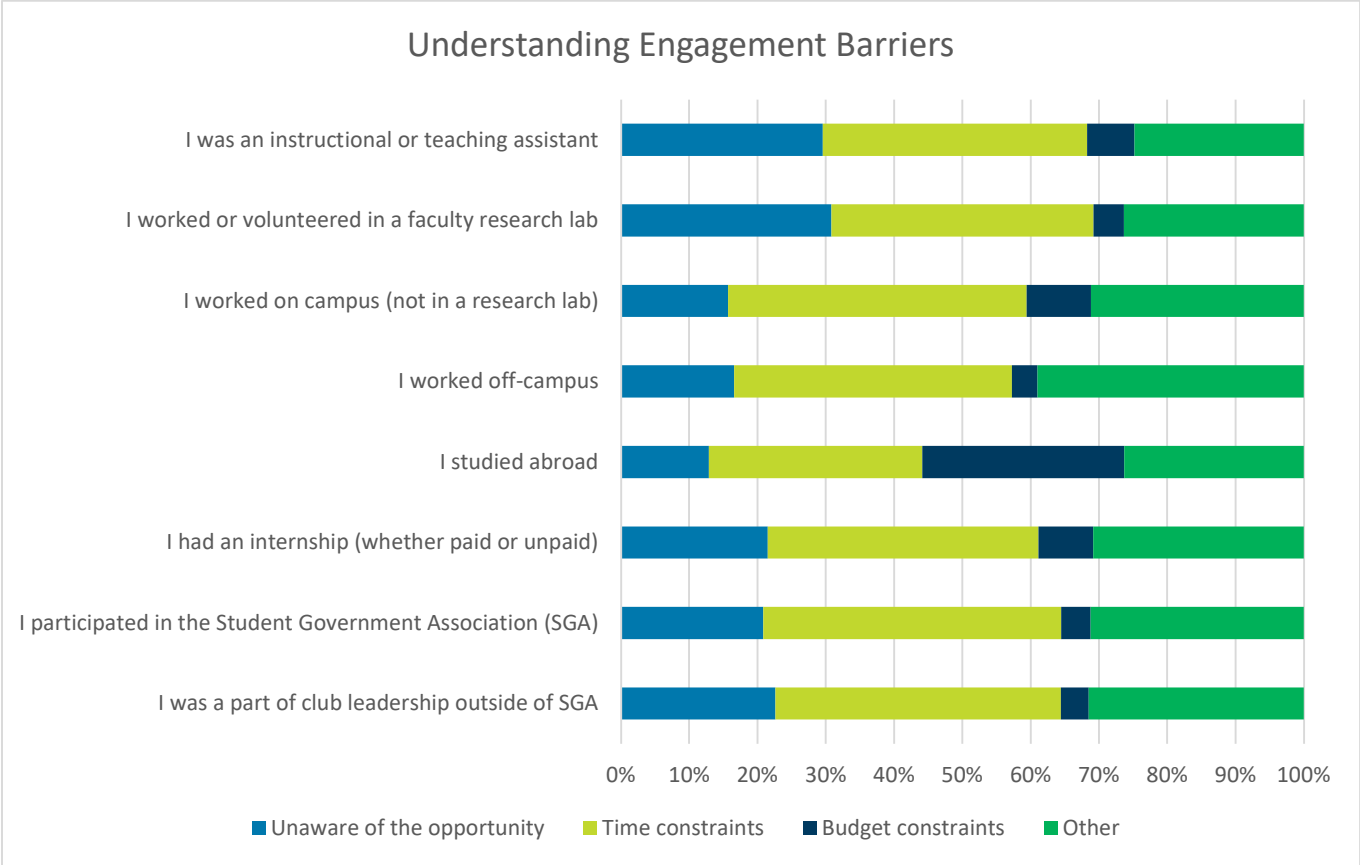
Response	Count	Percentage
<b>I was an instructional or teaching assistant</b>	71	11.91%
<b>I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab</b>	40	6.71%
<b>I worked on campus (not in a research lab)</b>	82	13.76%
<b>I worked off-campus</b>	292	48.99%
<b>I studied abroad</b>	8	1.34%
<b>I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)</b>	166	27.85%
<b>I participated in the Student Government Association (SGA)</b>	19	3.19%
<b>I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA</b>	50	3.39%
<b>Blank/Not applicable</b>	124	20.80%

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



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	1	3	7	23	35	527
I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab	0	2	9	9	18	558
I worked on campus (not in a research lab)	3	2	11	27	39	514
I worked off-campus	33	38	95	74	49	307
I studied abroad	0	0	1	3	4	588
I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)	7	12	20	53	71	433
I participated in the Student Government Association (SGA)	1	2	3	7	6	577
I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA	1	3	7	17	22	546

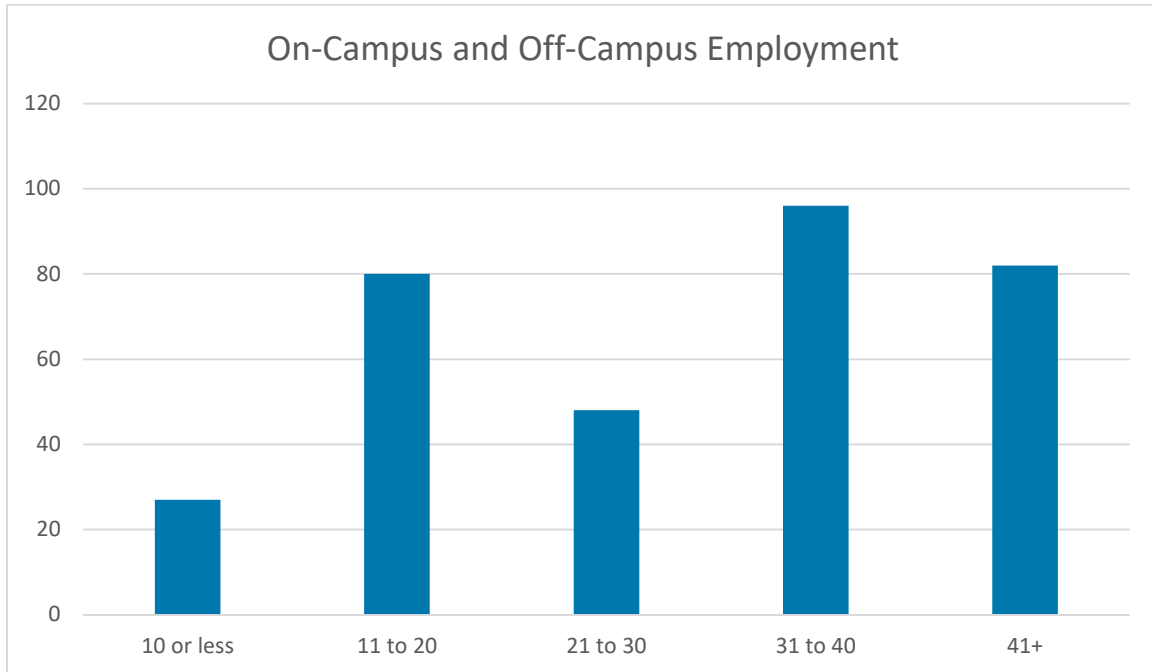
**For the activity(ies) you did NOT participate in, please select the box or boxes for why you didn't. Select all that apply.**





<b>Response</b>	<b>Unaware of the opportunity</b>	<b>Time constraints</b>	<b>Budget constraints</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>I was an instructional or teaching assistant</b>	149	195	35	125
<b>I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab</b>	159	198	23	136
<b>I worked on campus (not in a research lab)</b>	75	209	45	149
<b>I worked off-campus</b>	40	98	9	94
<b>I studied abroad</b>	76	184	174	155
<b>I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)</b>	83	153	31	119
<b>I participated in the Student Government Association (SGA)</b>	111	232	23	166
<b>I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA</b>	110	203	20	153
<b>Blank/Not applicable</b>	330	227	394	309

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



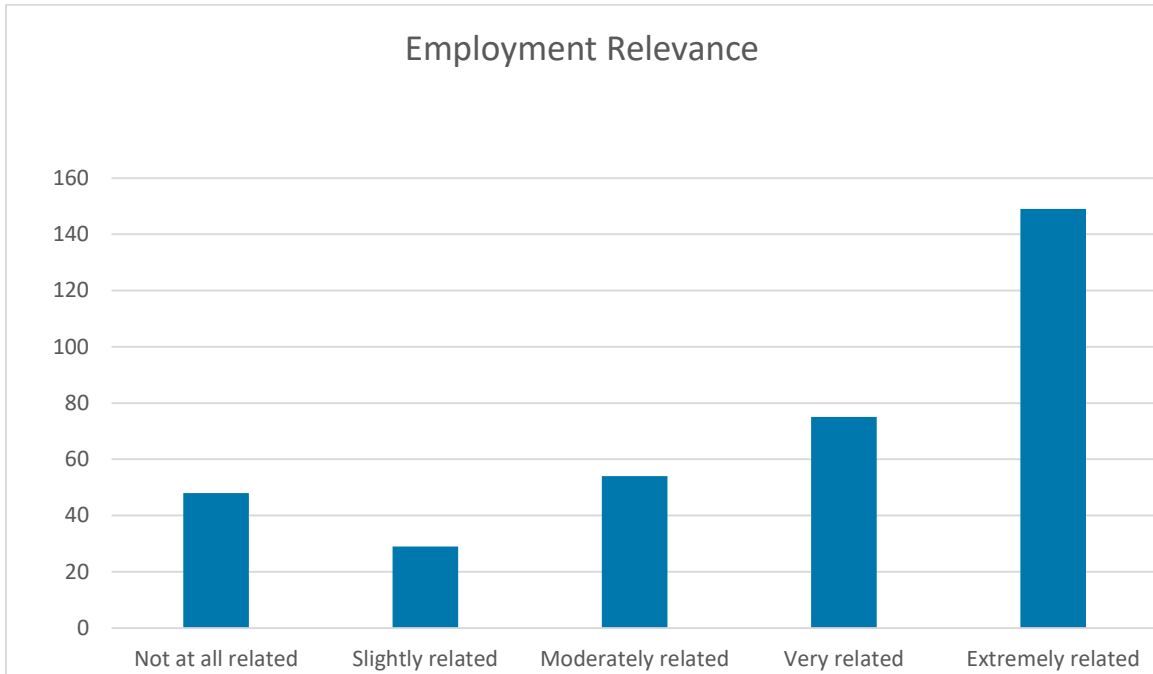
Response	Count	Percentage
10 or less	27	4.53%
11-20	80	13.42%
21-30	48	8.05%
31-40	96	16.11%
41+	82	13.76%
No Response/Blank	263	44.13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## What will be your status upon graduating?



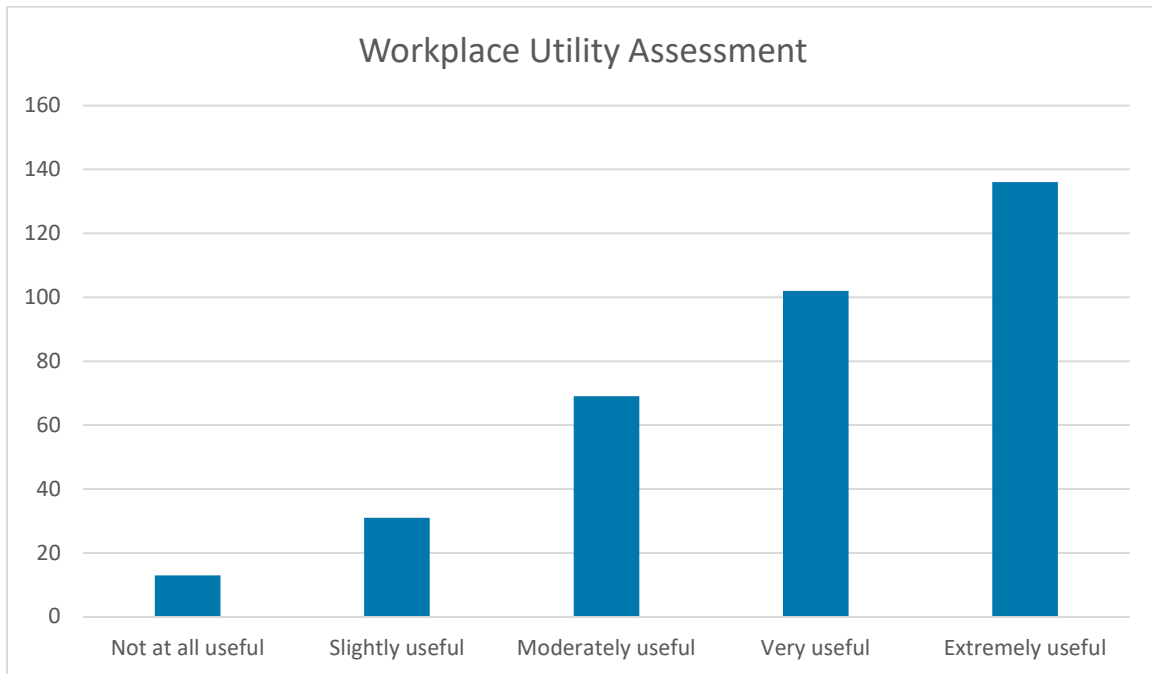
Response	Count	Percentage
Active military service or dependent	2	0.33%
Self-employed	17	2.85%
Employed full-time	288	48.32%
Employed part-time	68	11.41%
Unemployed, seeking work	163	27.35%
Unemployed, not seeking employment	5	0.84%
Continuing as a full-time student after graduation	37	6.21%
Continuing as a part-time student after graduation	24	4.03%
Volunteer	6	1.00%
Blank/No Response	46	7.72%

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



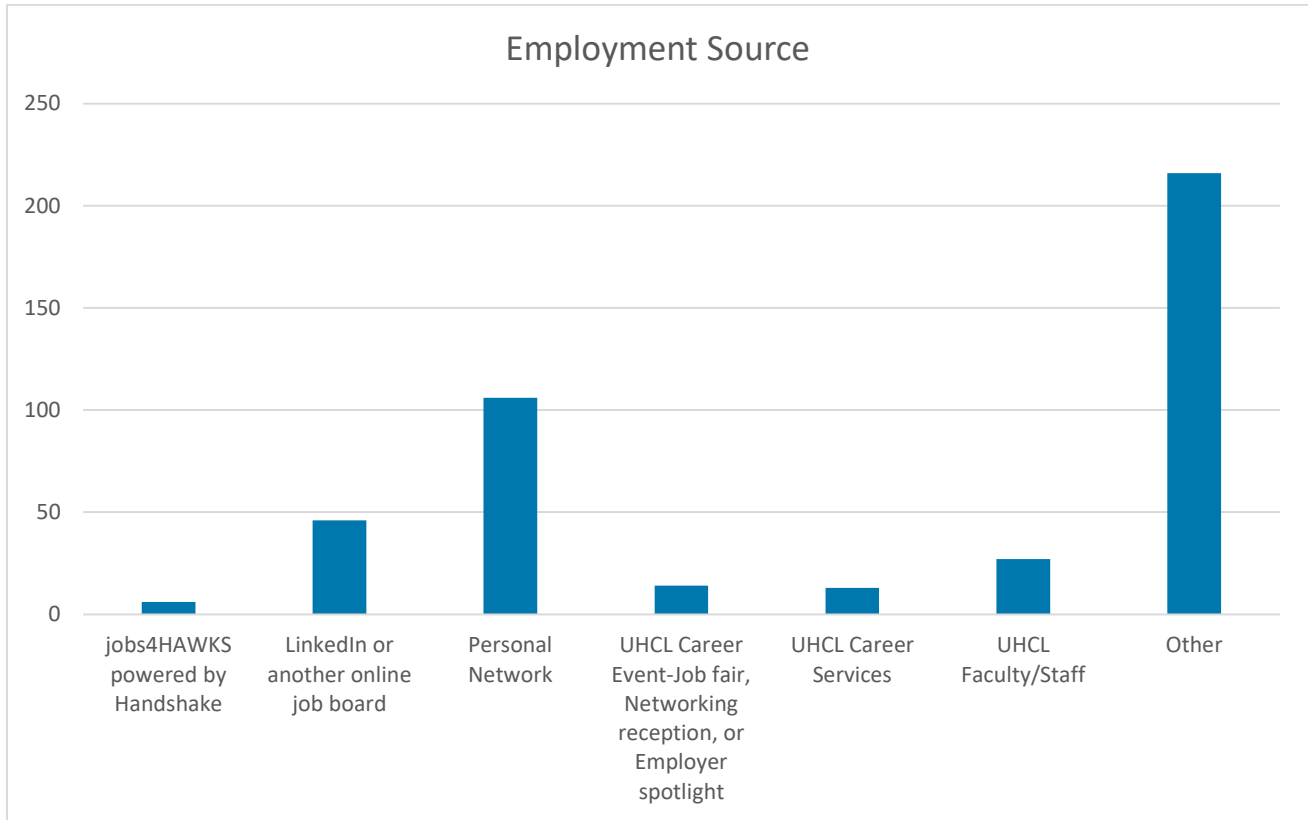
Response	Count	Percentage
Not at all related	48	8.05%
Slightly related	29	4.87%
Moderately related	54	9.06%
Very related	75	12.58%
Extremely related	149	25.00%
Blank/No Response	241	40.44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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



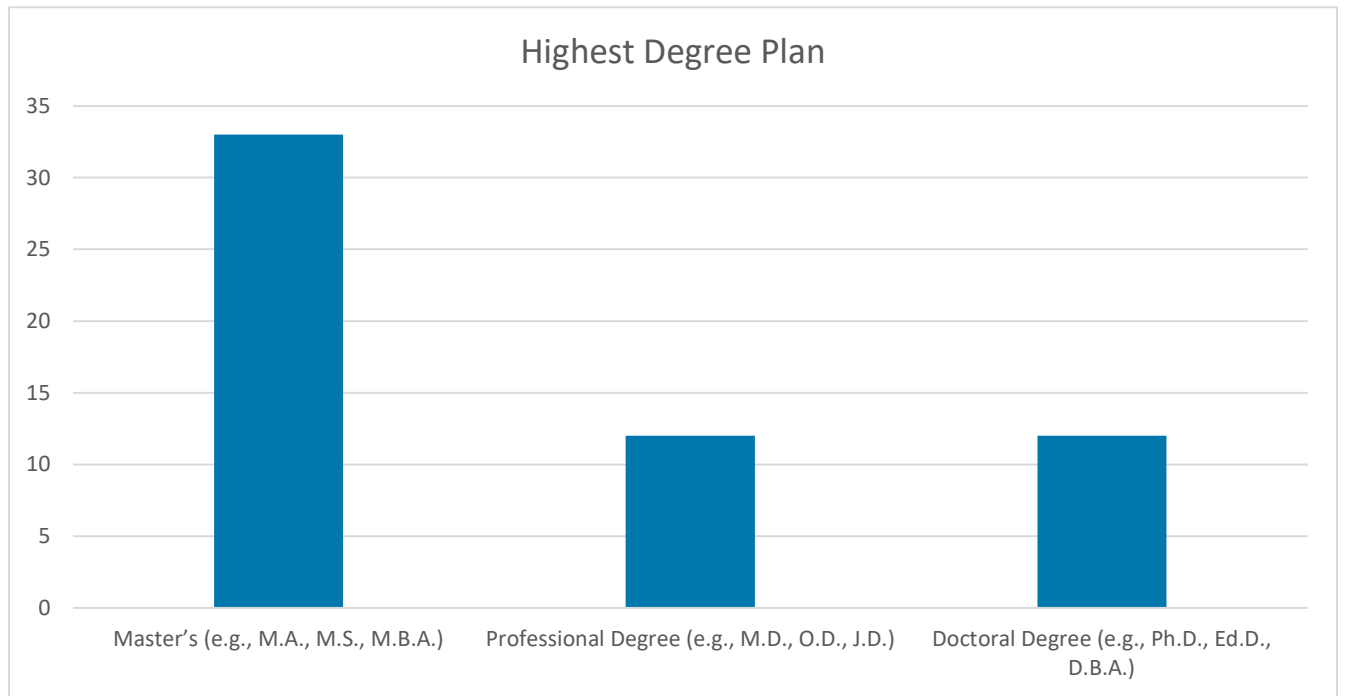
Response	Count	Percentage
Not at all useful	13	2.18%
Slightly useful	31	5.20%
Moderately useful	69	11.58%
Very useful	102	17.11%
Extremely useful	136	22.82%
Blank/No Response	245	41.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## If employed, how did you find your position?



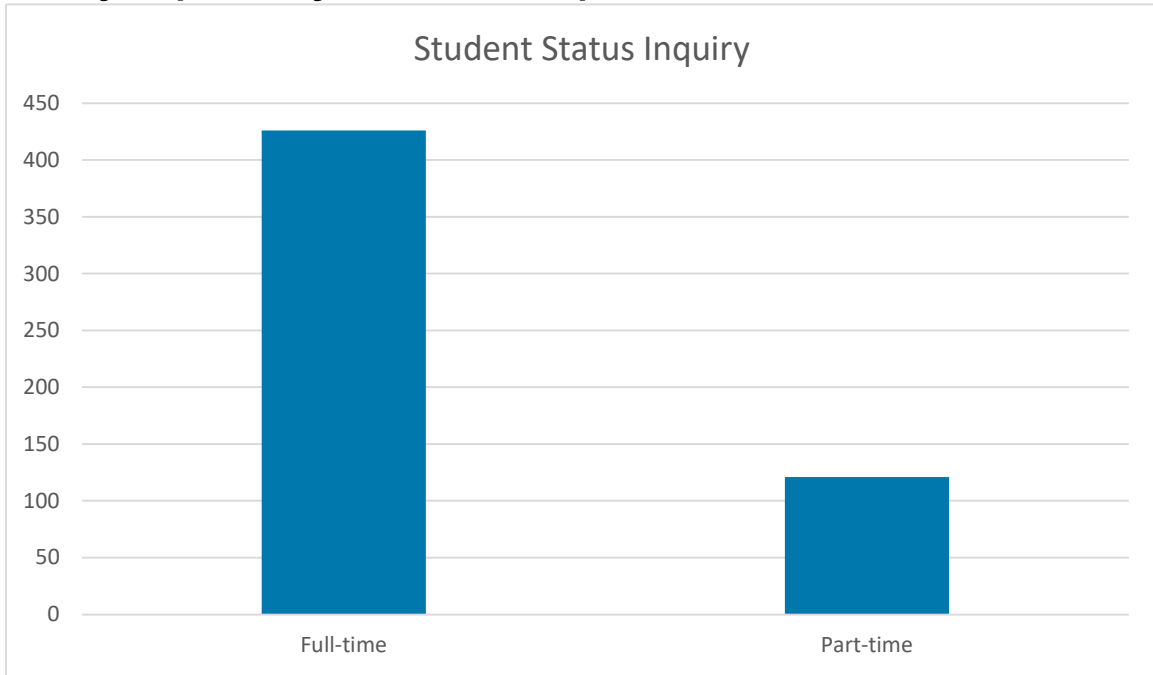
Response	Count	Percentage
jobs4HAWKS powered by Handshake	6	1.01%
LinkedIn or another online job board	46	7.72%
Personal Network	106	17.79%
UHCL Career Event-Job fair, Networking reception, or Employer spotlight	14	2.35%
UHCL Career Services	13	2.18%
UHCL Faculty/Staff	27	4.53%
Other	216	36.24%
Blank/No Response	249	41.78%

**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.)	33	5.54%
Professional Degree (e.g., M.D., O.D., J.D.)	12	2.01%
Doctoral Degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.B.A.)	12	2.01%
Blank/No Response	539	90.44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

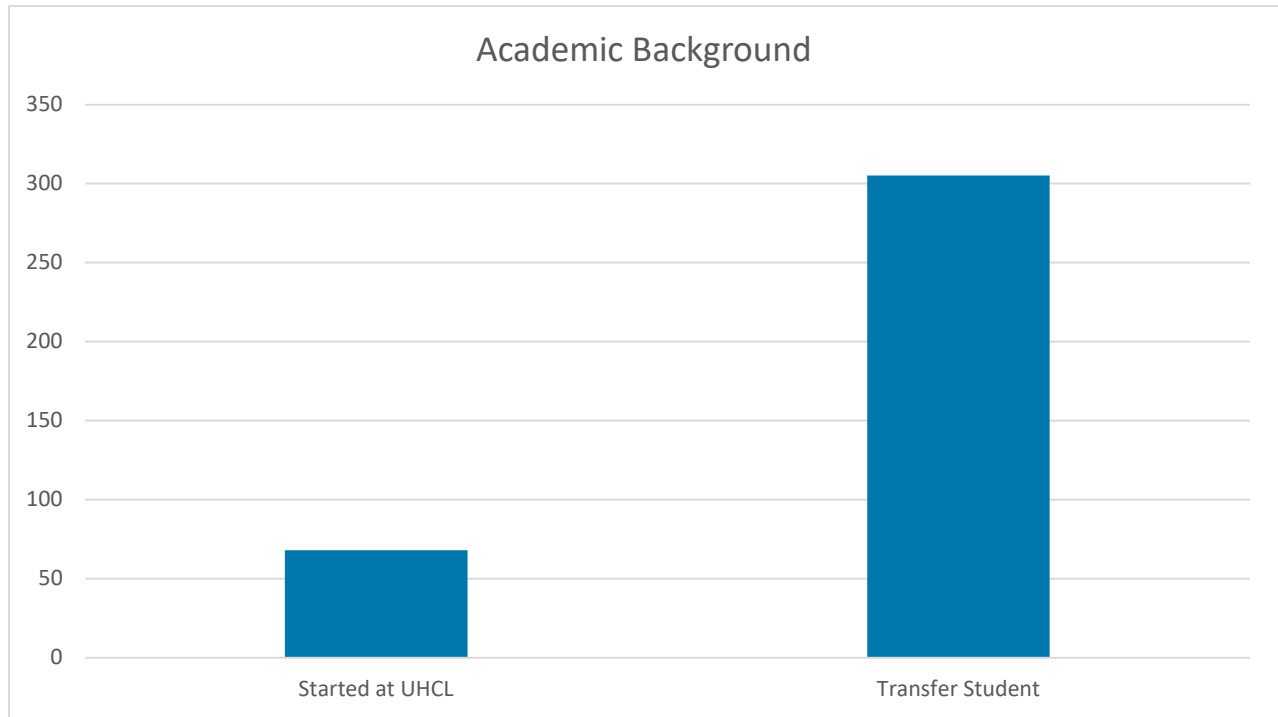
## Were you primarily a full-time or part-time student while at UHCL?



Response	Count	Percentage
<b>Full-time</b>	426	71.48%
<b>Part-time</b>	121	20.30%
<b>Blank/No Response</b>	49	8.22%
<b>Total</b>	596	100.00%

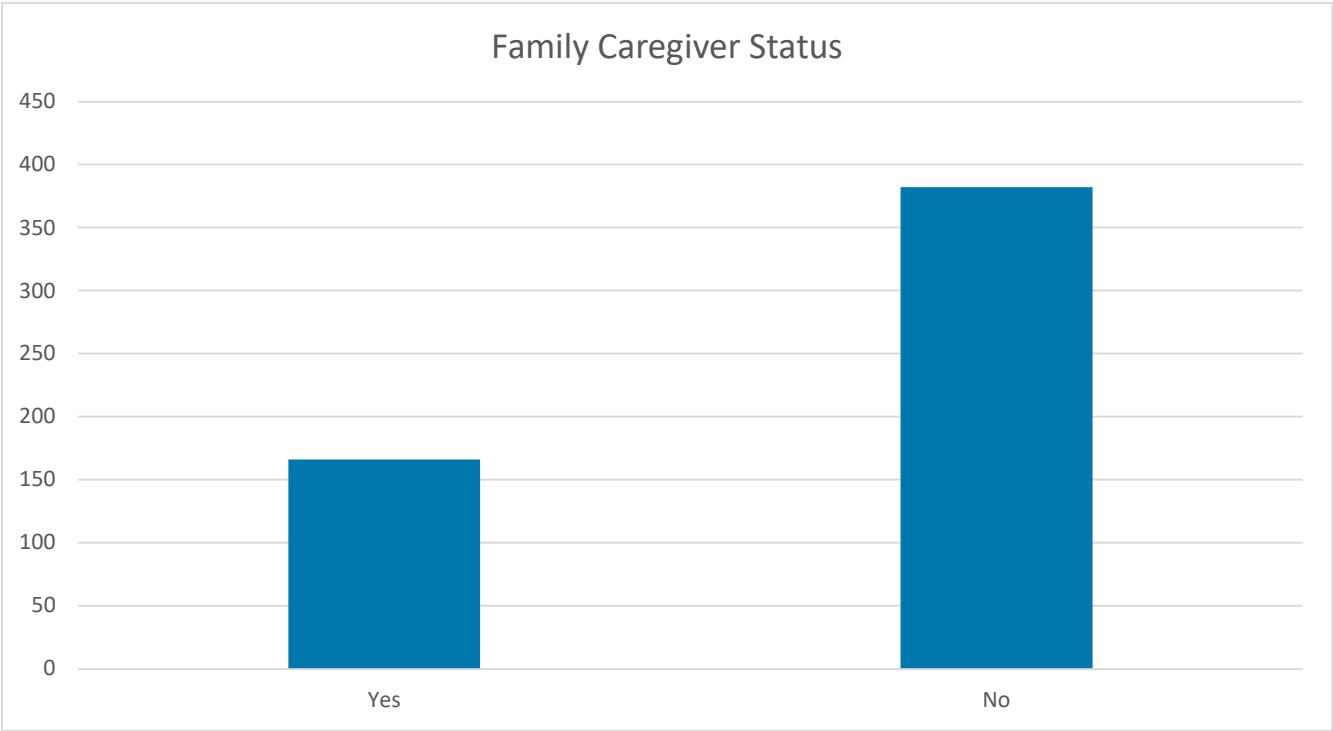


## Did you start your undergraduate education at UHCL, or did you transfer from another institution?



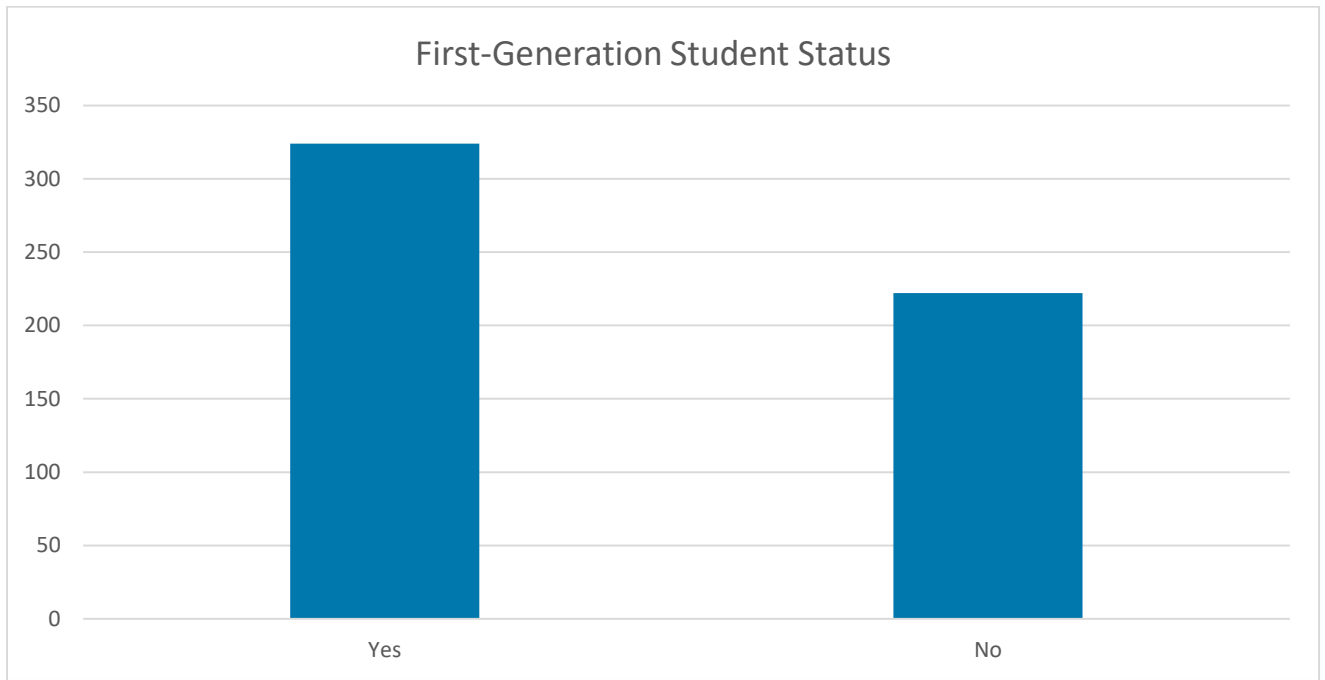
Response	Count	Percentage
Started at UHCL	68	11.41%
Transfer Student	305	51.17%
Blank/No Response	223	37.42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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



Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	166	27.85%
No	382	64.10%
Blank/No Response	48	8.05%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Are you a first-generation student?



Response	Count	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	324	54.36%
<b>No</b>	222	37.25%
<b>Blank/No Response</b>	50	8.39%
<b>Total</b>	596	100.00%

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