

# FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE SURVEY 2021

## HIGHLIGHT OF RESULTS

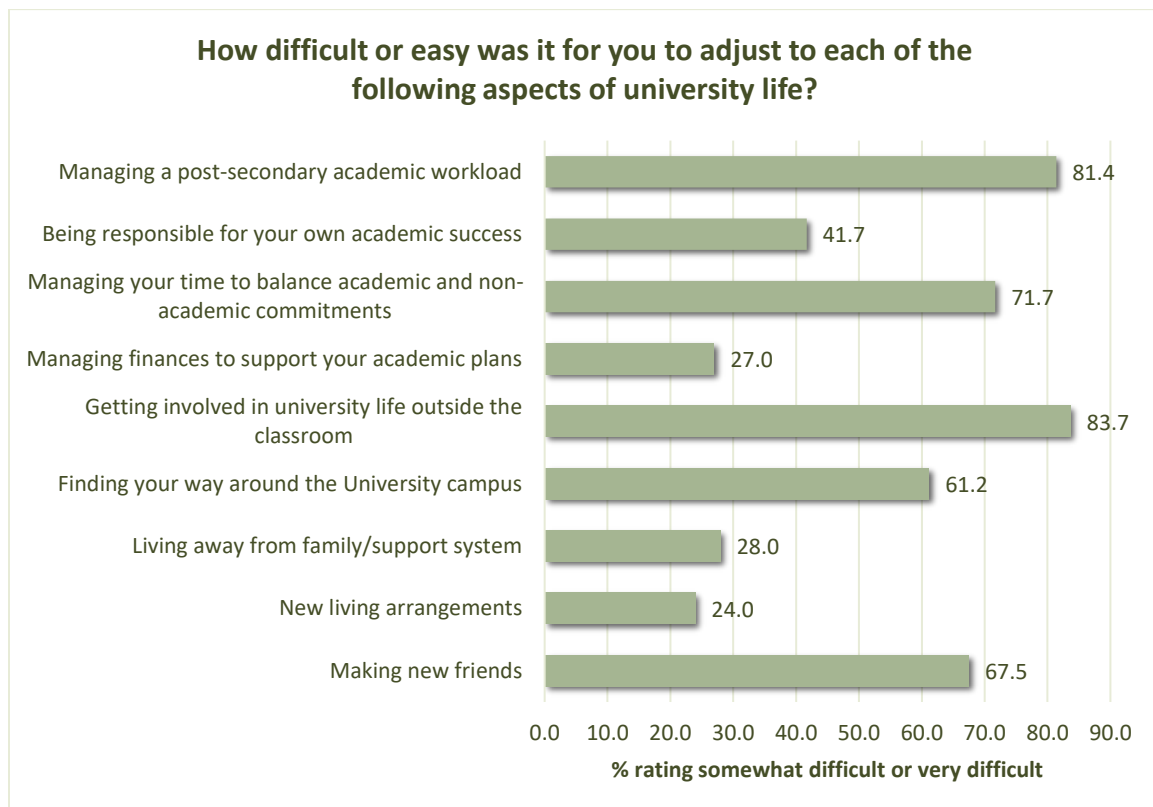
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### RESPONDENTS

- A total of 484 completed questionnaires were received out of a total population of 1,853 first-time new students in fall 2020 (26% response rate).
- Respondents were largely representative of the overall population but as in previous years the survey participants proportionately included more females than males, and slightly more out of province than Newfoundland and Labrador students.
- Completing a Bachelor Degree program at Memorial University was the intention of 84.3% of respondents.

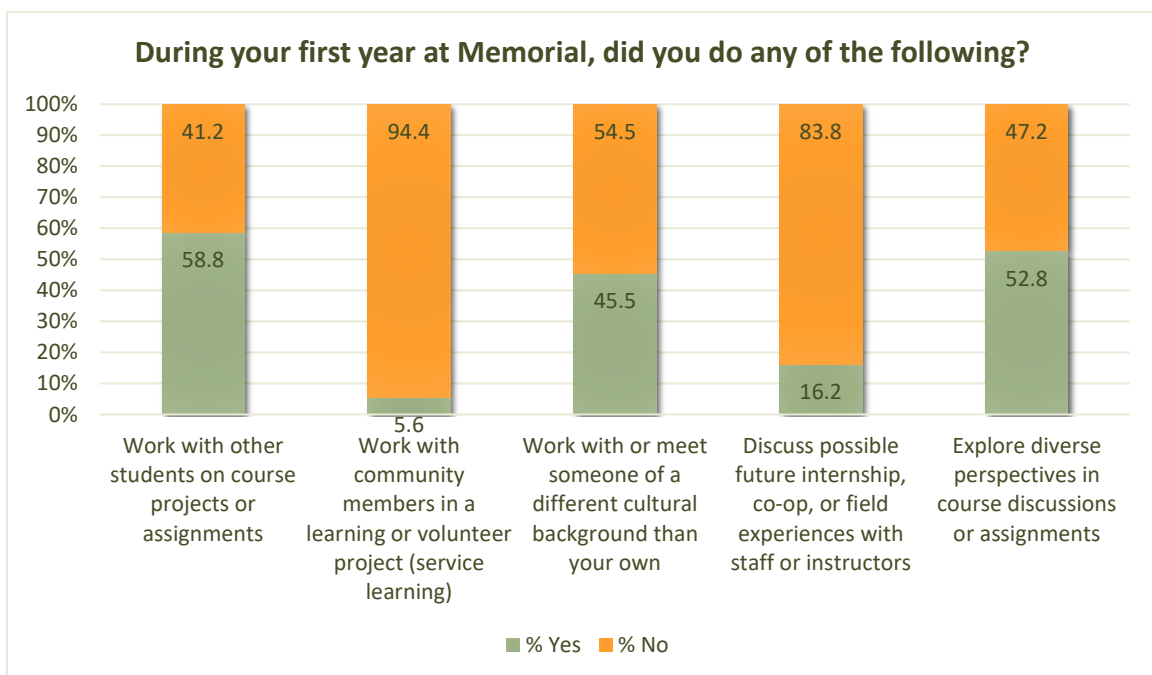
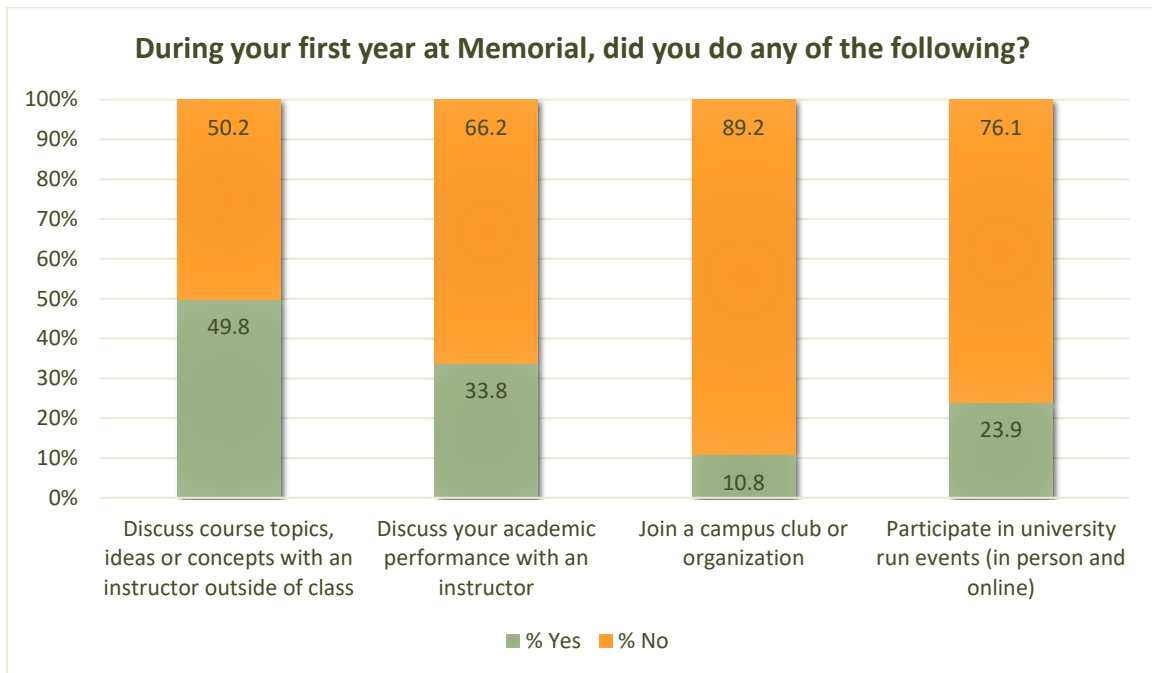
### TRANSITION

- 72.5% of respondents said **academic transition** was somewhat difficult or very difficult
- 62.3% of respondents said **social transition** was somewhat difficult or very difficult
- 36.4% of respondents said **financially** first year was somewhat difficult or very difficult
- 27.5% were satisfied or very satisfied with Memorial's efforts to help students in their transition to university
- Getting involved in university life outside the classroom and managing an academic workload presented the most difficulty for first year students.

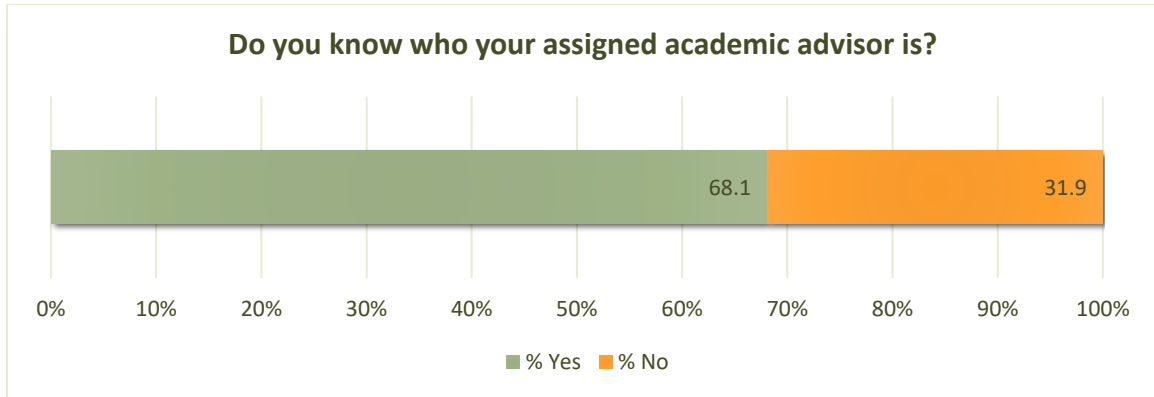


## ENGAGEMENT

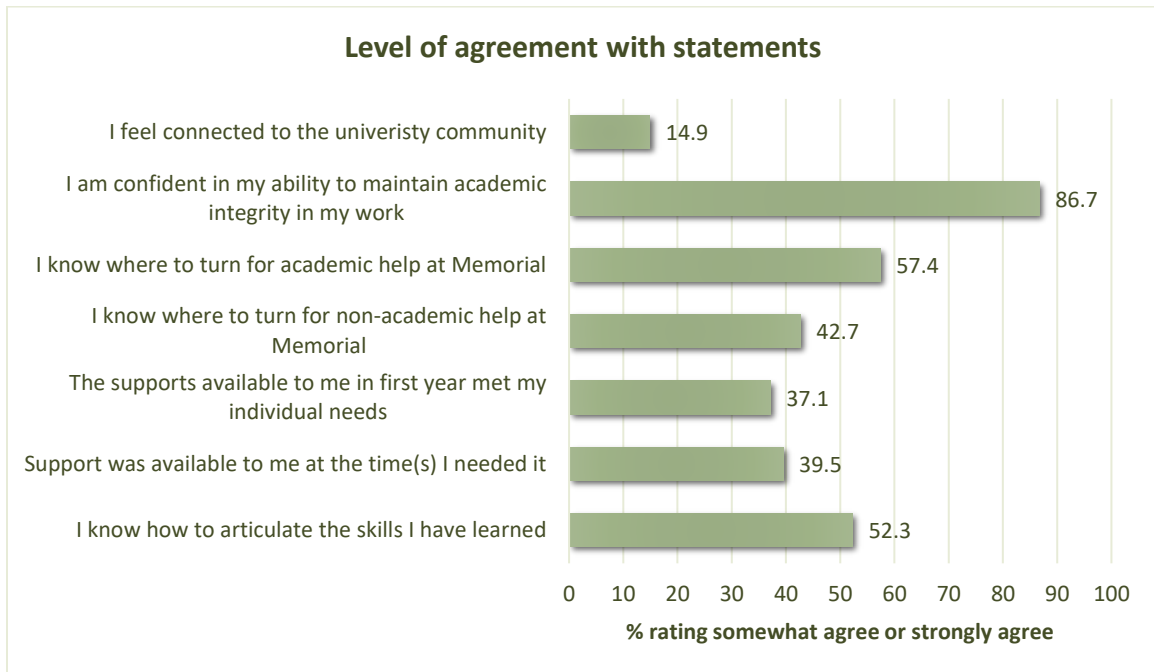
- Only half of the students responding said they discussed aspects of the course with their instructor outside of class, and proportionately few respondents took the opportunity to discuss their academic performance with instructors, join campus clubs/organizations or participate in university run events.
- Just over half of respondents said they worked with other students on projects or assignments and explored diverse perspectives in course discussions or assignments.



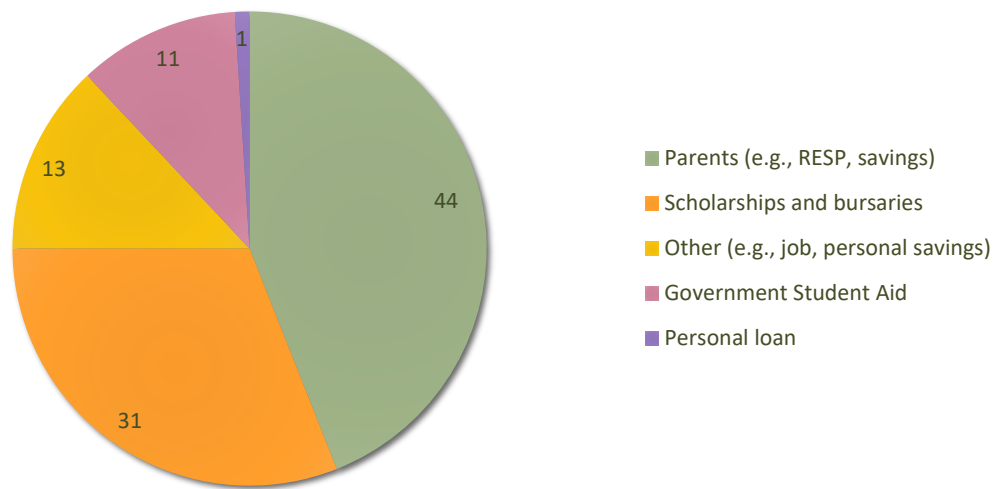
- Approximately one-third of respondents indicated they did not know their assigned academic advisor.



- Respondents indicated a fairly high level of confidence in maintaining academic integrity, and a majority agreed that they knew where to obtain academic help and could articulate the skills they have learned.
- Very few respondents said that they felt connected to the university community.
- Funding for first year university most often came from parents, followed by scholarships and bursaries as a source of funds.



**Average percentage of finances sources in first year university (%)**



#### SATISFACTION

- 43.2% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied overall with their experience at Memorial.
- 88.4% of respondents plan to return to Memorial (either St. John's, Grenfell or MI campuses) in the fall 2021 semester.