

# GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY 2021

## HIGHLIGHT OF RESULTS

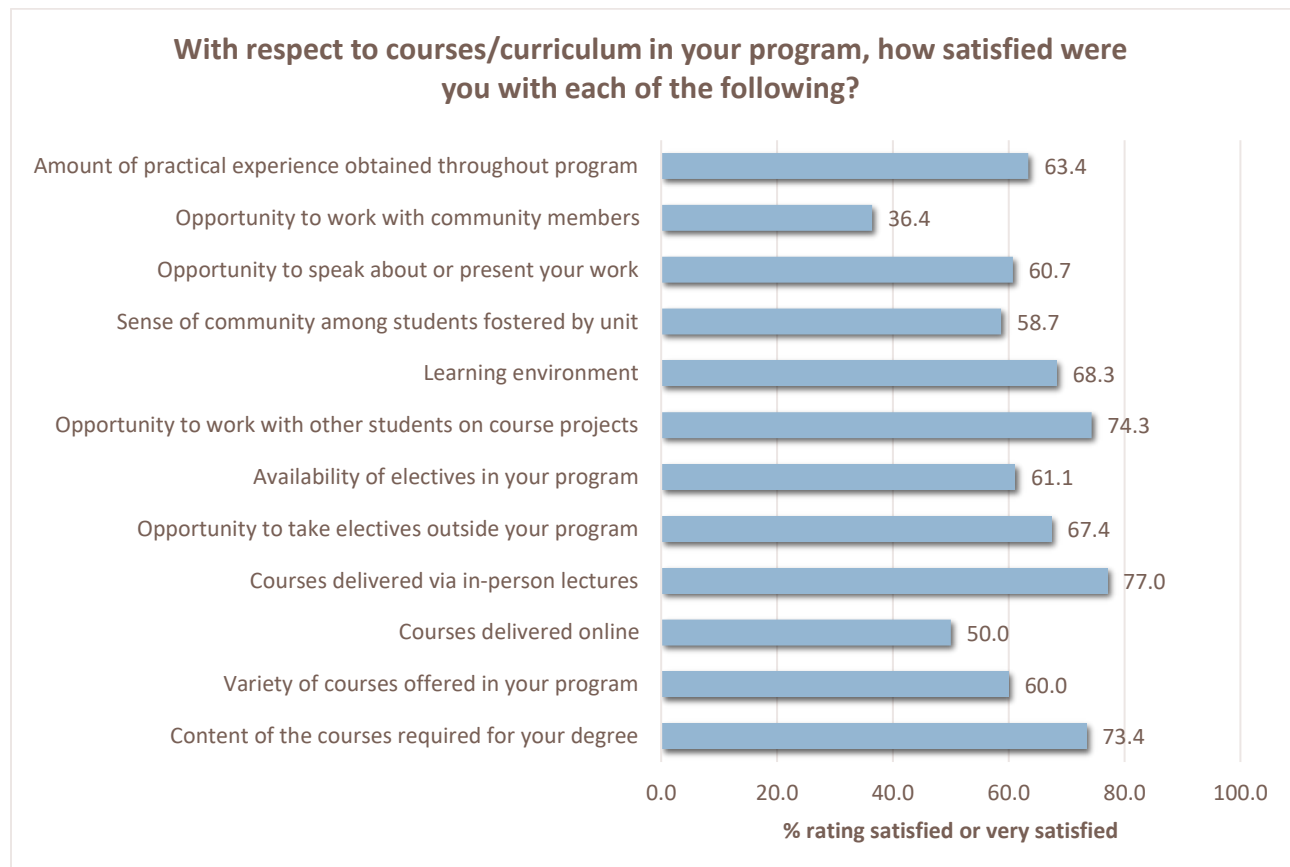
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### RESPONDENTS

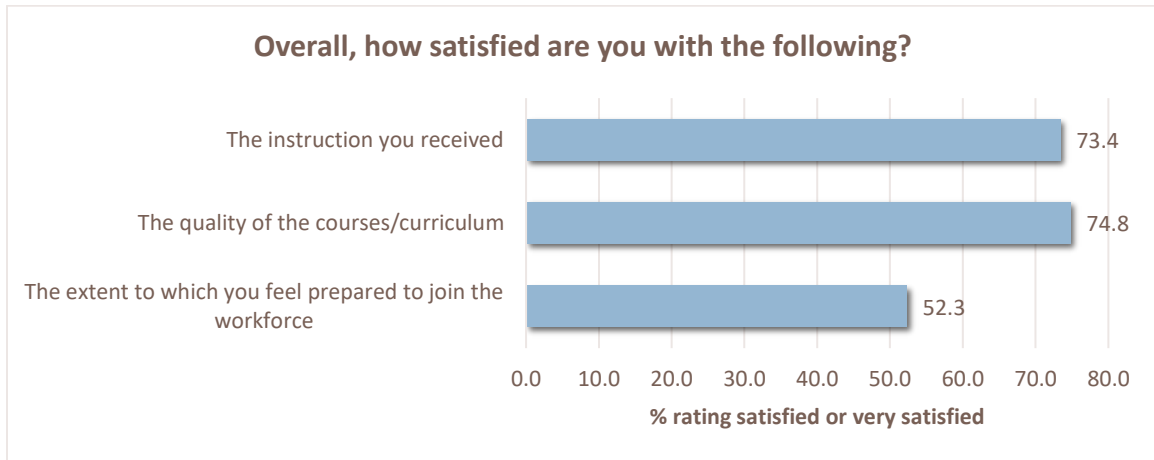
- A total of 474 completed questionnaires were received out of a total population of 2,056 students who applied to graduate with an undergraduate degree in May 2021 (23% response rate).
- While respondents were largely representative of the total survey population there were slight variations (4-6% difference) on some variables. Proportionately more females and full-time students responded to the survey, and there were more respondents from the Faculties of Science and Humanities and Social Science, and less from the Faculty of Nursing, compared to the composition of the population.
- The majority of respondents said they decided their program of study based on personal interest or aptitude in the area (81.2%); this was followed by career/employment opportunities (38.8%), talking with other students or friends (22.4%), and as preparation for another program (21.9%).

### PROGRAM SATISFACTION

- Students were generally satisfied with various aspects of their program, particularly in-person courses, the opportunity to work with other students, and the content of their required courses.



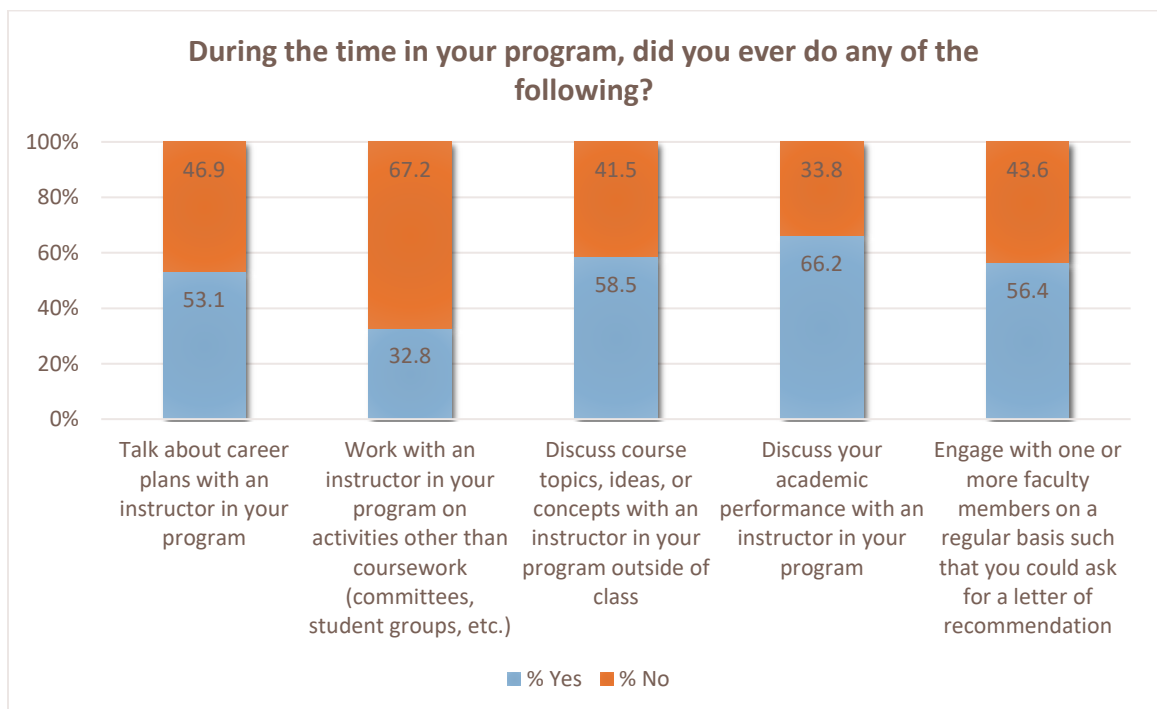
- Approximately three-quarters of respondents were satisfied with instruction and courses, and just over half felt prepared to join the workforce.



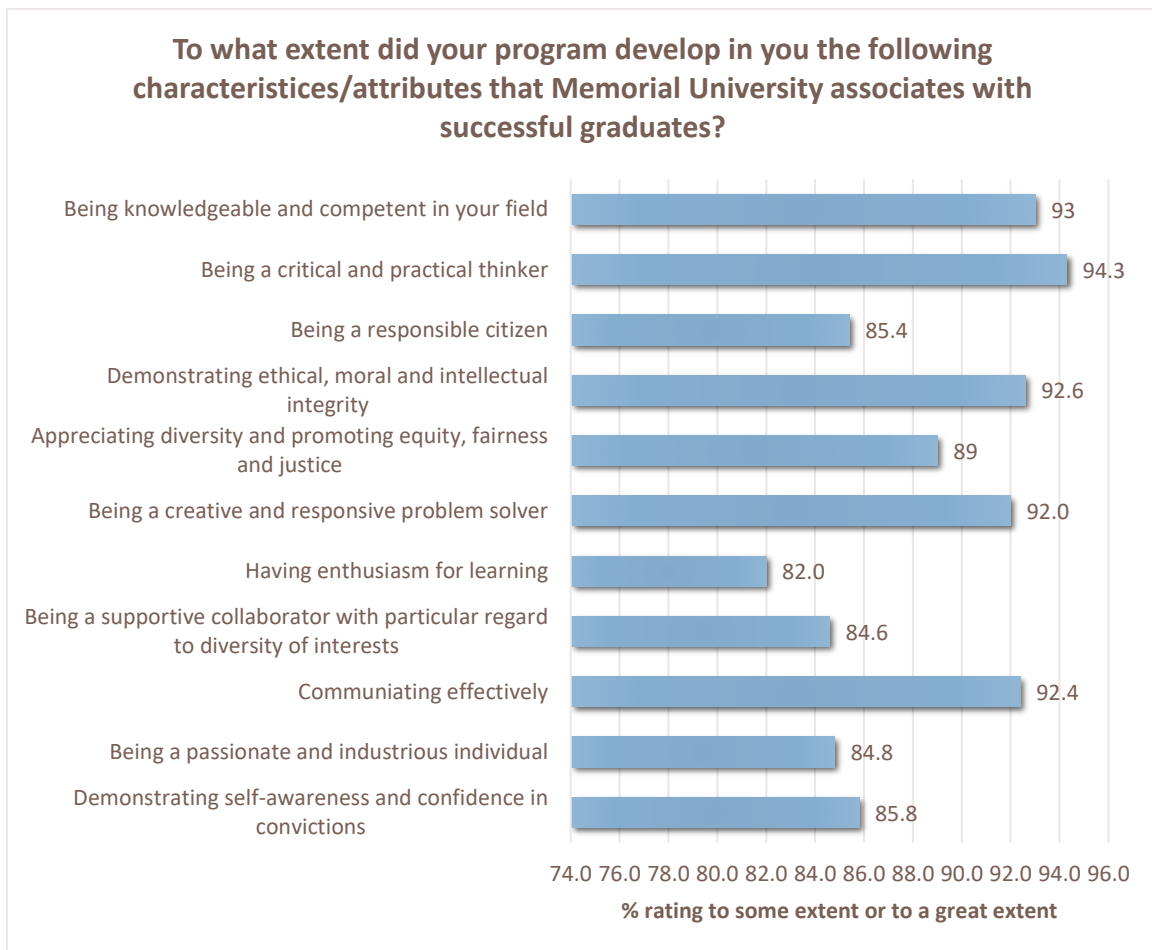
- 59.1% of respondents said they would choose the same program if they could start their education over, and 77.1% of respondents would recommend the program to a friend.

### PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT AND OUTCOMES

- About two-thirds of respondents said they took the opportunity during their program to discuss their academic performance with an instructor, while just over half indicated they discussed course material or career plans or could ask an instructor for a letter of recommendation.
- Working with an instructor outside of class occurred more infrequently with approximately one-third of respondents saying they had done this.

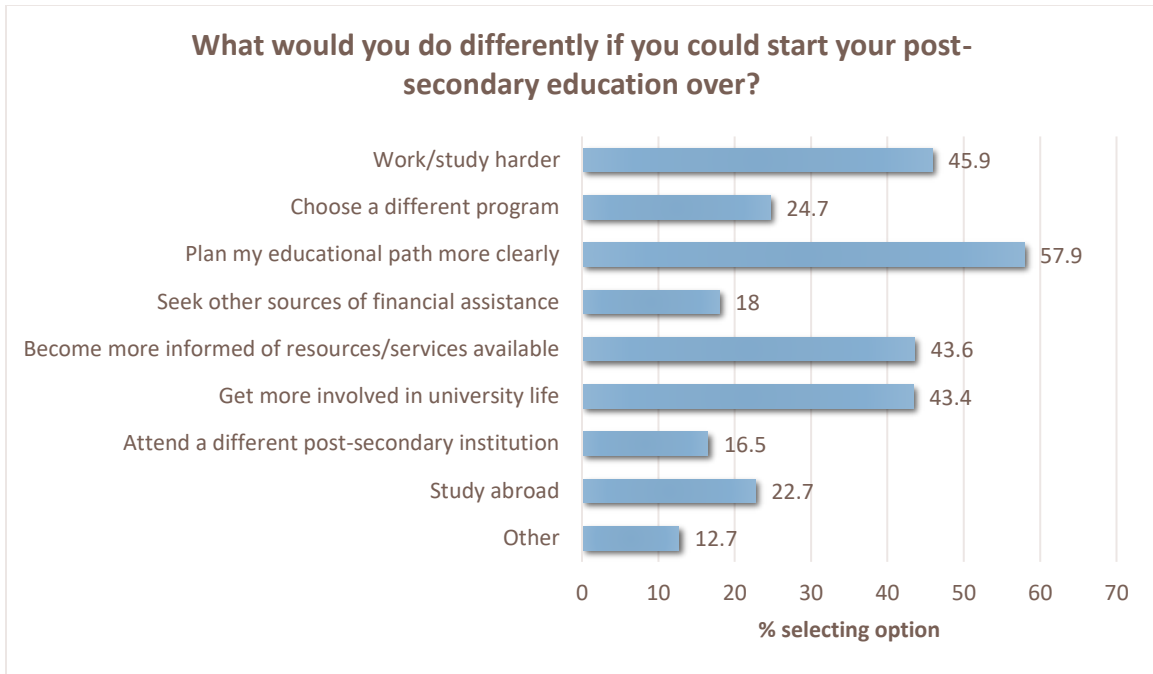


- The majority of respondents felt their program developed in them the characteristics/attributes associated with successful graduates, though there were some areas about 15% of respondents felt these attributes were developed very little of not at all by their program.

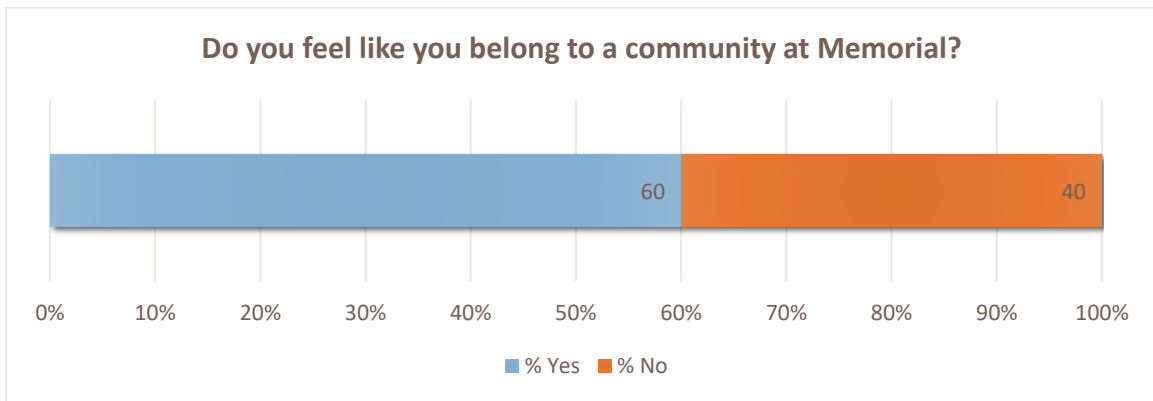


## OVERALL SATISFACTION

- A total of 38.3% of respondents said it took longer to complete their degree than originally expected. Of those, the most common reason for the longer time to completion was personal/family reasons (42.0%), followed by changed major/program (39.2%) and courses not offered when needed (38.1%).
- A total of 85.4% of respondents indicated they would do something differently if they could start their post-secondary education over. Of those, the most frequently cited difference was to plan their educational path more clearly (57.9%). Other frequently noted things that would have been done differently included work/study harder (45.9%), become more informed of resources/services available (43.6%) and get more involved in university life (43.4%).



- 75.4% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied overall with their experience at Memorial.
- 79.8% would recommend Memorial to a friend.
- A total of 60% of respondents indicated they feel like they belong to a community at Memorial.



## POST-GRADUATION

- Immediate plans following graduation most often included to pursue further education (55.5%), followed by look for employment (39.8%) and start a new job arranged for after graduation (20.1%).
- A total of 87.1% of respondents indicated they currently reside in the Province, and of this group 54.0% said they plan on remaining in Newfoundland and Labrador following the completion of their degree. For those respondents who are leaving the province, the most frequent reason selected was pursuing further education outside the Province (70.1%) followed by employment opportunities (58.6%), personal or family reasons (27.6%), returning home (9.2%) or other reasons (10.3%).