

## Undeclared Students: Select questions from the 2025 Memorial University Student Experience Survey

### Background

The Memorial University Student Experience Survey is an annual survey of students at all campuses of Memorial University. The survey collects information about all students' academic and non-academic experiences at Memorial to help the university identify and improve upon aspects of the student experience across different programs, campuses and academic levels.

This summary report focuses on survey questions related to UNDECLARED STUDENTS. This is the population of undergraduate students, both first year and beyond first year, who do not have a declared major listed in the Banner student system. There were 243 students in this group, with the majority (209) located at the St. John's campus and the remainder studying online (22) or at Grenfell campus (12).

**TABLE 1. Respondent Summary: Undeclared Undergraduate Students**

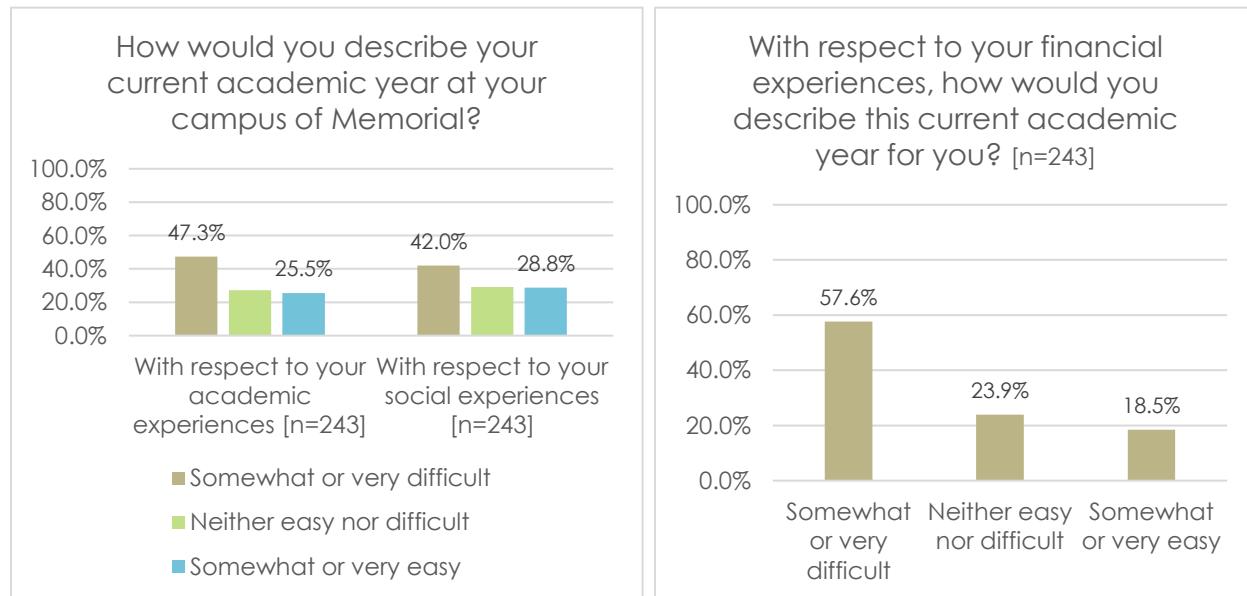
	<b>Respondents Total</b>
Undeclared First Year	135
Undeclared Beyond First Year	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>

### Notes:

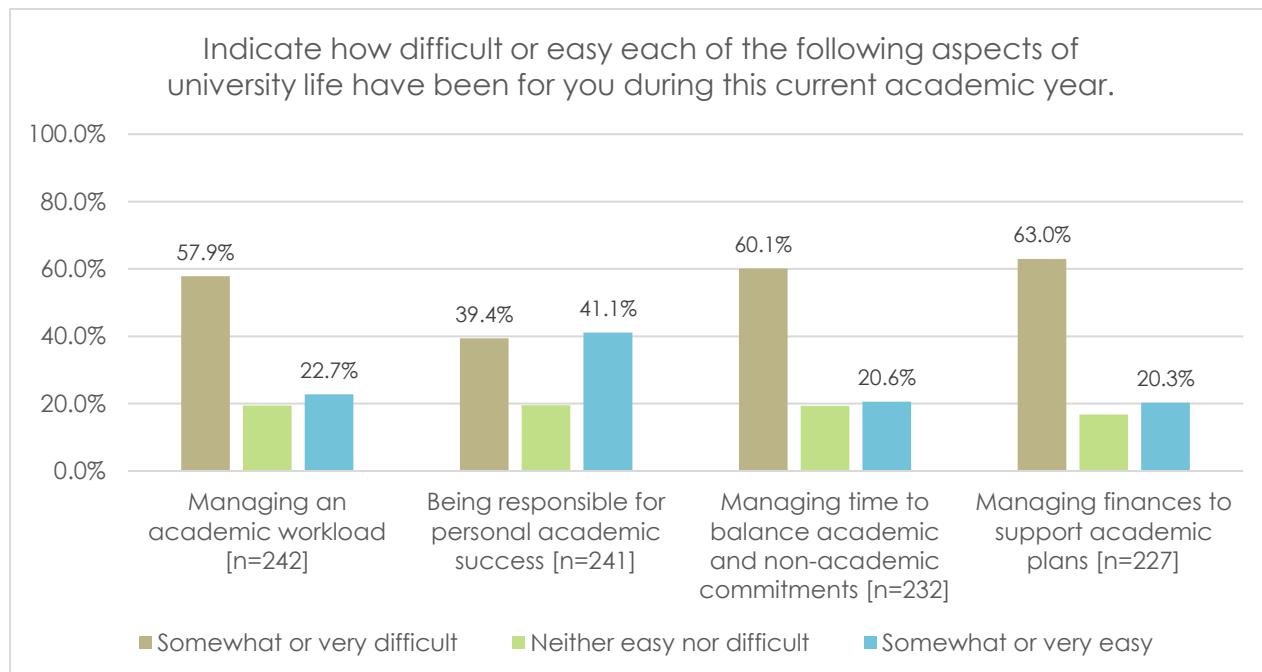
- Results are shown as frequencies (%) or means (average) as appropriate (missing values and values of "not applicable" are excluded from calculations).
- Percentages are rounded to one decimal point and in some cases may not total exactly to 100%. For multiple selection questions where participants could choose more than one item, percentages are based on the total number of students who could have responded to the question. Respondent totals used in chart calculations are noted in square brackets.
- Due to the limited size of the respondent group(s) readers should be cautious when reviewing and interpreting the results as they may not be representative of the larger population(s). The occurrence of extreme ratings will have a larger impact on summary statistics when they are based on small group sizes.

## Survey Results

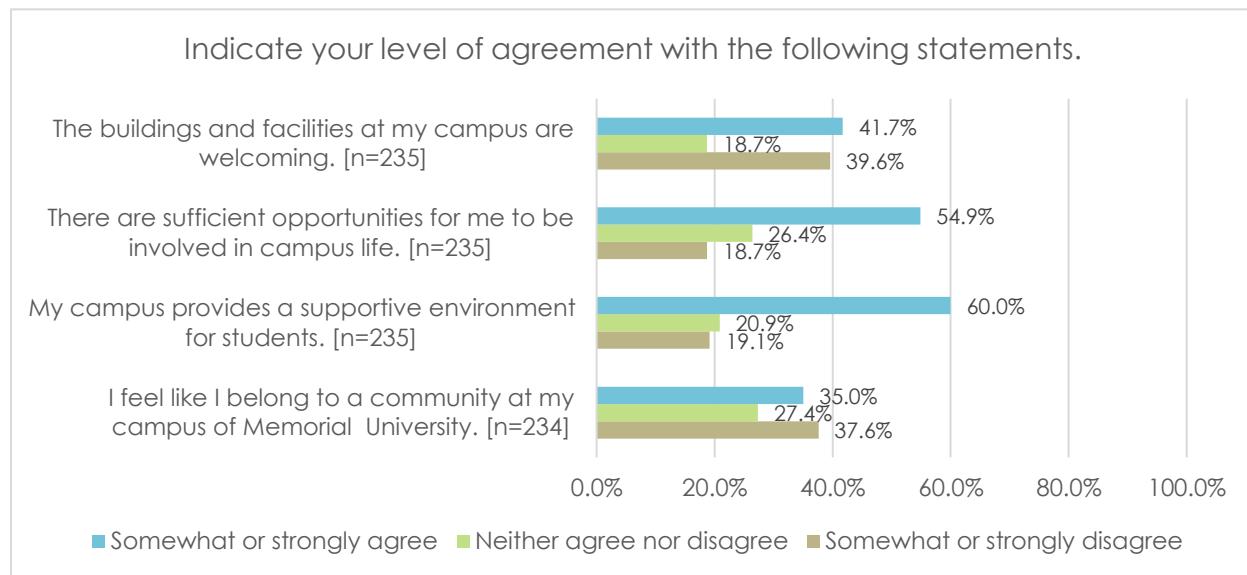
Undeclared students were highly likely to describe their academic year as being somewhat or very difficult both academically (47%) and socially (42%). A majority of respondents in this group (58%) also said that this year has been financially difficult.



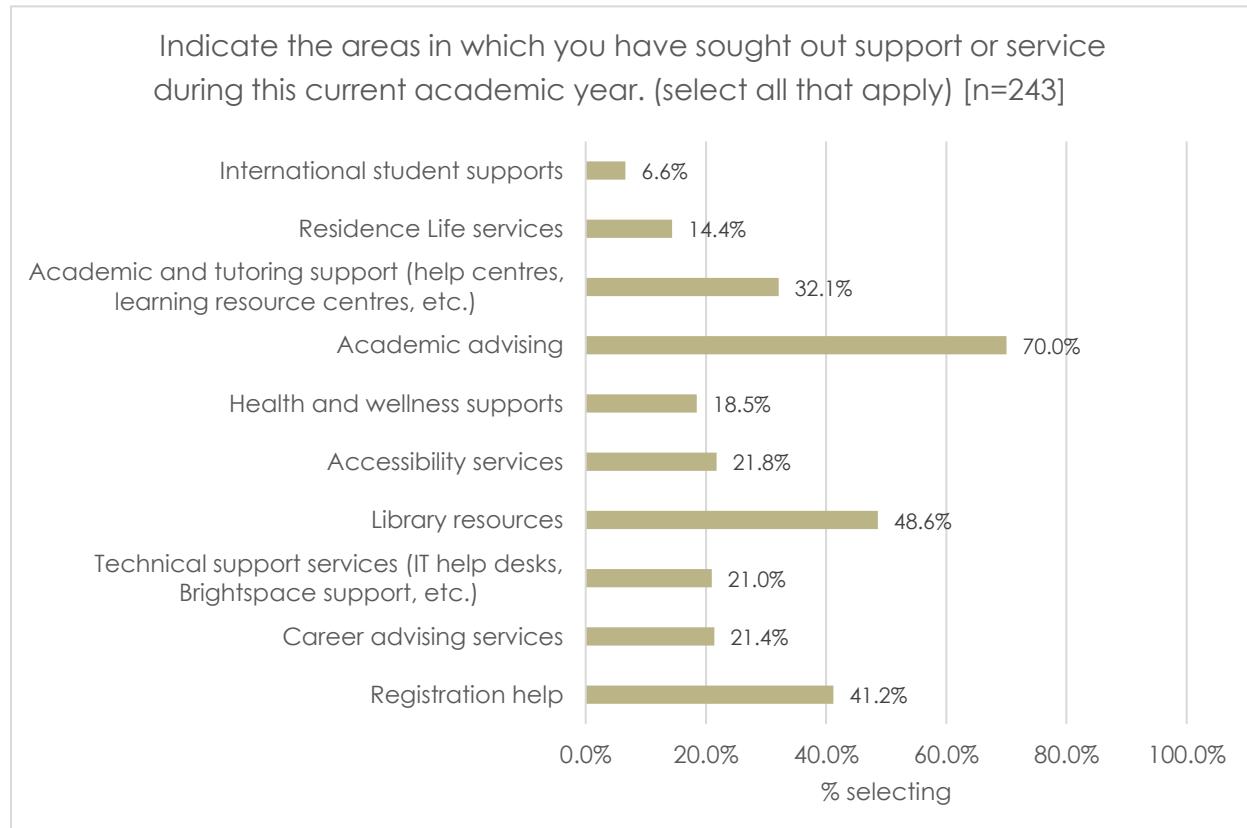
These students also reported a moderate to high amount of difficulty with various aspects of university life. Managing finances and managing time commitments were reported as being difficult by over 60% of respondents. It was difficult to manage an academic workload for 58% of undeclared students and 39% indicated that responsibility for their academic success presented difficulty.



A majority of respondents felt their campus offered a supportive environment (60%) and that they had opportunities to be involved in campus life (55%). Close to 40% of undeclared students did not agree that campus facilities were welcoming or that they belonged to their campus community.



Academic advising was the service area used most frequently by undeclared students (70%). For the other service areas listed, less than half of the respondents had availed of these supports.



Although they did not have a major formally declared on the student system, a large proportion of respondents indicated that they had decided on a program of study (75%), and in almost all cases this was decided by personal interest in a discipline. Those who had not yet decided on a program most commonly said they had not yet selected the area they wanted to study.

Have you decided on a program of study at Memorial?	74.9% Yes	How did you decide on your program of study (select all that apply) [n= 182] <small>*three most frequently selected responses shown</small>	Personal interest or aptitude in area 93.4% Talking with other students, friends, or family 41.2% Career/employment opportunities 40.7%
	25.1% No	What is the main reason why you have not yet declared a program of study? [n=61] <small>*three most frequently selected responses shown</small>	I have not yet decided what area of study I want to pursue 44.3% I do not have the prerequisite courses needed for admission to my program of interest 13.1% I am interested in a major(s) but am not ready to commit to a program of study 11.5%

Approximately half of the undeclared respondents said they were somewhat or very satisfied with their Memorial experiences, while 33% expressed dissatisfaction. Similarly, just under 50% of the students indicated they would recommend Memorial to a friend with the other half saying they would not or they did not know if they would recommend the University to others.



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