

2026 Student Experience Survey Highlights

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10,664 students responded
24% response rate

Teaching and learning experiences

68.2% said that their workload was manageable

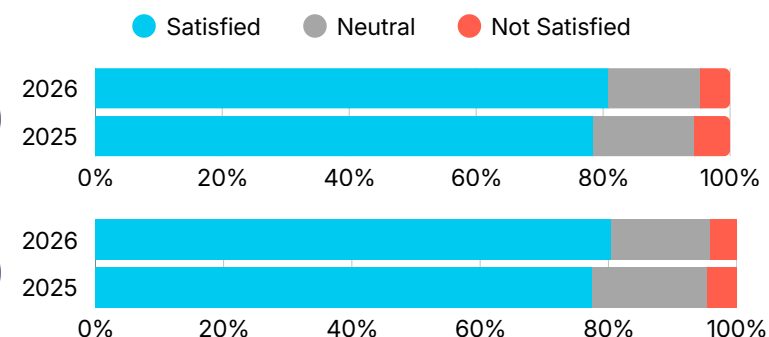
5.3% increase over 2025

81.3% students are satisfied with the quality of their programme

67.6% said they received timely and sufficient feedback

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80.8% students are satisfied with their University experience



Respondents

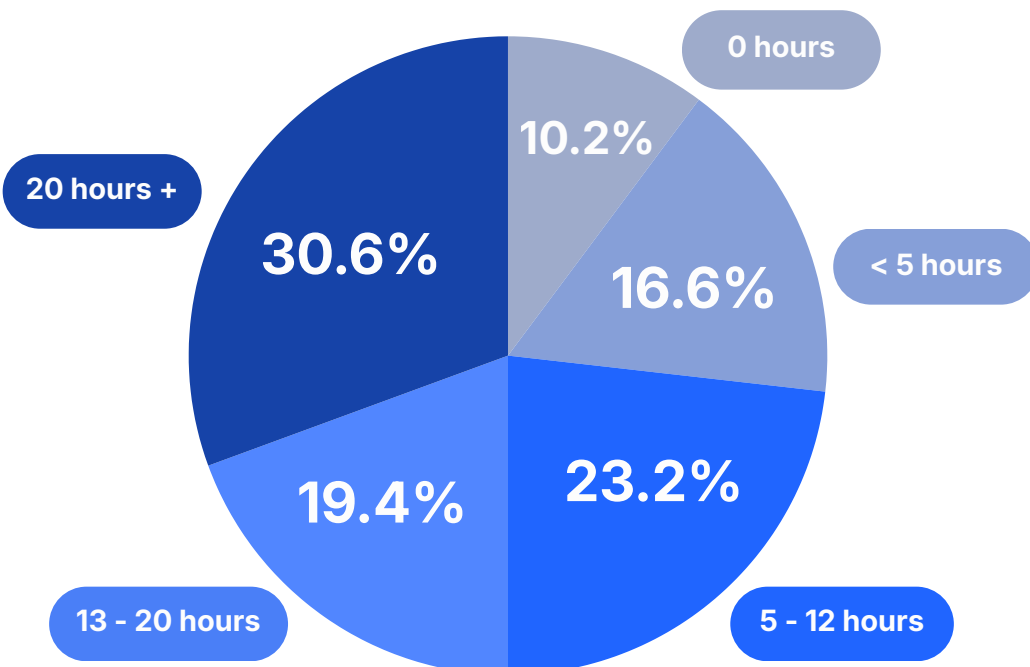
Undergraduates **6,971**

Sub-doctoral postgraduates **2,801**

Doctoral students **892**

Student life

Time students spend doing paid work, caring for dependents, and unpaid activities per week

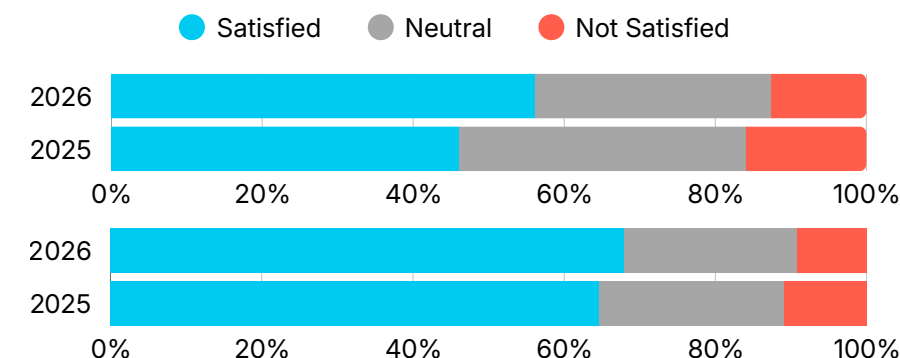


57.3% said that they felt a sense of belonging to the University community

10.1% increase over 2025

68.9% said that the University's social atmosphere was enjoyable

3.3% increase over 2025



Top 5 options for:

"Things about University life that most contribute to my sense of belonging"

***% of students picking this as their number 1**

Learning new things in interesting courses

65.3%

***20.1%**

Students in my cohort/ programme

55.9%

***11.0%**

My social networks at University

48.0%

***14.2%**

Facilities, resources & spaces on Campus

46.3%

***7.5%**

My interactions with teaching staff

46.1%

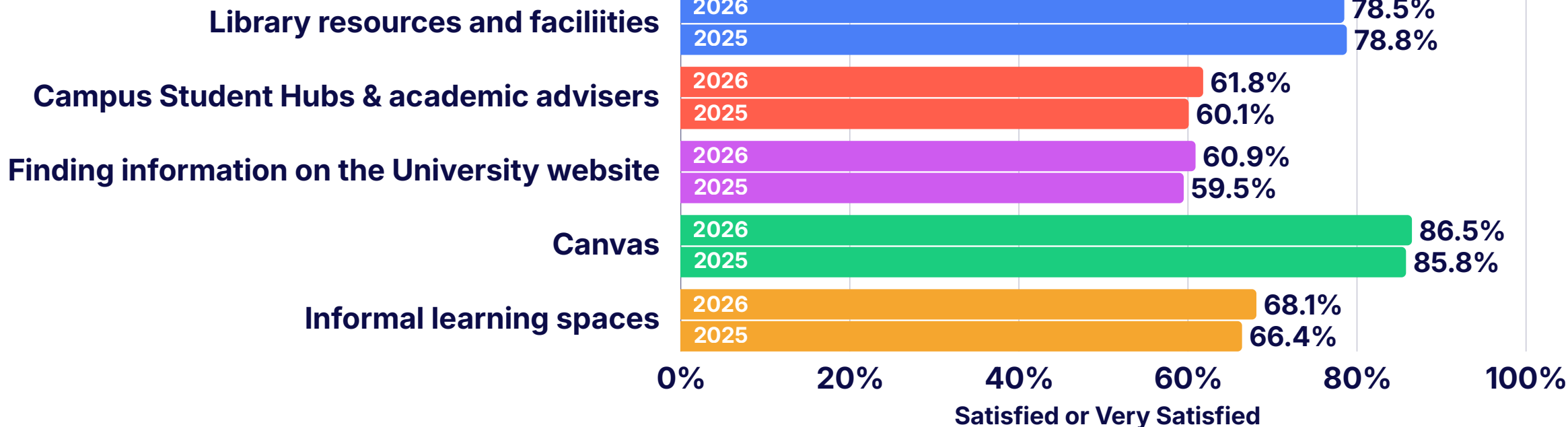
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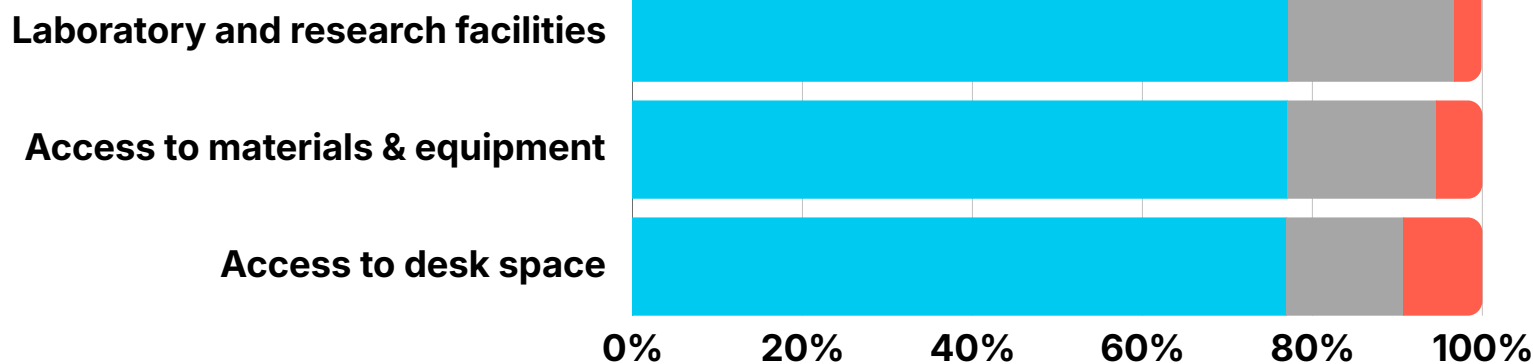
Taught-course students' satisfaction with...



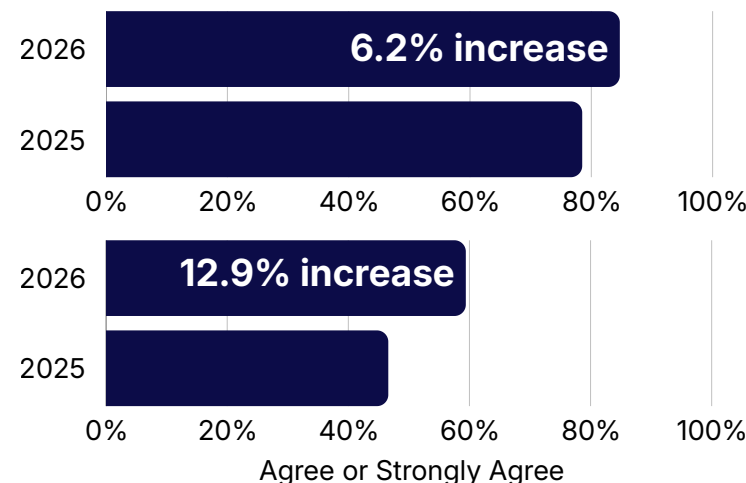
2025 vs 2026	Everyone, including research students
- 0.3%	79.3%
+ 1.7%	62.7%
+ 1.4%	61.7%
+ 0.7%	86.5%
+ 1.7%	69.1%

Research students' satisfaction with...

● Satisfied ● Neutral ● Not Satisfied



Students' use of AI in their studies...



83.6% agreed that they had received clear guidance on when and how to use AI tools in a way that maintains academic integrity

59.6% agreed that they have had opportunities to develop and apply skills in using AI in their studies