

Vytautas Magnus University First-year Student Survey Results

2021-2022 academic year



Purpose and Respondents of the Survey

The aim was to identify the reasons for the first-year students' study choice, expectations and opinion about the studies they had chosen as well as the activities they had been involved in.

The survey of bachelor and integrated studies' first-year students was conducted in January and February of 2022.

364 first-year VMU students took part in the survey – 31,22 percent of bachelor and integrated studies' first-year students.

Respondents in Academic Units

Unit	Number of first-year students	Number of respondents	% of the total number of first year students
Faculty of Economics and Management	63	16	25,40
Faculty of Natural Sciences	57	18	31,58
Faculty of Humanities	111	44	39,64
Faculty of Informatics	52	12	23,08
Faculty of Catholic Theology	14	5	35,71
Faculty of Arts	91	26	28,57
Music Academy	44	8	18,18
Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy	134	37	27,61
Faculty of Social Sciences	137	42	30,66
Education Academy	230	60	26,09
Faculty of Law	70	21	30,00
Agriculture Academy	163	56	34,36
Not Specified	-	19	-
VMU	1166	364	31,22

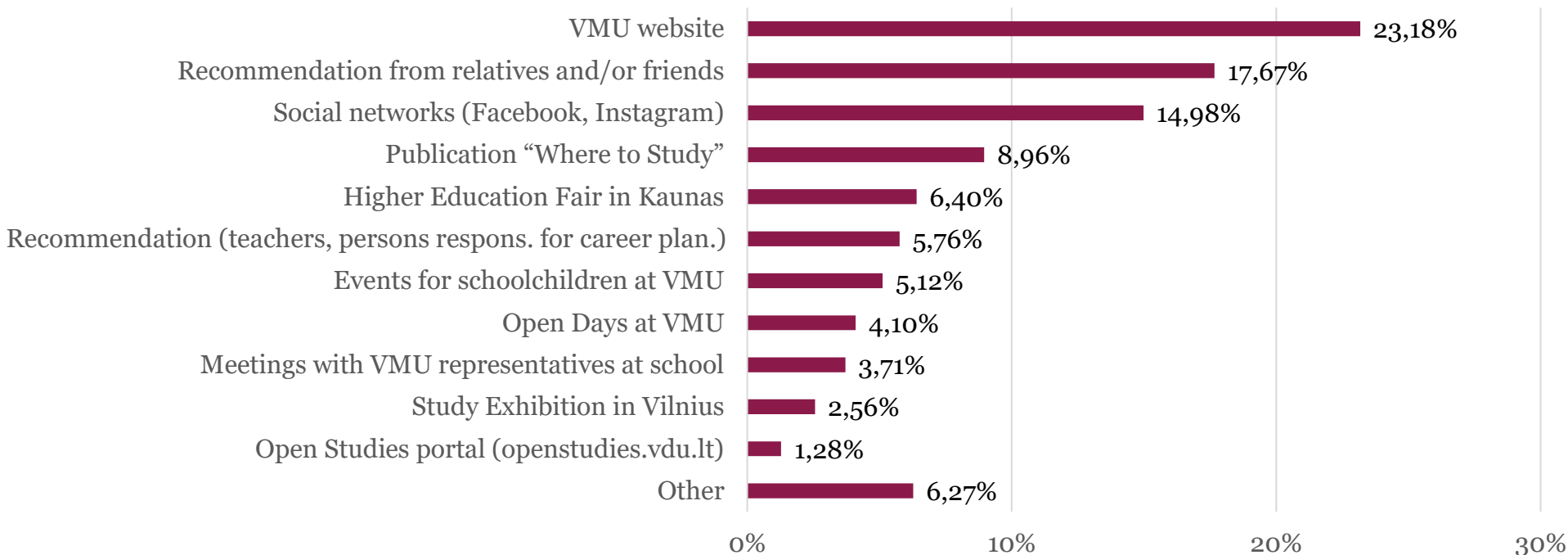
Survey Results

Survey results are presented according to the questions given for the first-year students:

- What information sources were most important to you when deciding where to study (1)?
- Why did you choose studies at VMU? (2)?
- What skills would you like to develop while studying at VMU (3)?
- Evaluate VMU's introductory study week events (4).
- Evaluate your study experience at VMU (5).
- What is the average number of hours per week you study (including the whole work in studies) (6)?
- What do you do after your studies (7)?
- Do you know and participate in the activities of Vytautas Magnus University (8)?
- What could be improved at Vytautas Magnus University (9)?

What Information Sources were Most Important to You When Deciding Where to Study (1)?

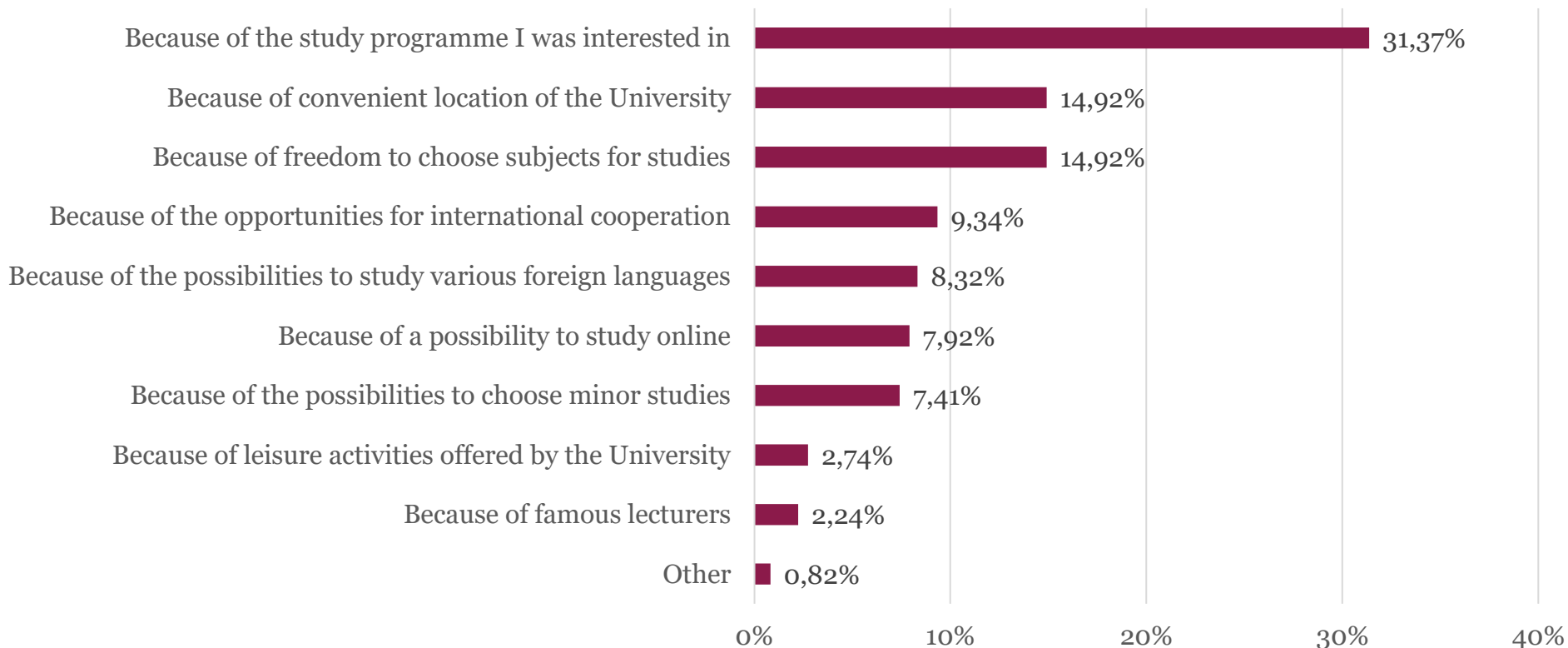
Choose 1–3 most important information sources.



When choosing "Other", the respondents named consultations with the administration staff responsible for studies, public VMU teachers' lectures, participation in a summer camp, good feedback from other students and graduates, Google search, information about foreign languages learning opportunities, suitable offers of study programmes.

Why did you choose studies at VMU (2)?

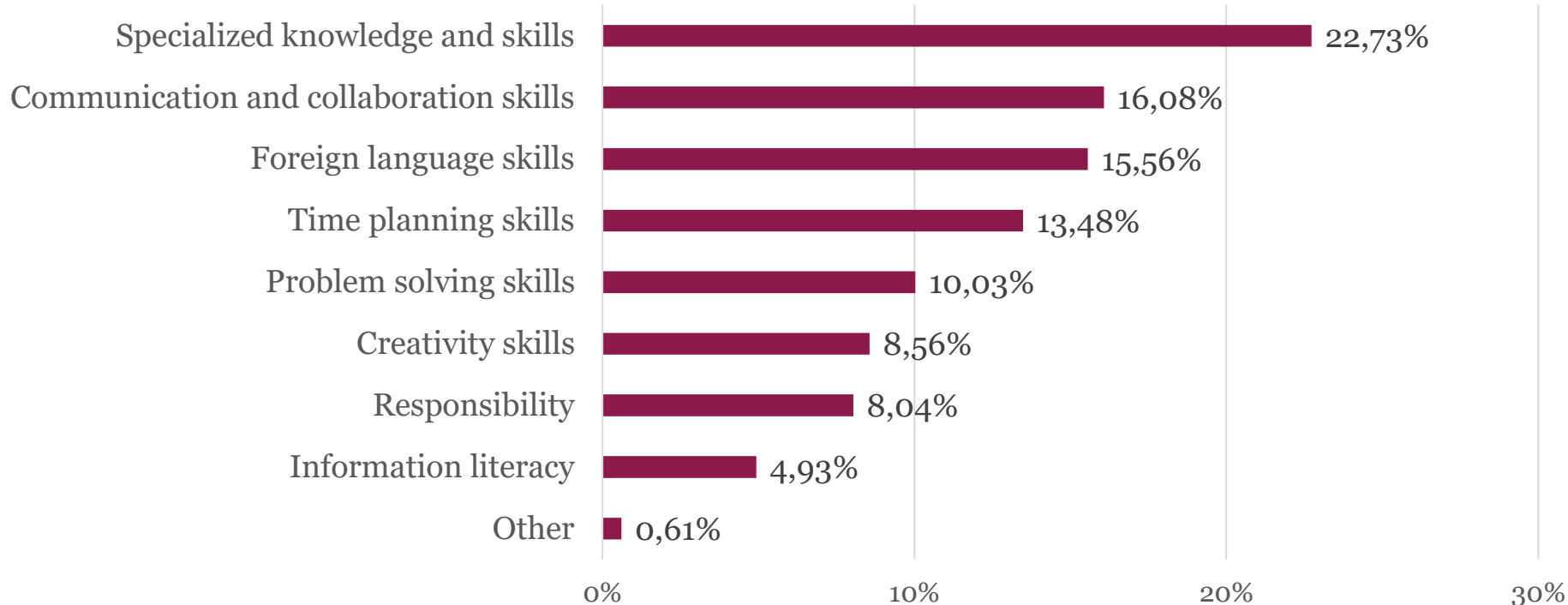
Choose 1–3 most important reasons.



When choosing “Other”, the respondents mentioned that they chose to study at Vytautas Magnus University due to: good recommendations by senior course students or graduates about the studies, friendly and tolerant teachers, the university atmosphere; the tuition fee.

What skills would you like to develop while studying at VMU (3)?

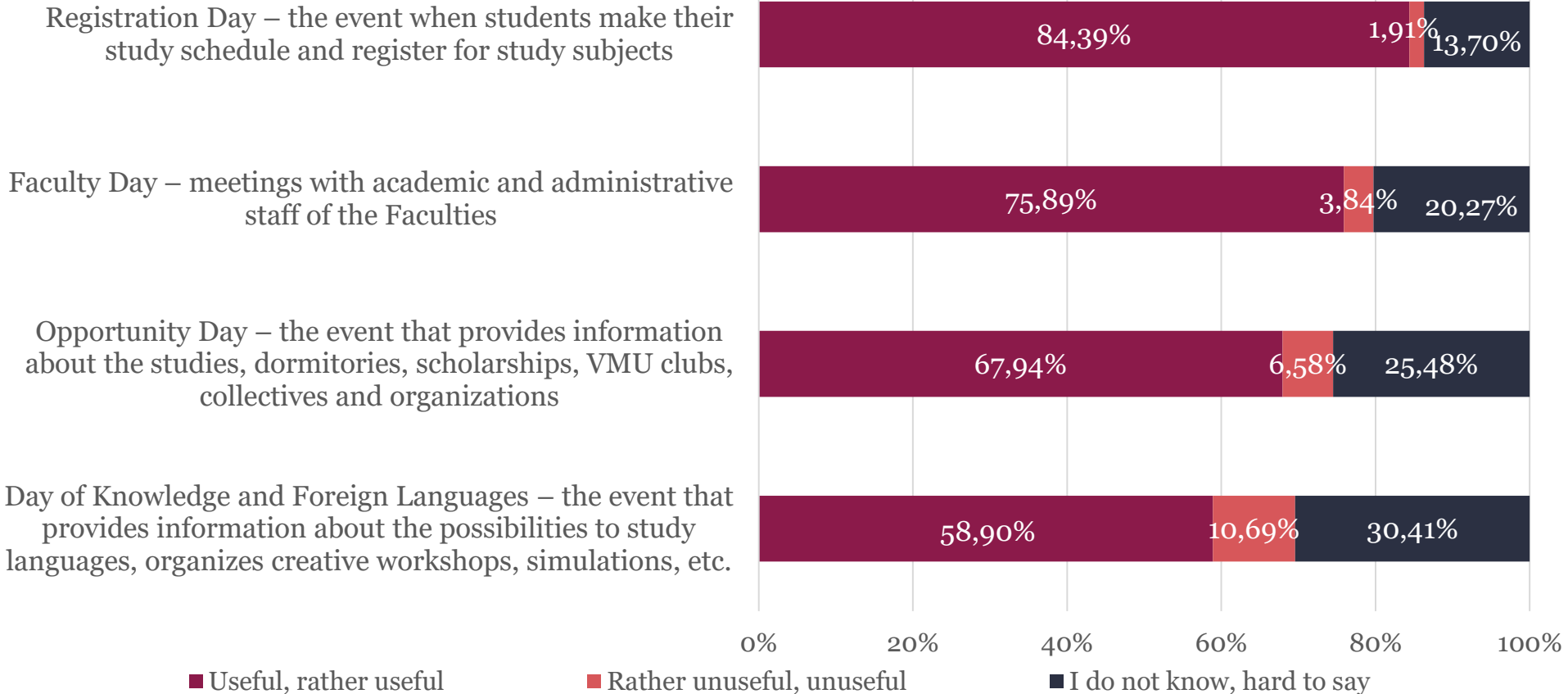
Choose 1–3 most appropriate options.



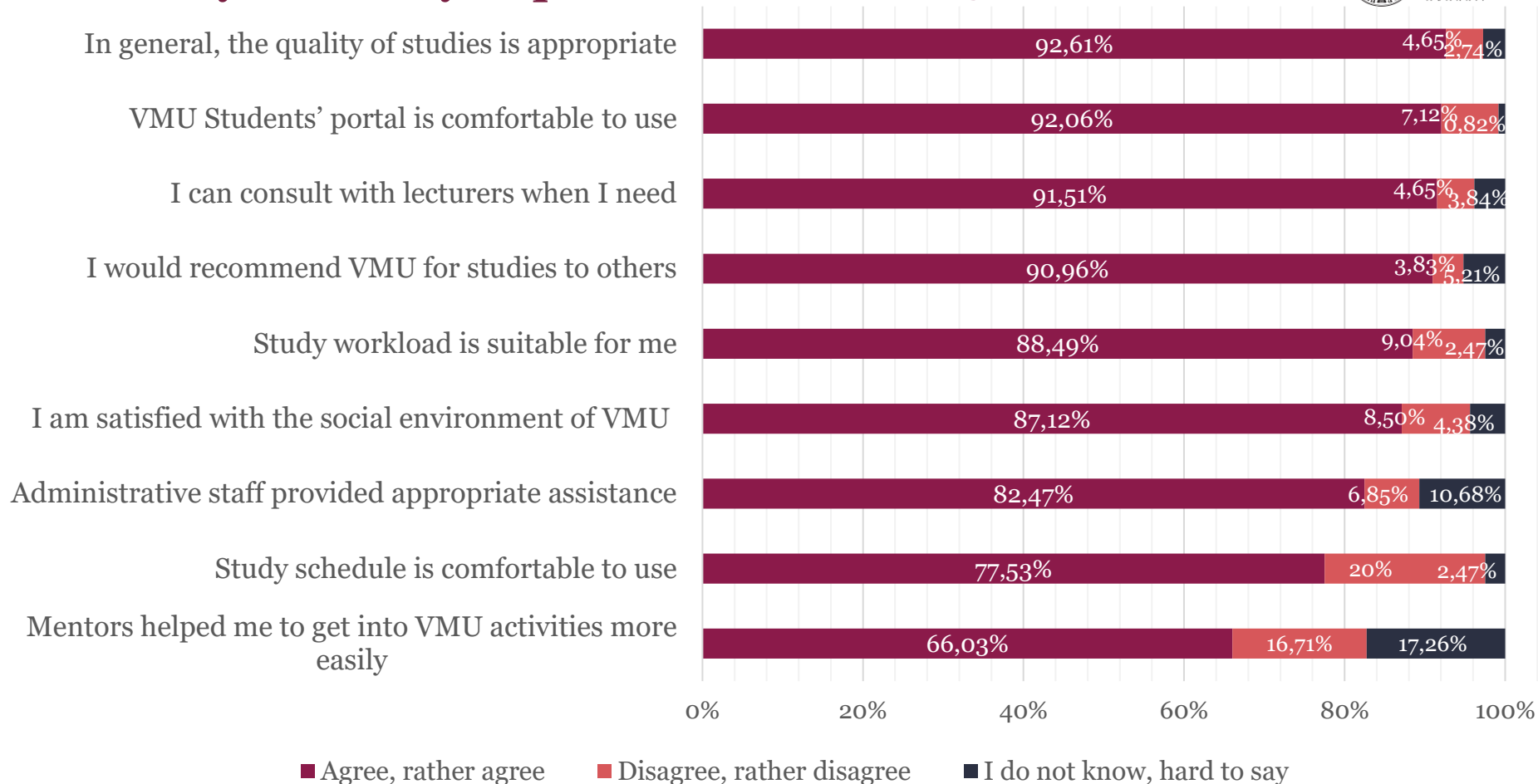
When choosing "Other", respondents indicated that they plan to develop self-discipline and communication skills, practical skills.

Evaluate VMU's introductory study week events (4).

Choose the evaluation next to each event.

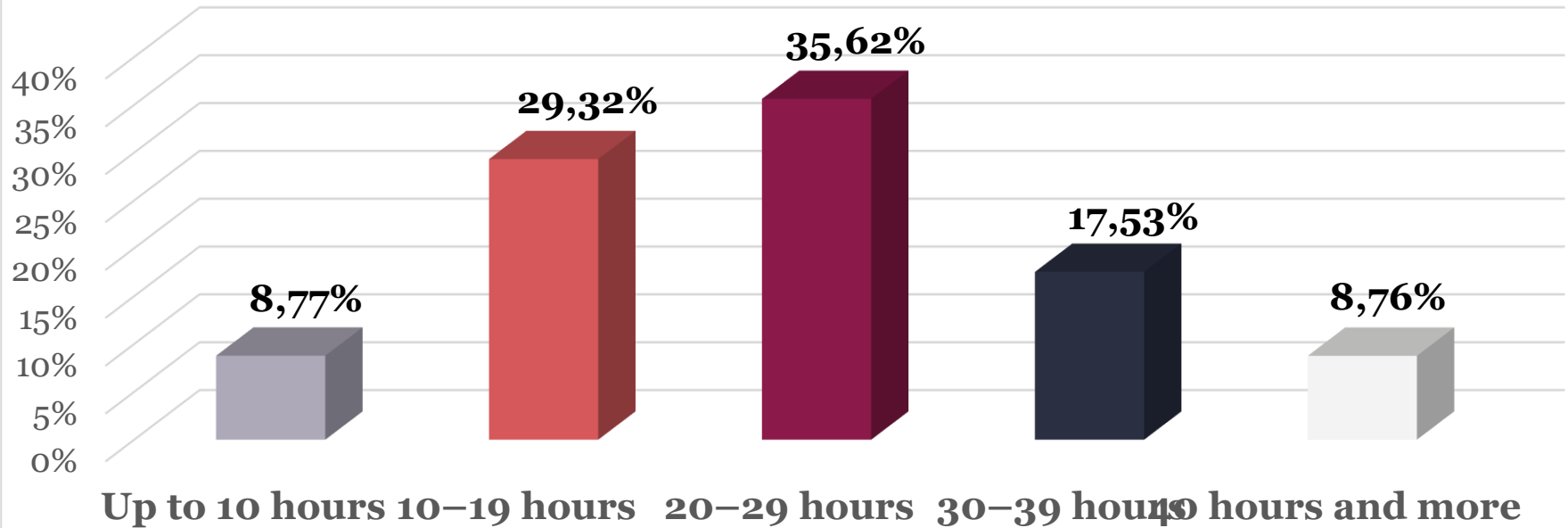


Evaluate your study experience at VMU (5).



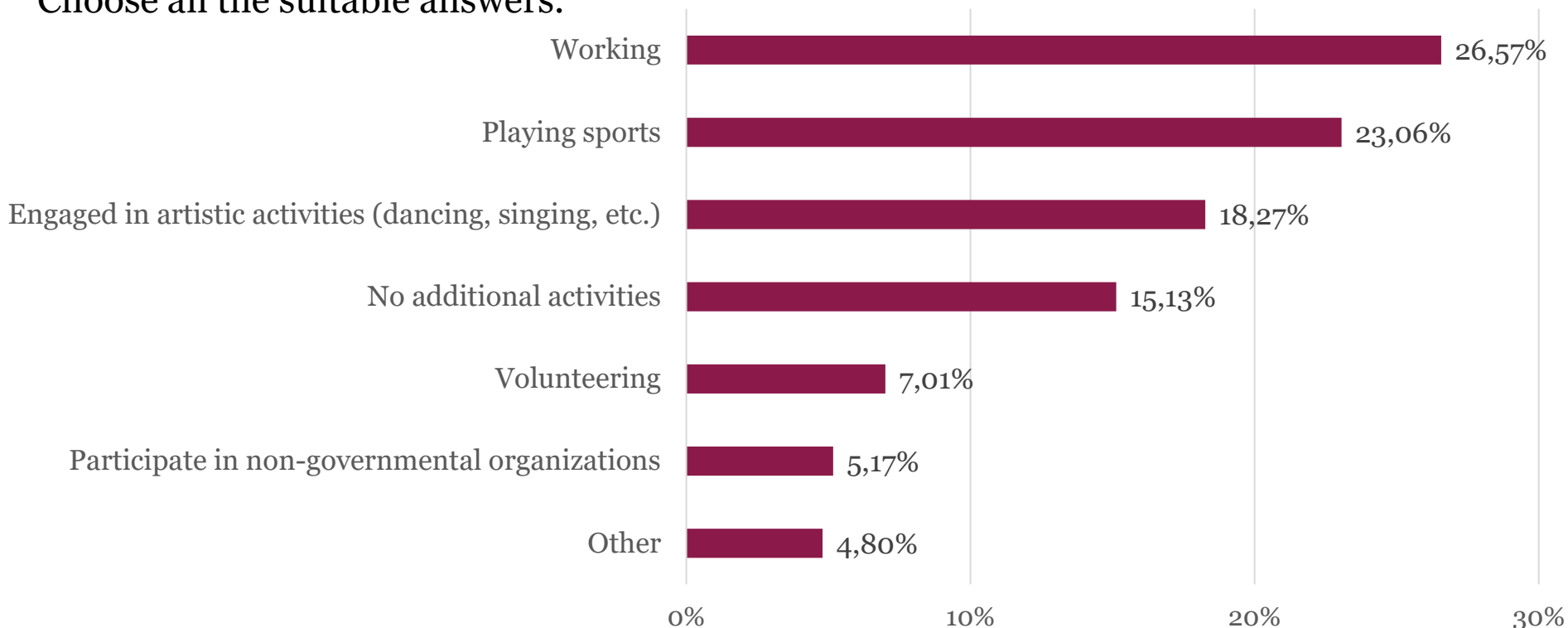
What is the average number of hours per week you study (6)?

Choose 1 answer.



What do you do after your studies (7)?

Choose all the suitable answers.



When choosing "Other", the respondents mentioned that in their free time after studies they learn foreign languages, programming, continue study-related activities, are engaged in scientific and project work, participate in student activities, political youth organizations, and clubs; they visit museums, travel, relax, read books, and raise children.

Do you know and participate in the activities of VMU (8)?

Choose the answer next to each statement.

Universitete vykdomos veiklos	I participate already, %	I know and plan to participate, %	I know but I do not plan to participate, %	I do not know but it would be interesting, %	I do not know, hard to say, %
Academia cum laude (individual studies)	4,93	6,03	43,56	24,11	21,37
Entrepreneurship Academy	1,92	8,77	43,56	22,47	23,29
Psychology Clinic	3,56	12,05	30,41	30,14	23,84
Minor studies	5,75	32,33	40,27	12,33	9,32
International mobility programmes	2,47	19,73	24,38	30,41	23,01
Events promoting entrepreneurship	0,82	10,14	29,59	30,96	28,49
Career planning events	2,74	18,9	25,75	35,89	16,71
Voluntary and additional practice in Lithuania	1,64	29,04	21,37	36,71	11,23
Practice abroad	1,64	38,63	27,12	22,74	9,86
Volunteering at VMU	3,01	19,18	35,07	27,67	15,07
Academic pastoral care	1,64	6,85	29,59	23,84	38,08
University student organizations and clubs	8,77	17,81	33,97	22,19	17,26
Events for languages and cultures	6,03	19,18	35,34	20,82	18,63
Sports Center activities	9,32	17,26	39,45	15,07	18,9
Arts Center activities	4,11	14,25	43,29	20,82	17,53

What could be improved at VMU (9)?

Timetables:

To provide more and clearer information on how to form an individual study plan, what courses (A, B, C groups) and how many credits to choose during the first semester; to offer more A group courses and courses, which are prepared for online studies; to organize more foreign language classes in the evening; to maintain the schedule stability.

Registration for study courses:

To change the priority criteria for registration into study courses (without giving preferences for senior students and those who have a higher average semester marks (for first-year students – higher competitive score)); to shorten registration deadlines for study courses; to register students for compulsory courses automatically; to increase the number of places or the number of groups in the most popular science field course groups (especially in the subgroup of relevant foreign languages).

Administration information:

To provide more detailed and timely information about registration for study courses, changes in the timetable, organization of studies, requirements for the implementation of study programmes, minor studies; to improve the preparation of mentors; to better publicize the activities carried out at the University in the student portal.

Teacher communication:

Teachers could more actively communicate with students (teachers do not always respond to students' requests by e-mail); to communicate and cooperate with students friendly; to provide more feedback about assignments and study results.

Other comments:

To provide relevant information about studies in the students' portal in a more convenient way; more often to organise student events for students studying at the Academy of Agriculture and in Vilnius; to improve transport links between faculties; to renew dormitories.

THANK YOU FOR COOPERATION

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