

# Vytautas Magnus University First-Year Student Survey Results

2022-2023 academic year



# Survey Purpose and Respondents

The aim was to identify the reasons for the first-year students' study choice, expectations and opinion about the events of the orientation week, the mentoring programme and the students' occupancy.

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

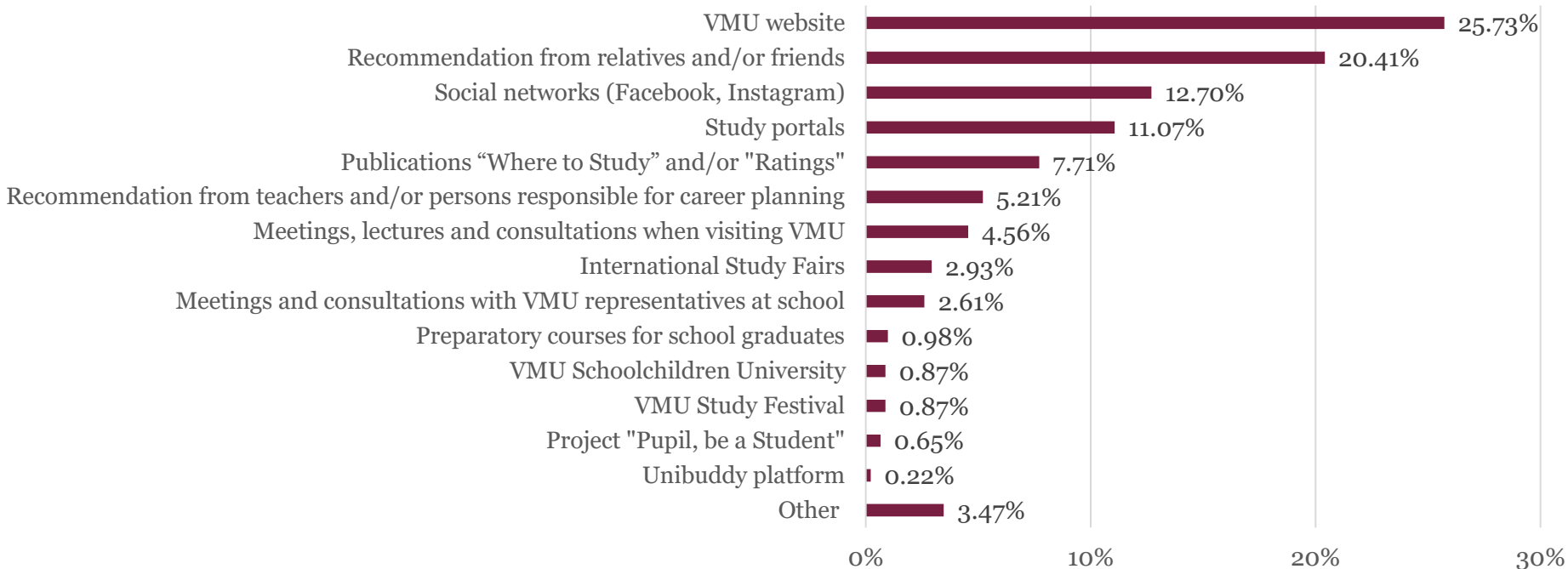
409 first-year VMU students took part in the survey – 27,82 percent of bachelor and integrated studies' first-year students. 9,54% of respondents were international students.

# 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	107	25	23,36
Faculty of Natural Sciences	65	23	35,38
Faculty of Humanities	154	50	32,47
Faculty of Informatics	115	25	21,74
Faculty of Catholic Theology	21	3	14,29
Faculty of Arts	123	28	22,76
Music Academy	37	7	18,92
Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy	138	30	21,74
Faculty of Social Sciences	151	46	30,46
Education Academy	308	96	31,17
Faculty of Law	85	10	11,76
Agriculture Academy	166	55	33,13
Not Specified	-	11	-
<b>In total:</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>27,82</b>

# Most Important Sources of Information to Decide Where to Study

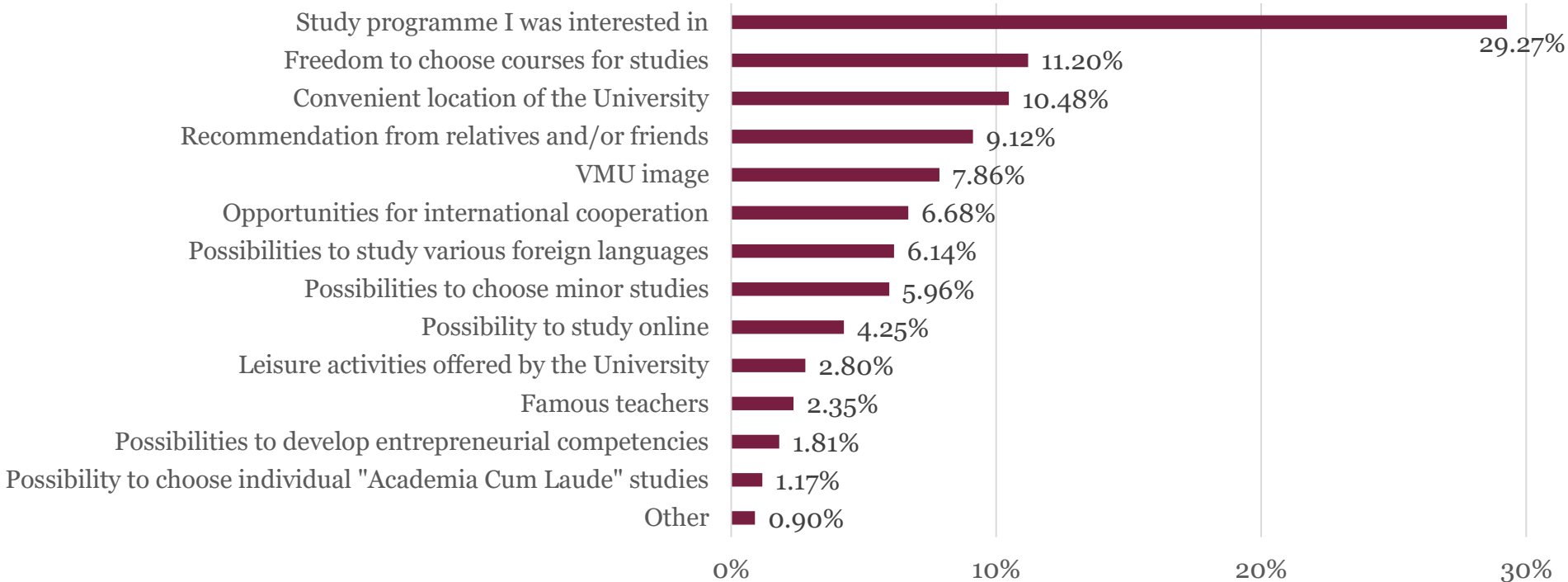
Respondents chose 1 – 3 information sources.



When choosing "Other", the respondents mentioned activities for pupils, participation in a summer camp, VMU Gifted Children's School, consultations with the administration staff responsible for studies, good feedback about the university from friends who are studying, appropriate offer of study programmes.

# Reasons for Choosing to Study at VMU

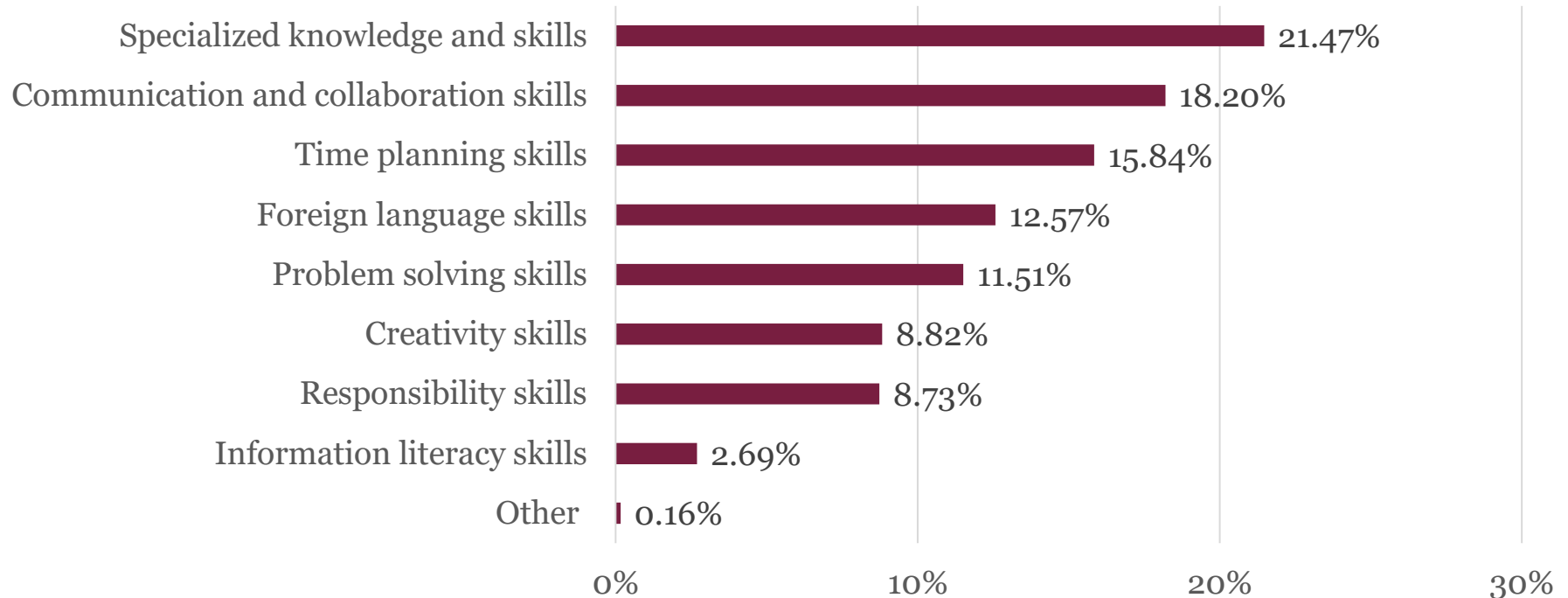
Respondents chose 1 – 3 important reasons.



When choosing "Other", the respondents mentioned that they chose to study at VMU because of the possibility to combine studies with work, the liberal atmosphere of the University, mobility offers, and the fact that they failed to enroll into other universities.

# Skills that First-Year Students Would Like to Develop While Studying at VMU

Respondents chose 1 – 3 skills.



When choosing "Other", the respondents mentioned that they would seek to develop practical skills.

# Factors of Successful Studies: Attitude of First-Year Students

✓ Choosing an appropriate study programme and efforts to develop specialized knowledge and skills of the chosen programme;

✓ Personal characteristics: determination, motivation and having a purpose to study, strong self-confidence and good time management skills;

✓ Favourable conditions for choosing courses of interest to study at the University, the opportunity to create an individual study plan, to go for part-time studies, to combine leisure time or work with studies;

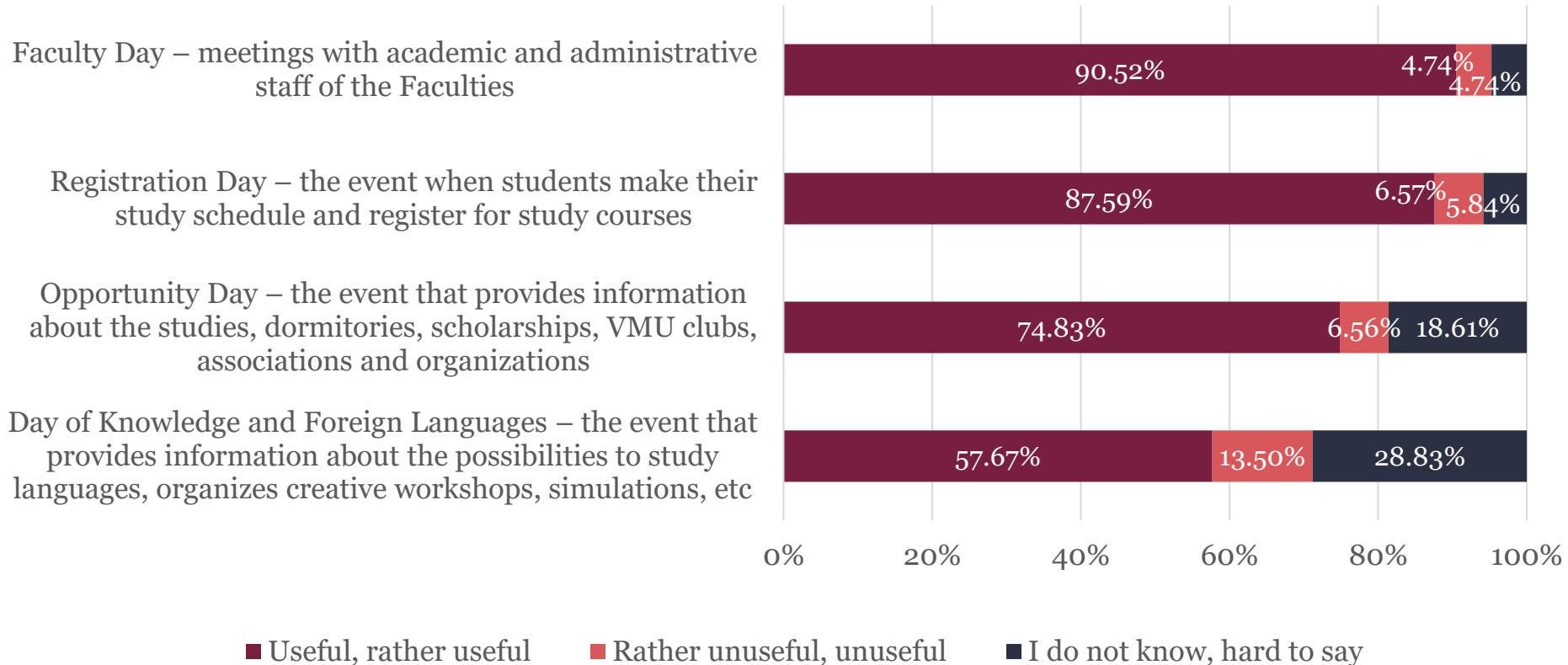
✓ Competent teachers providing interesting and relevant study material;

✓ A safe and friendly atmosphere created through the cooperation of teachers with students, students with other students;

✓ Comfortable and cozy environment of the University.

# Usefulness Evaluation of VMU Orientation Study Week Events

Replied those students, who participated in orientation study week events (N=274).

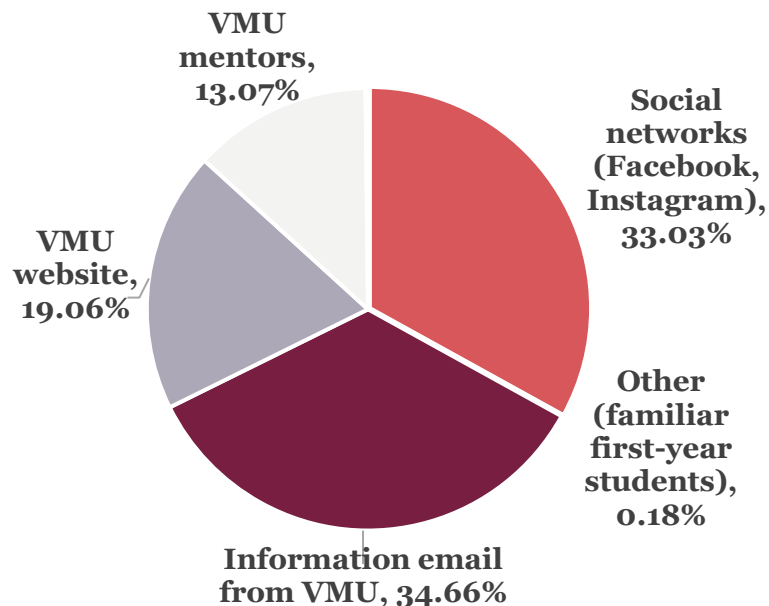




# Summary of Respondents' Comments about Orientation Week

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## Sources of information that helped to find out about orientation week events:



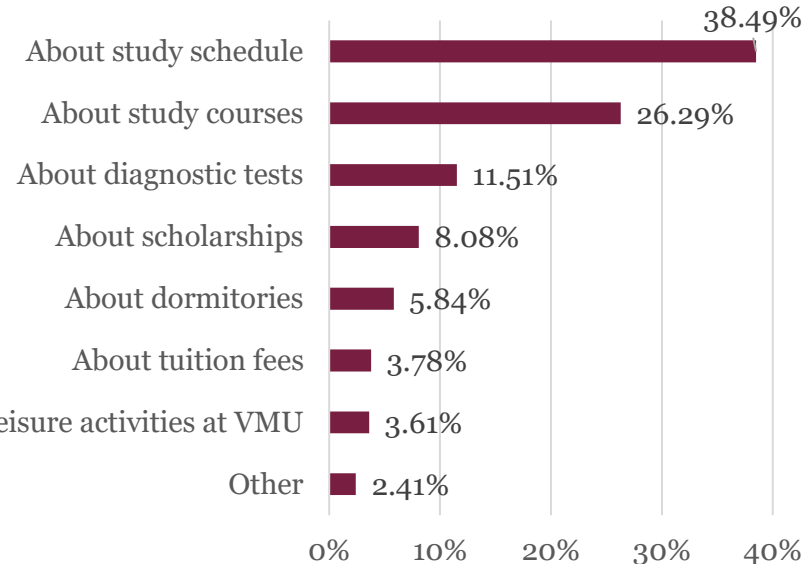
## Proposals for the presentation of information:

- ✓ Provide more accurate information about registration into study courses and designing of study schedule;
- ✓ Excursions around the VMU buildings, the classes of different faculties and the library would help students to get acquainted with the University's infrastructure faster;
- ✓ Events, familiarization activities with fellow students and teachers of specific programmes would accelerate integration into the life of the university community;
- ✓ Provide more detailed information on the awarding of scholarships.

# Evaluation of Mentors' Preparation

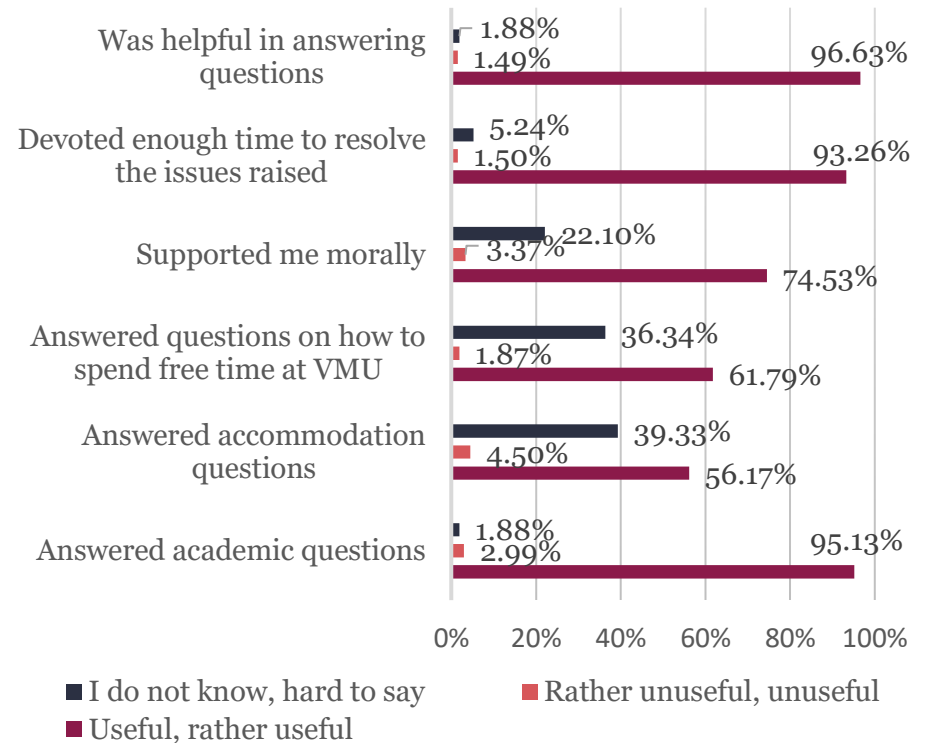
Replied those students, who contacted mentors (N=267).

## Students' questions to the mentors:



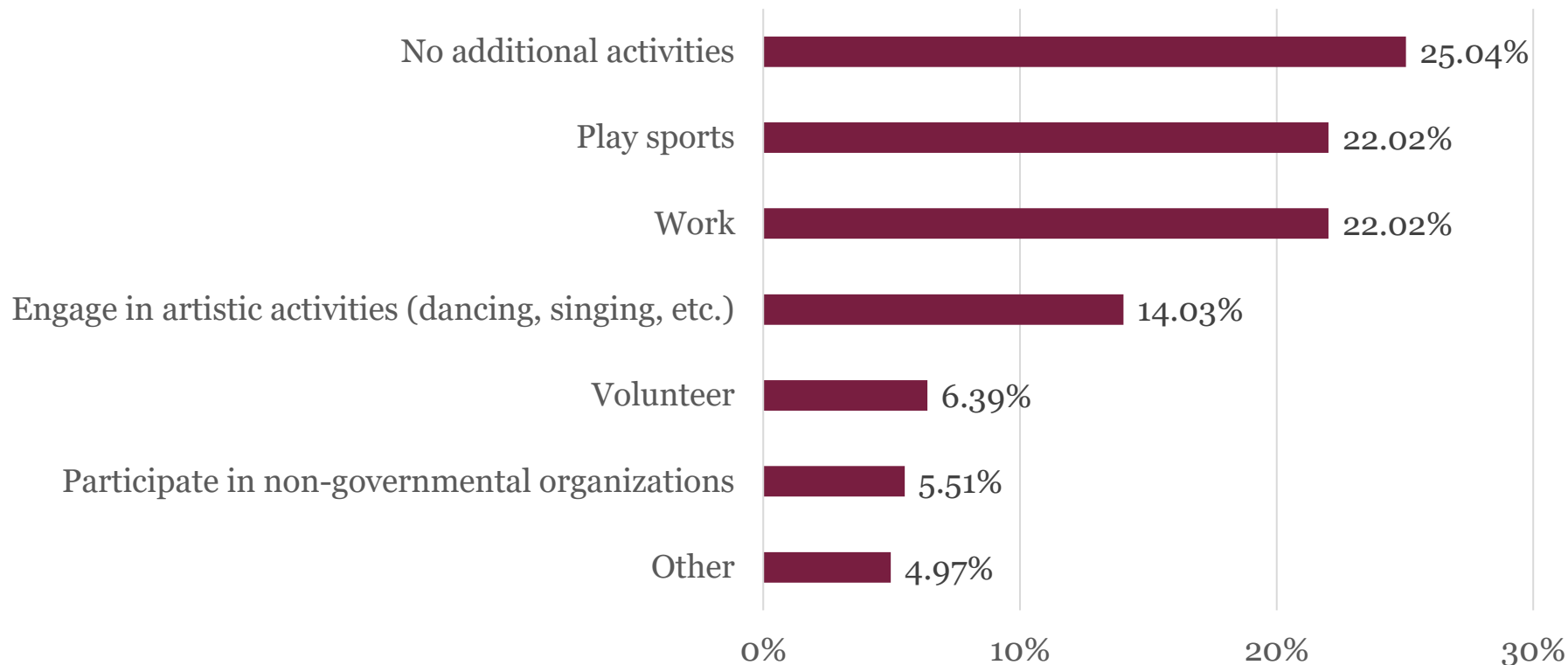
When choosing "Other", the respondents mentioned that they asked their mentors about the choice of minor studies, the procedure for ordering a student ID card, logging into the student portal, and Outlook email.

## Evaluation of mentors' preparation:



# Evaluation of First-Year Students' Occupancy

Respondents were able to choose multiple answers.



When choosing "Other", the respondents mentioned that in their free time they study, do homework assignments, read a lot, participate in cultural events, engage in their favourite activities, raise children.

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