SENIORS' PERCEPTIONS OF

This report is a visual summary of the perceptions of the 975 VSU seniors who completed their degrees during the 2005-2006 academic year and returned the Valdosta State University Senior Exit Questionnaire. There were 1,387 graduates total, creating a 70% return rate. It is anticipated that these results will be used by colleges and departments as one indicator of the effectiveness of the University's programs and services.

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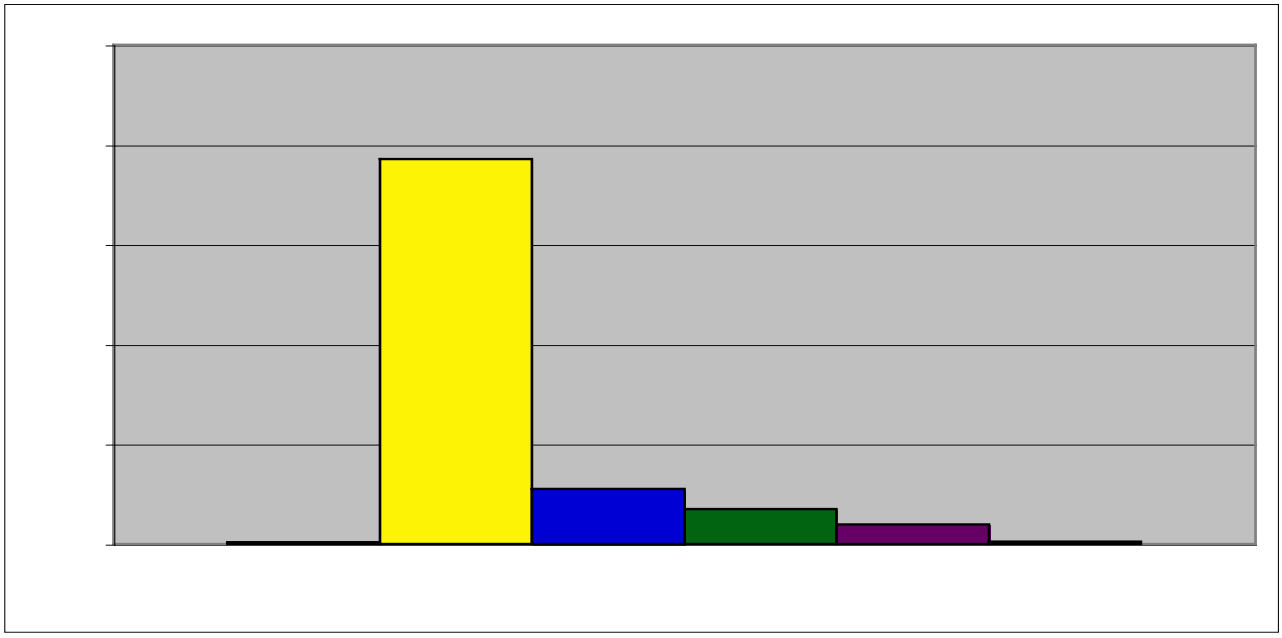
Background Characteristics

Age of Respondents



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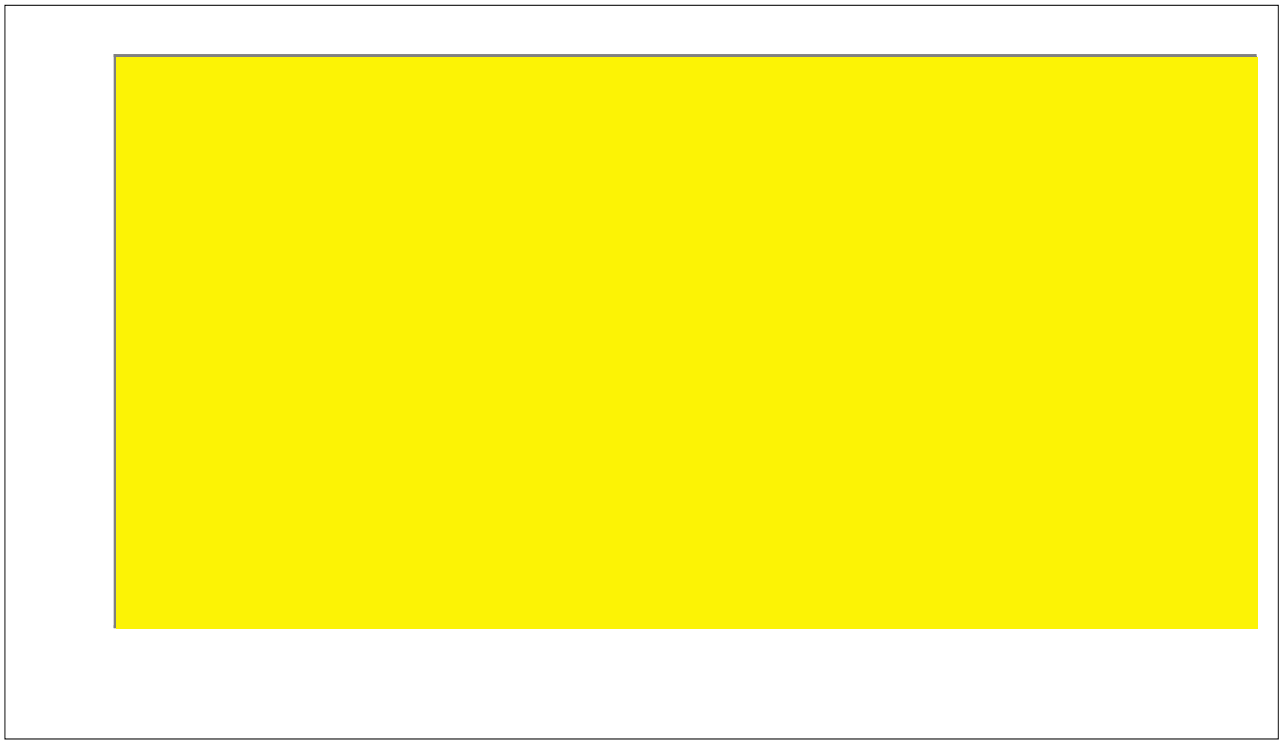

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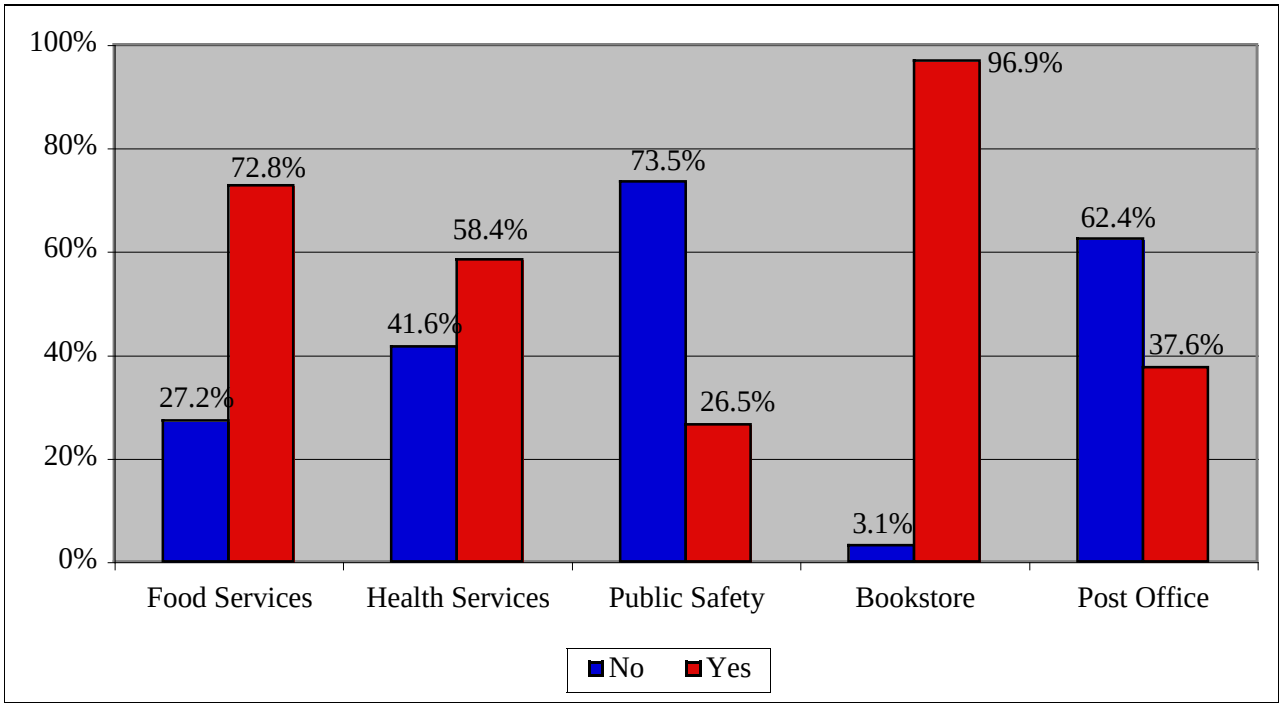

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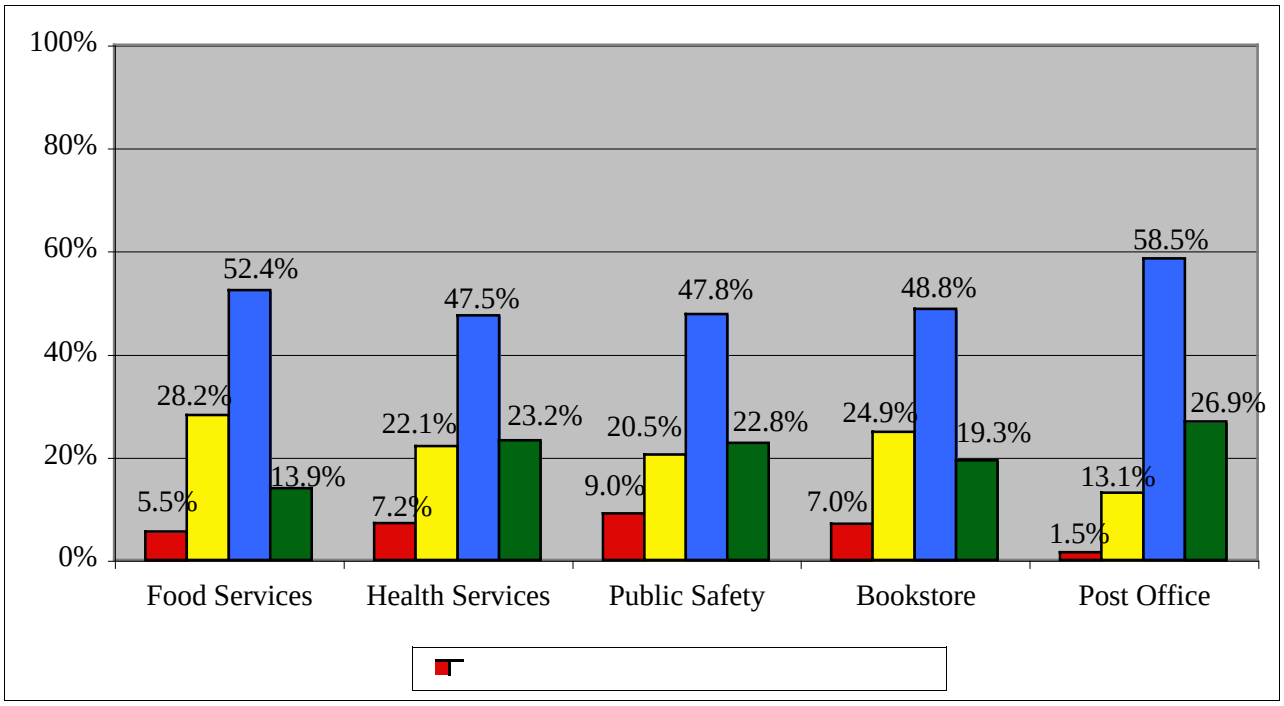

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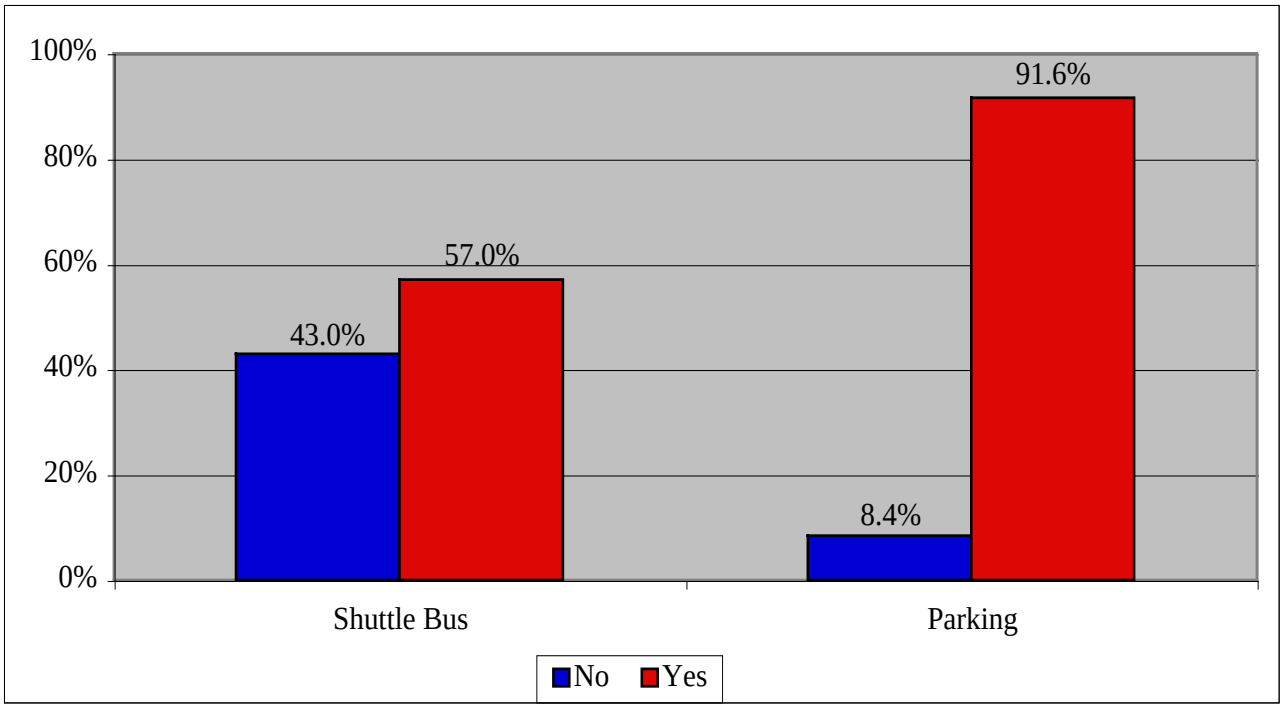

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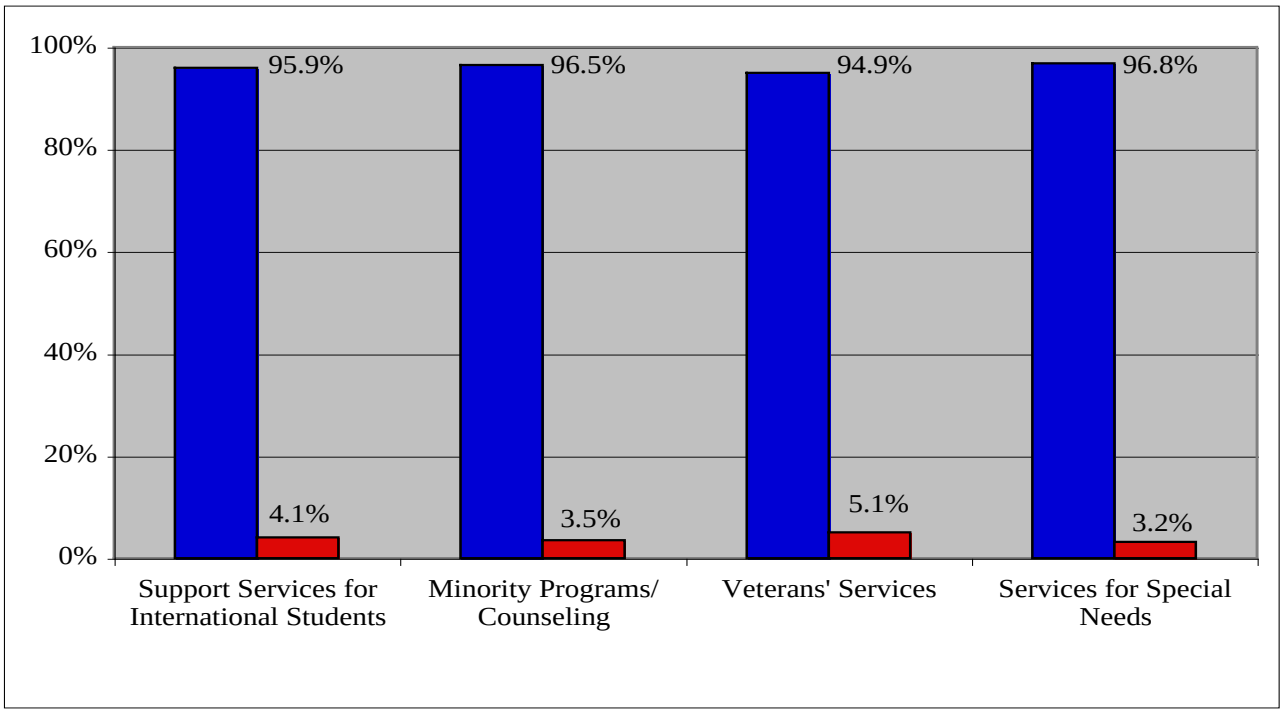
Use of Specialized Student Services



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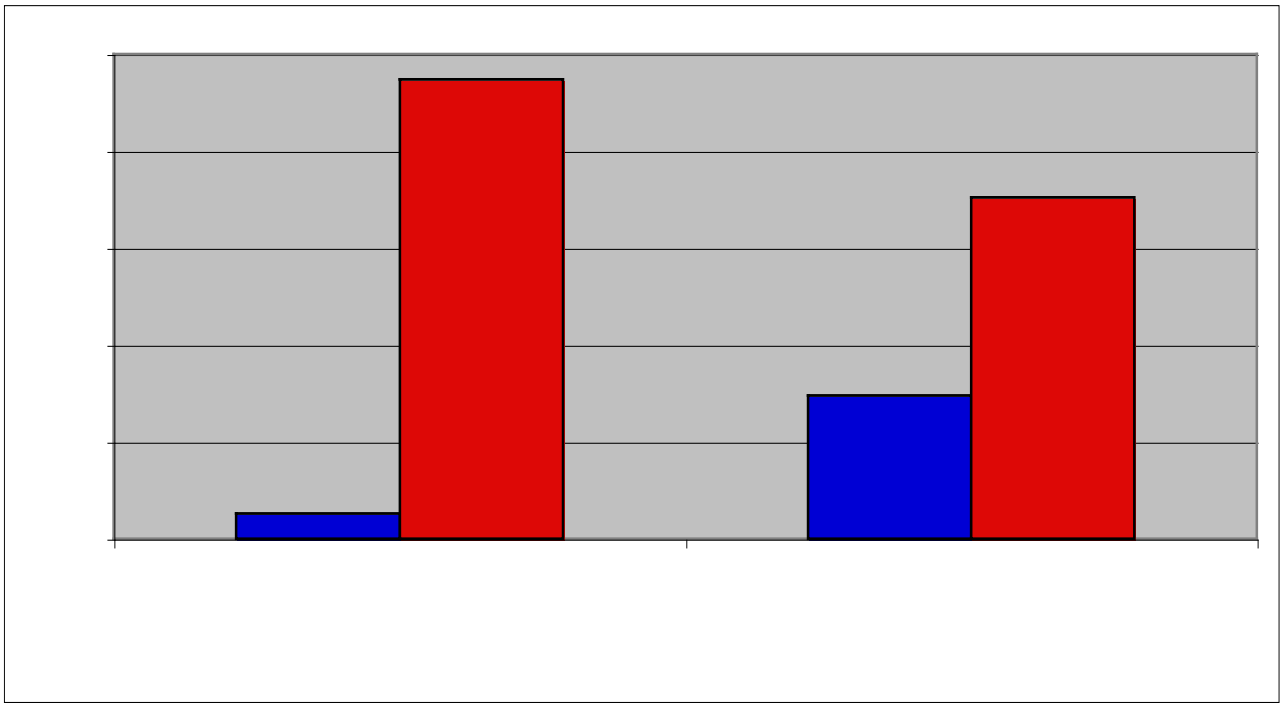
Use of University Information Services



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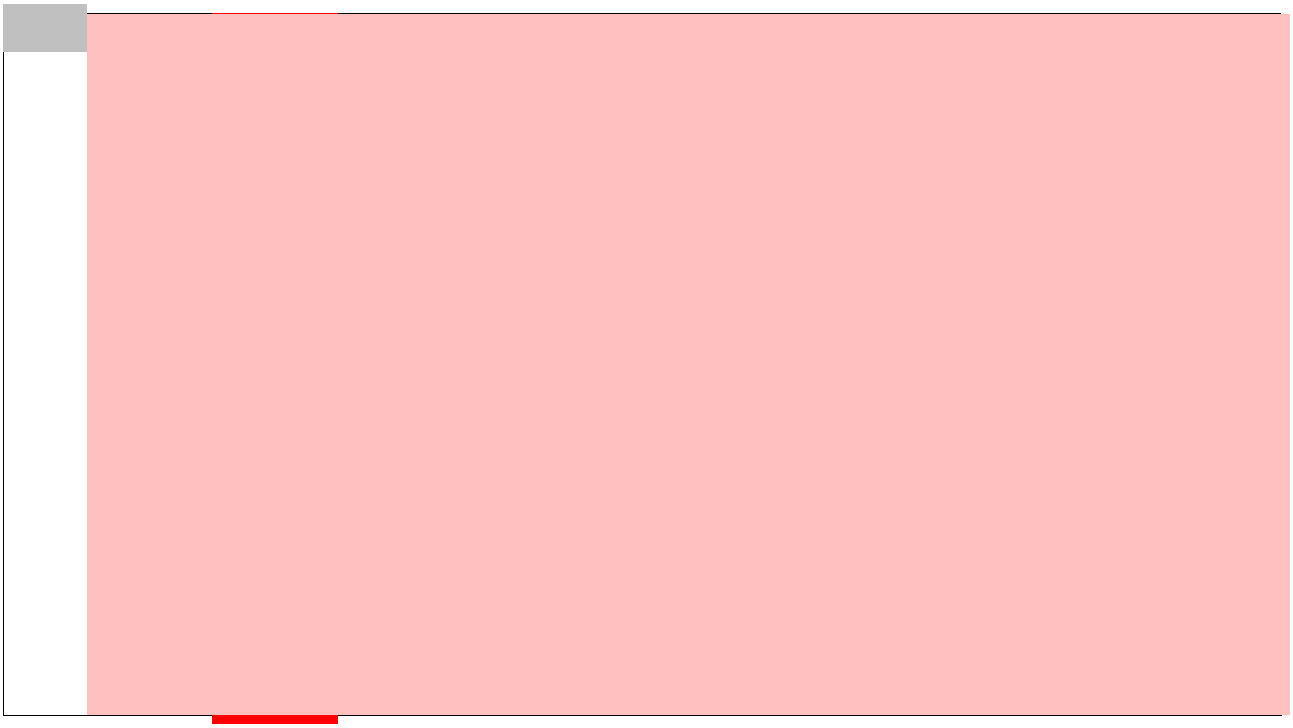
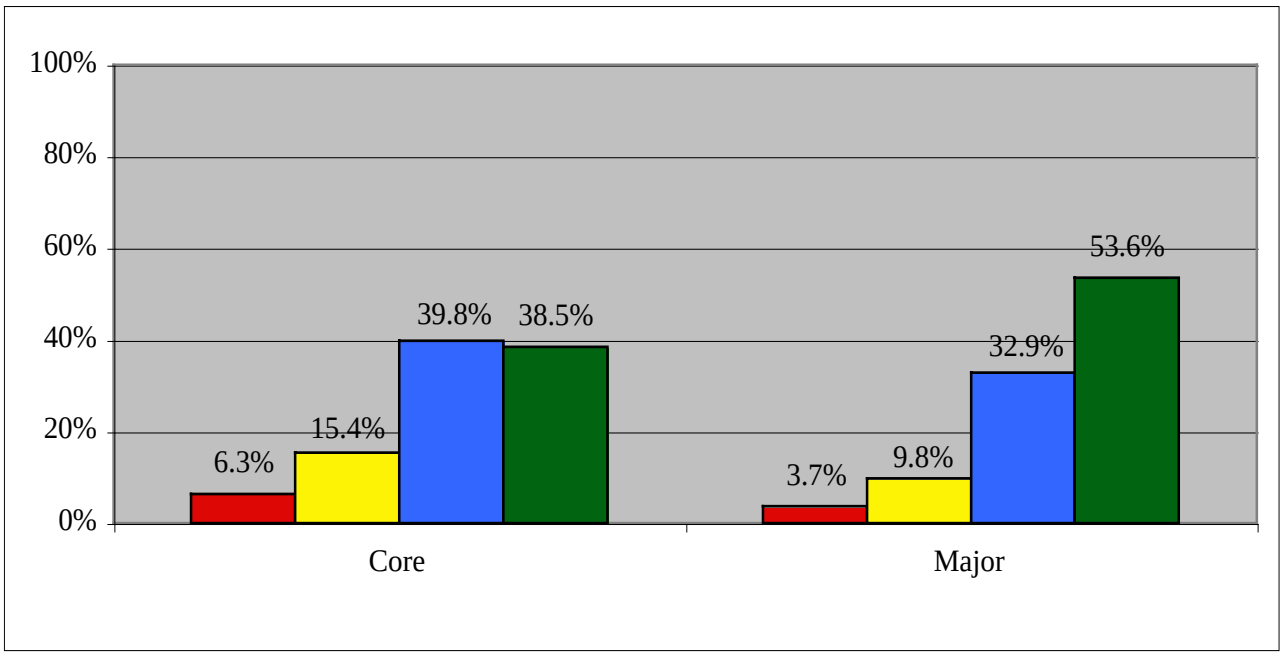
Use of Career Preparation Services



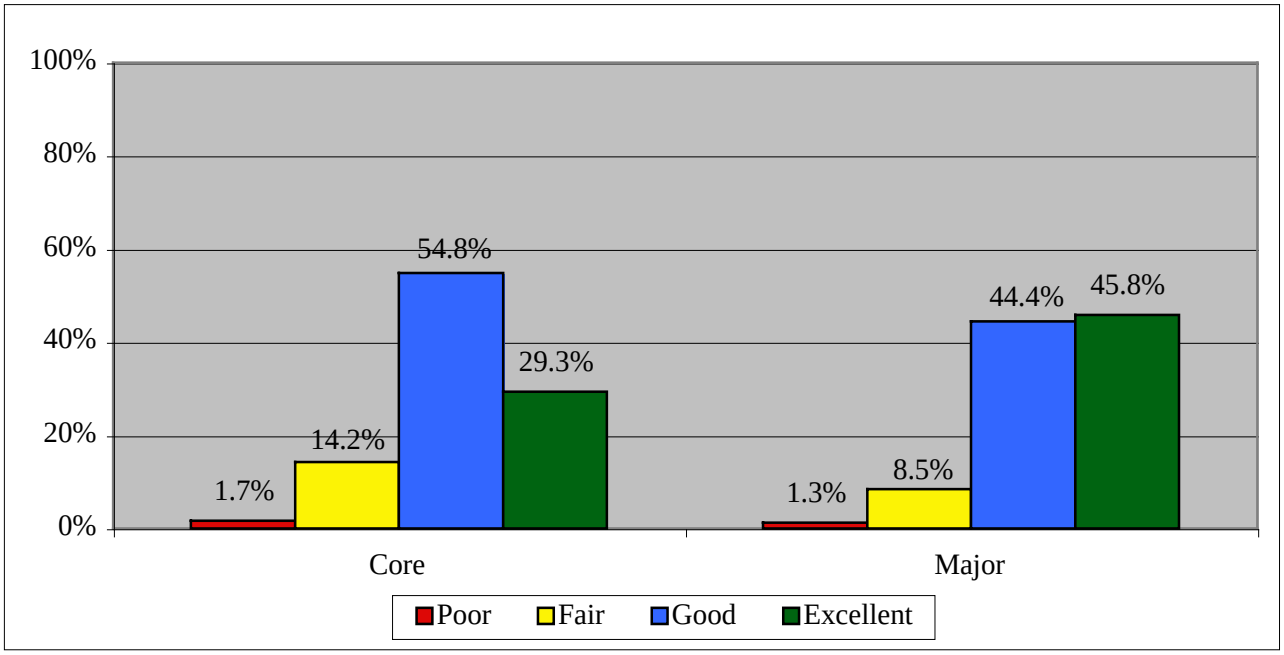
Quality of Career Preparation Services

Helpfulness of academic advisor



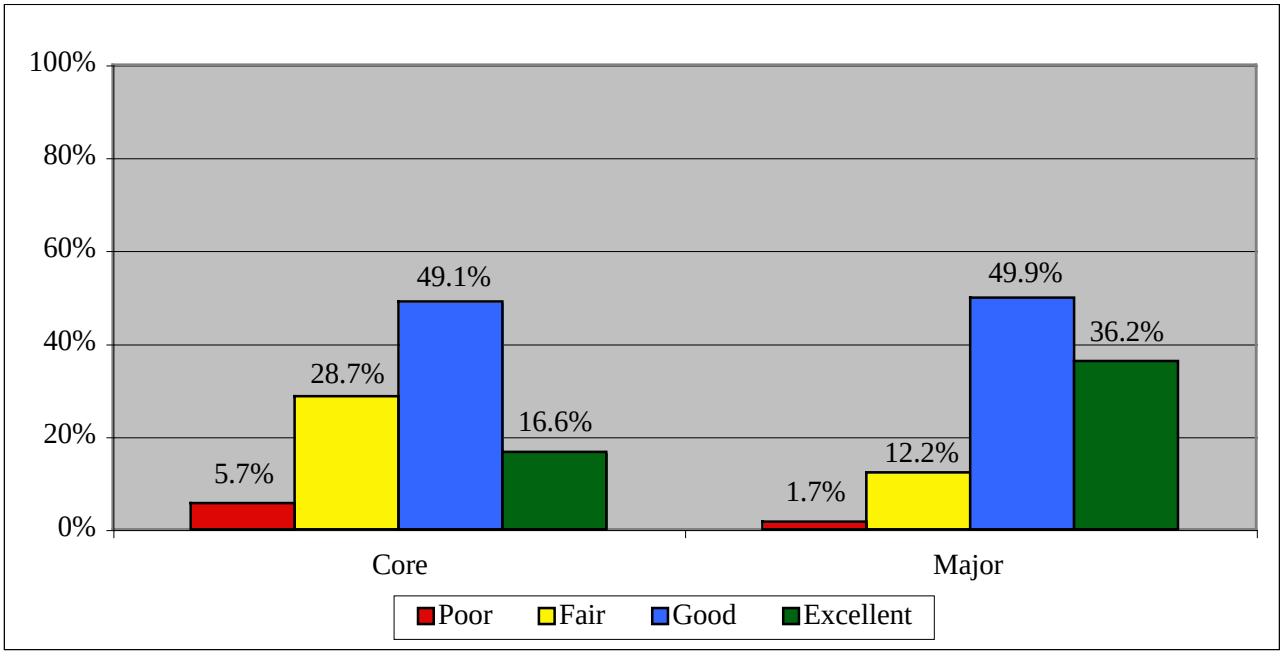
Overall attitude of faculty toward students

Overall quality of faculty

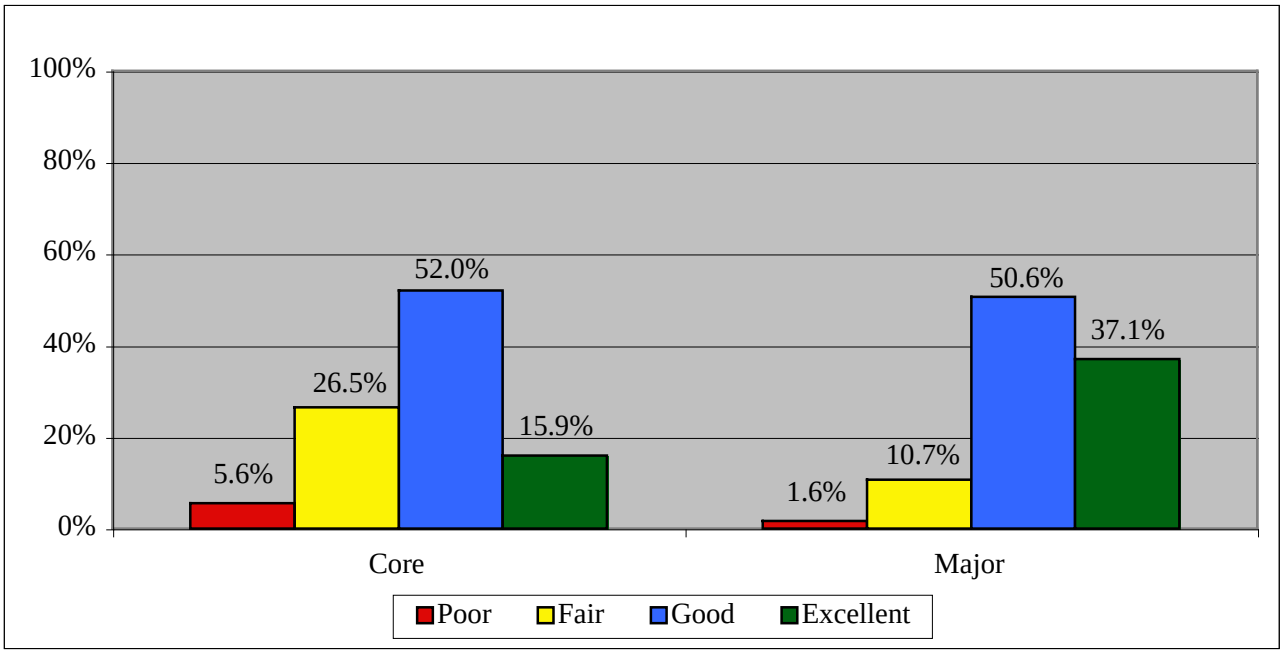


Courses as preparation for liberal education

Courses as preparation for initial employment



Courses as preparation for graduate school



Seniors' Ratings of their Academic Experiences in the Core Curriculum

Seniors' Ratings of their Academic Experiences in the Major Field of Study

Academic Experiences Major Curriculum -- All Seniors							

Seniors' Ratings of Academic Program by College - Arts and Sciences

Seniors' Ratings of Academic Program by College - Education

	n	Mean	Std. Deviation	Quality of Experience			
				Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
VSU Personnel Support							
1. Availability of academic advisor	374	3.38	.79	54%	34%	9%	4%
2. Helpfulness of academic advisor	375	3.39	.79	56%	32%	9%	4%
3. Helpfulness of departmental office staff	361	3.24	.81	43%	42%	11%	4%
4. Opportunities for interaction with faculty	362	3.31	.72	45%	43%	10%	2%
5. Attitude of faculty toward students	378	3.30	.73	44%	43%	11%	2%
6. Overall quality of faculty	373	3.35	.68	46%	45%	8%	1%
VSU Instructional Support							
7. Courses as preparation for liberal education	286	3.21	.62	31%	59%	9%	1%
8. Courses as preparation for initial employment	324	3.32	.64	41%	51%	8%	1%
9. Courses as preparation for graduate school	294	3.32	.61	40%	53%	7%	0%
10. Ease of getting into required courses	361	2.99	.89	31%	44%	17%	8%
11. Ease of getting into elective courses	326	3.18	.72	34%	52%	12%	2%
12. Organization of the curriculum for your major	362	3.17	.71	33%	53%	12%	2%
13. Quality of instruction	357	3.31	.62	40%	52%	8%	0%
14. Fairness of grading	364	3.24	.69	37%	51%	11%	1%
15. Practicum or internship experiences	273	3.33	.71	45%	45%	8%	2%
16. Study abroad experiences	66	3.36	.62	42%	53%	3%	2%
17. Appearance of printed information about program	322	3.19	.71	35%	51%	13%	2%
18. Usefulness of printed information about program	323	3.17	.70	33%	52%	14%	1%
19. Availability of research support	257	3.12	.75	32%	51%	14%	3%
20. Usefulness of research support	252						

Seniors' Ratings of the University's Procedures

	n	Mean	Std. Deviation	Quality of Service			
				Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
1. Admission to VSU	919	3.36	.65	44%	49%	6%	1%
Yes - Procedures Clear	852	3.41	.60	46%	49%	4%	1%
No - Procedures Not Clear	31	2.03	.80	3%	23%	48%	26%
2. Attending VSU orientation program	813	3.17	.75	35%	49%	13%	3%
Yes - Procedures Clear	740	3.23	.70	37%	51%	11%	2%
No - Procedures Not Clear	34	1.88	.73	3%	12%	56%	29%
3. Registering for classes	916	3.09	.81	33%	47%	16%	4%
Yes - Procedures Clear	828	3.15	.74	34%	49%	15%	2%
No - Procedures Not Clear	42	1.76	.79	2%	14%	41%	43%
4. Dropping/adding courses	897	3.22	.75	38%	50%	9%	4%
Yes - Procedures Clear	802	3.29	.68	40%	51%	7%	2%
No - Procedures Not Clear	40	1.93	.76	0%	25%	43%	33%
5. Paying fees	903	3.18	.74	35%	52%	10%	3%
Yes - Procedures Clear	790	3.27	.67	38%	53%	8%	2%
No - Procedures Not Clear	64	2.16	.76	3%	28%	50%	19%
6. Applying for student grants	562	3.08	.84	33%	47%	14%	6%
Yes - Procedures Clear	448	3.27	.69	39%	52%	7%	2%
No - Procedures Not Clear	76	2.01	.83	4%	22%	45%	29%
7. Applying for student loans	652	3.12	.81	35%	47%	14%	5%
Yes - Procedures Clear	534	3.27	.70	40%	50%	9%	2%
No - Procedures Not Clear	63	1.94	.74	3%	14%	56%	27%
8. Applying for scholarships	574	2.99	.87	29%	48%	15%	8%
Yes - Procedures Clear	461	3.19	.74	.74			

Atmosphere for Learning	n	Mean	Std. Deviation	Agreement with Statement			
				Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No
VSU helped me develop and demonstrate my ability to think critically and independently	944	3.47	.61	52%	45%	3%	1%