B.C. Baccalaureate Outcomes
2023 Survey of 2021 Baccalaureate Graduates

Detailed Summary of Survey Results
Simon Fraser University
45.1001: Political science and government, general

RESPONSE RATE

Survey Response Rate:	45.1001		SFU	
Baccalaureate Graduates Survey Cohort	109	100%	5,547	100%
Survey Respondents and Response Rate	41	38%	1,725	31%

Response Rate
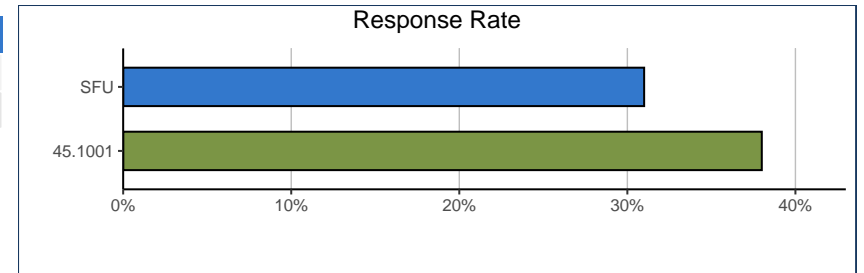
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Self–Reporting Subgroups:	45.1001		SFU	
Disabled	5	14%	205	13%
International	~	~	333	19%
Aboriginal	~	~	31	2%
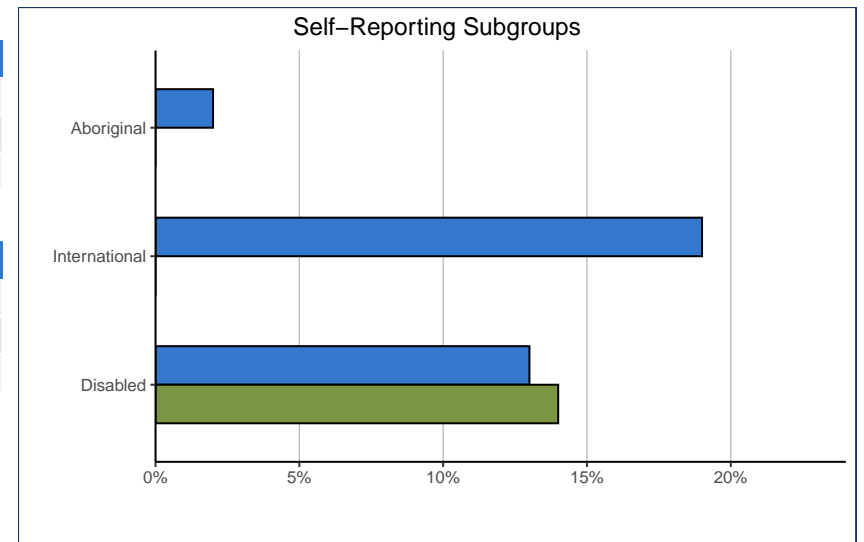
Gender:*	45.1001		SFU	
Male	21	51%	797	46%
Female	20	49%	924	54%
Total	41	100%	1,721	100%

*Due to zero or low counts, institution–reported "Non–binary" demographic data are not included.

Self–Reporting Subgroups

Age (at time of survey):	45.1001		SFU	
< 25	~	~	200	12%
25 to 29	27	66%	1,238	72%
30 to 34	~	~	165	10%
35 to 39	~	~	54	3%
40 to 49	0	0%	53	3%
50 to 64	0	0%	~	~
> 64	0	0%	~	~
Total	41	100%	1,725	100%
Median Age	25		26	
Average (mean) Age	26		28	

Age Distribution
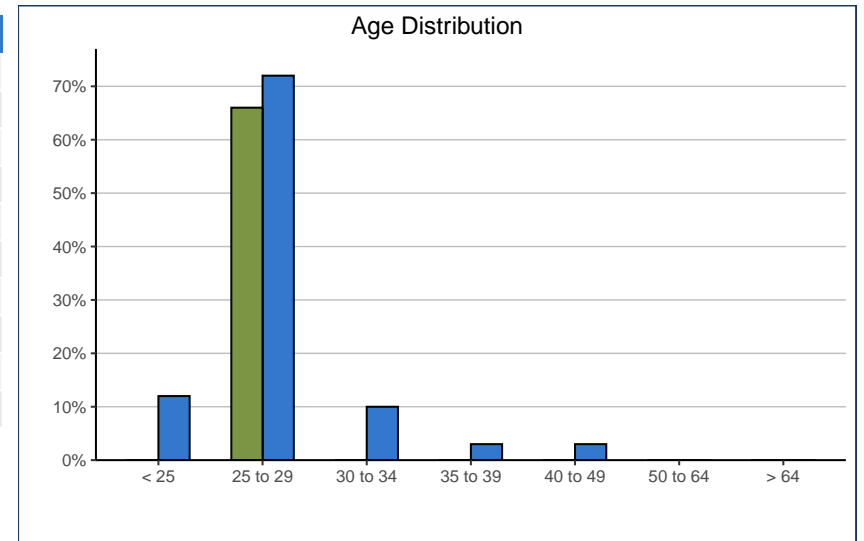
Place of Residence (at time of survey):	45.1001		SFU	
BC – Mainland/Southwest	32	86%	1,390	90%
BC – Vancouver Island/Coast	0	0%	32	2%
BC – Northern B.C.	0	0%	~	~
BC – Interior/Kootenays	0	0%	~	~
BC Subtotal	32	86%	1,446	94%
Canada – Alberta	0	0%	16	1%
Canada – Ontario	~	~	39	3%
Canada – Other	~	~	18	1%
U.S.A.	0	0%	17	1%
Non–BC Subtotal	5	14%	90	6%
Total	37	100%	1,536	100%

Place of Residence

Within BC

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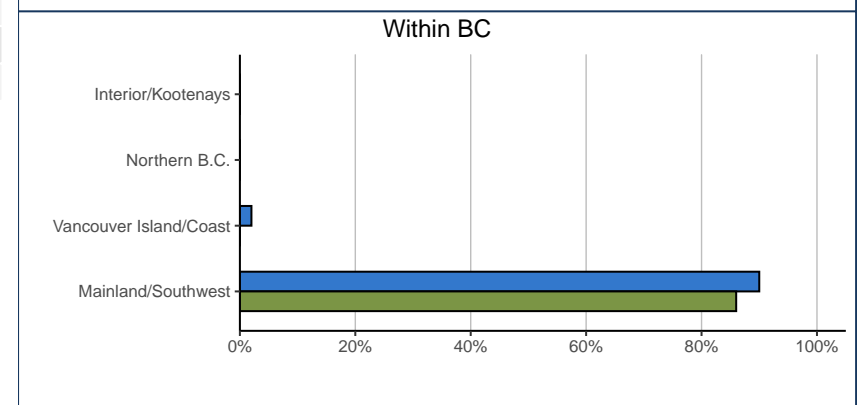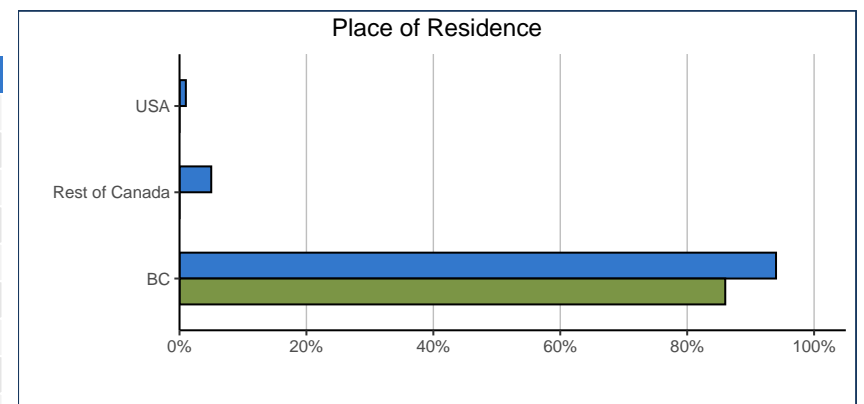
EDUCATION EVALUATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Program Satisfaction:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Satisfied	12	29%	366	22%
Satisfied	24	59%	1,108	65%
Dissatisfied	4	10%	177	10%
Very Dissatisfied	1	2%	42	2%
Total	41	100%	1,693	100%

Usefulness of Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Acquired during Program in Work:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Useful	14	40%	402	29%
Somewhat Useful	13	37%	749	53%
Not Very Useful	7	20%	182	13%
Not at All Useful	1	3%	70	5%
Total	35	100%	1,403	100%

Took upgrading, access, bridging, or other preparatory courses during or prior to studies:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	2	5%	157	9%
No	36	95%	1,507	91%
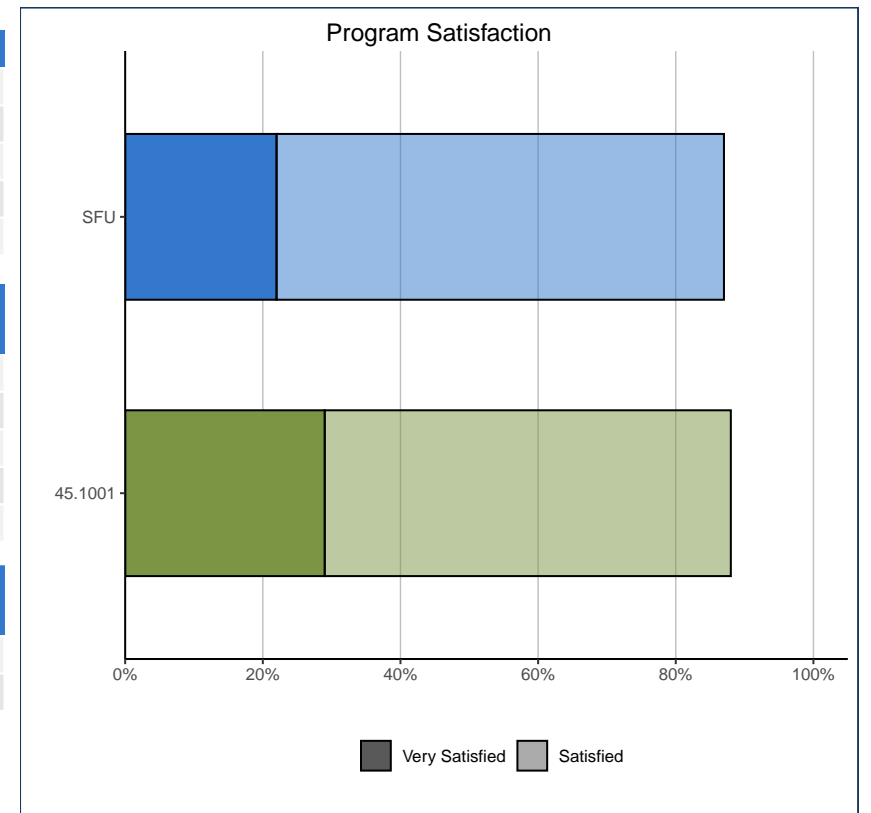
Would select the same program again:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	25	71%	1,040	69%
No	10	29%	466	31%

Quality of Instruction:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Good	13	32%	383	22%
Good	25	61%	1,141	67%
Poor	2	5%	157	9%
Very Poor	1	2%	30	2%
Total	41	100%	1,711	100%
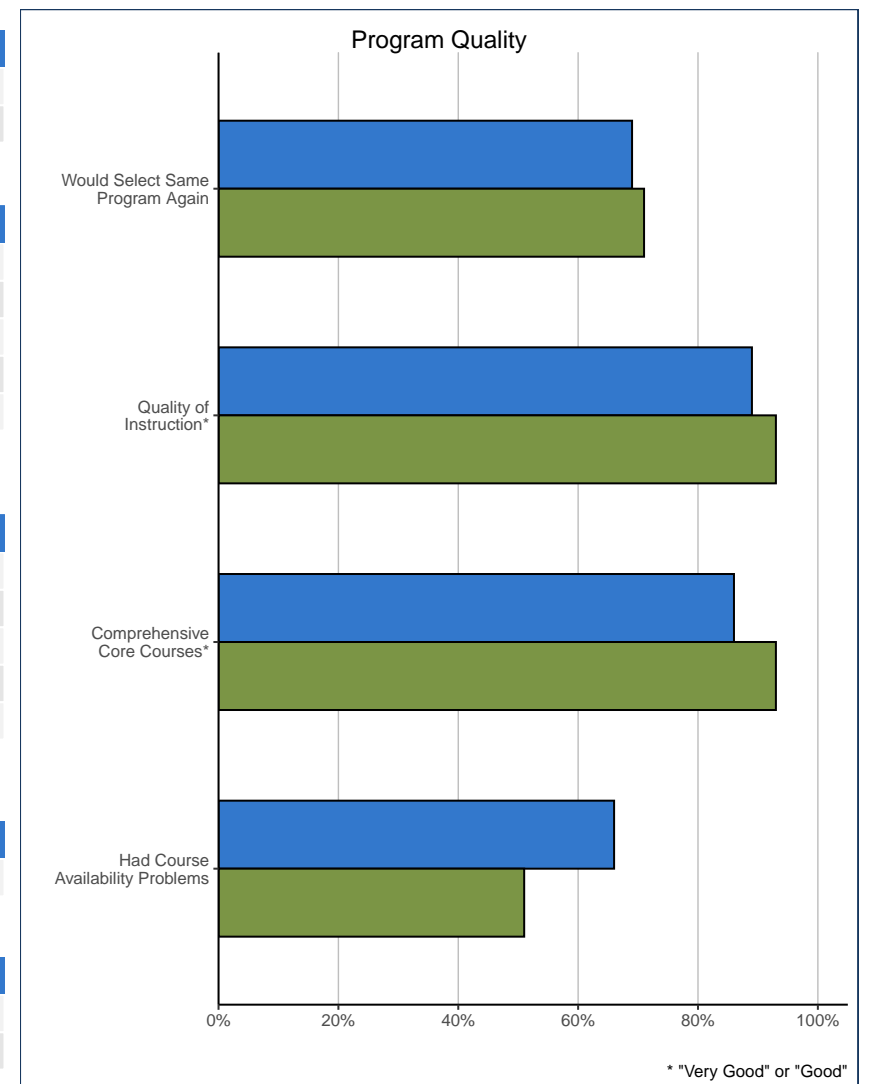
Comprehensiveness of Core Courses:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Good	12	30%	387	23%
Good	25	63%	1,062	63%
Poor	2	5%	191	11%
Very Poor	1	3%	37	2%
Total	40	100%	1,677	100%

Course Availability:	45.1001		SFU	
Encountered course availability problems	20	51%	1,122	66%

| Financial Constraints:	45.1001		SFU	
Had to interrupt studies for financial reasons	4	10%	203	12%
Had to take program part–time for financial reasons	9	22%	397	23%

Program Satisfaction

Very Satisfied   Satisfied

Program Quality

* "Very Good" or "Good"

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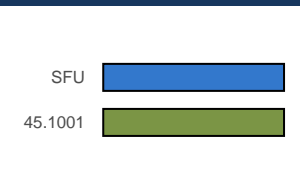
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Skill Development: How helpful was institution?	45.1001				
	Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at All Helpful	# Resp.
Written Communication	39%	51%	7%	2%	41
Oral Communication	24%	61%	15%	0%	41
Reading and Comprehension	37%	39%	24%	0%	41
Group Collaboration	13%	59%	21%	8%	39
Critical Anlysis	46%	49%	5%	0%	41
Problem Resolution	13%	62%	26%	0%	39
Use of Mathematics	0%	32%	48%	20%	25
Conducting Research	33%	53%	10%	5%	40
Learning on Your Own	44%	46%	8%	3%	39

Skill Development: How helpful was institution?	SFU				
	Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at All Helpful	# Resp.
Written Communication	27%	57%	13%	3%	1,667
Oral Communication	23%	56%	19%	3%	1,660
Reading and Comprehension	26%	57%	15%	2%	1,682
Group Collaboration	23%	52%	20%	5%	1,691
Critical Anlysis	39%	52%	8%	1%	1,702
Problem Resolution	23%	54%	19%	4%	1,653
Use of Mathematics	20%	45%	27%	8%	1,376
Conducting Research	27%	52%	17%	4%	1,592
Learning on Your Own	35%	51%	10%	3%	1,677

Helpful with Skill Development

"Very Helpful" or "Helpful"
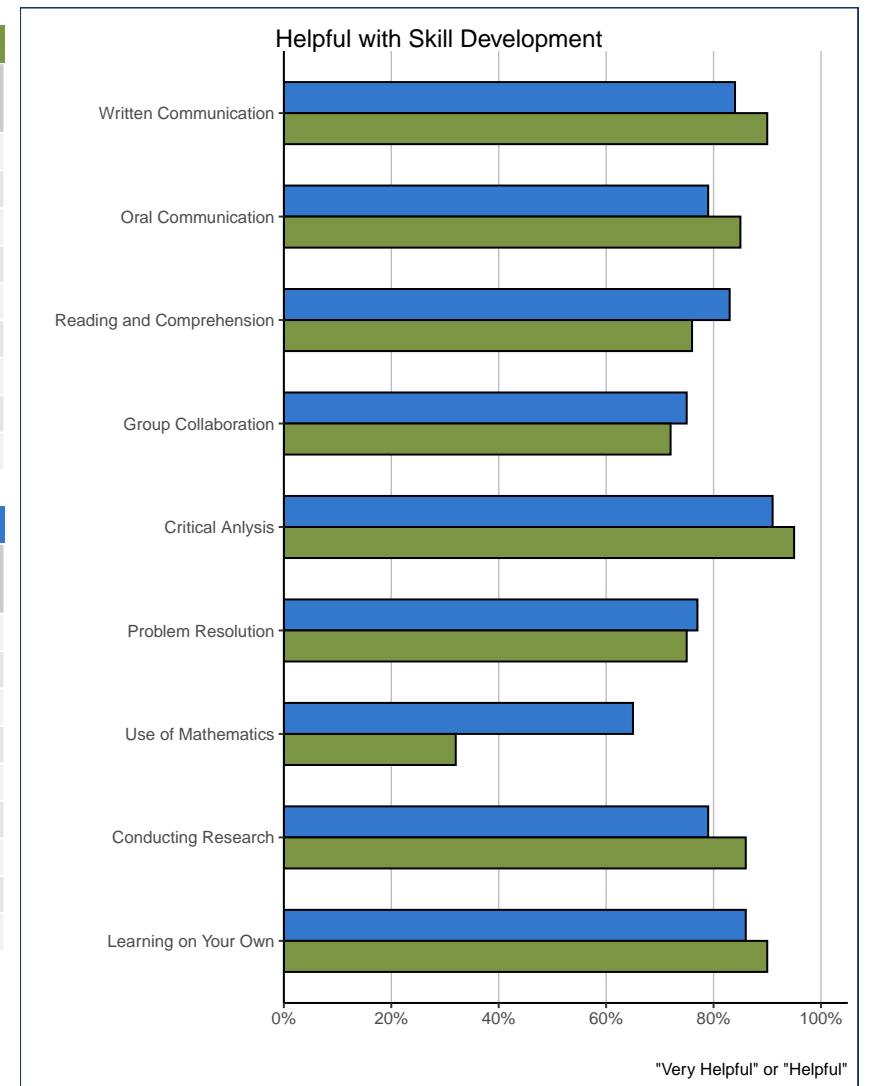
FURTHER EDUCATION

Took further education since 2021 graduation:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	20	49%	697	41%
Not currently enrolled	7	17%	327	19%
Currently enrolled full–time	9	22%	258	15%
Currently enrolled part–time	4	10%	103	6%
No	21	51%	1,015	59%
Total	41	100%	1,712	100%

Have you taken further education since graduation?

Yes – Currently enrolled part–time   Yes – Currently enrolled full–time
Yes – Not currently enrolled   No
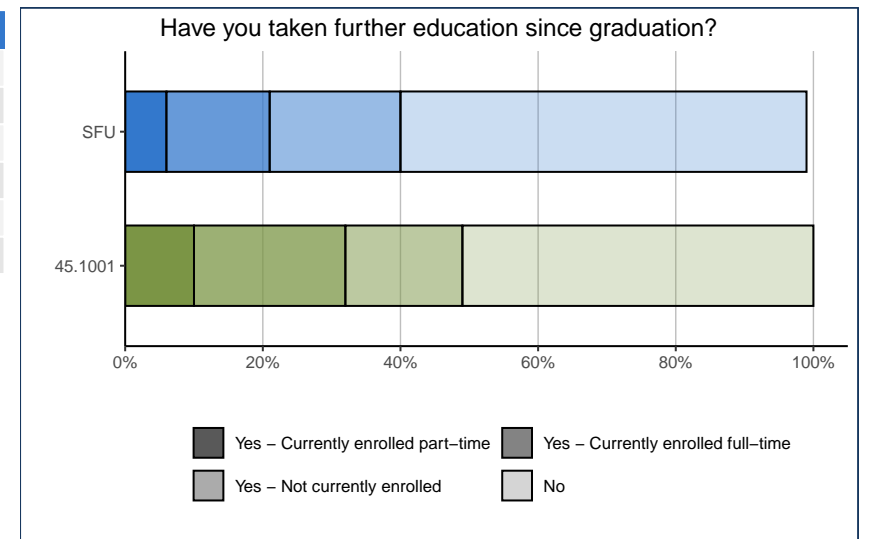
Type of Formal Post–Secondary Education:	45.1001		SFU	
Masters Degree	7	37%	185	27%
Doctoral Degree	0	0%	28	4%
Another Undergraduate Degree	3	16%	147	21%
Certificate or Diploma below Bachelor level	4	21%	129	19%
Professional Association Certification	2	11%	89	13%
Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma	2	11%	81	12%
Other	1	5%	31	4%
Total	19	100%	690	100%

Further Education/Training Type

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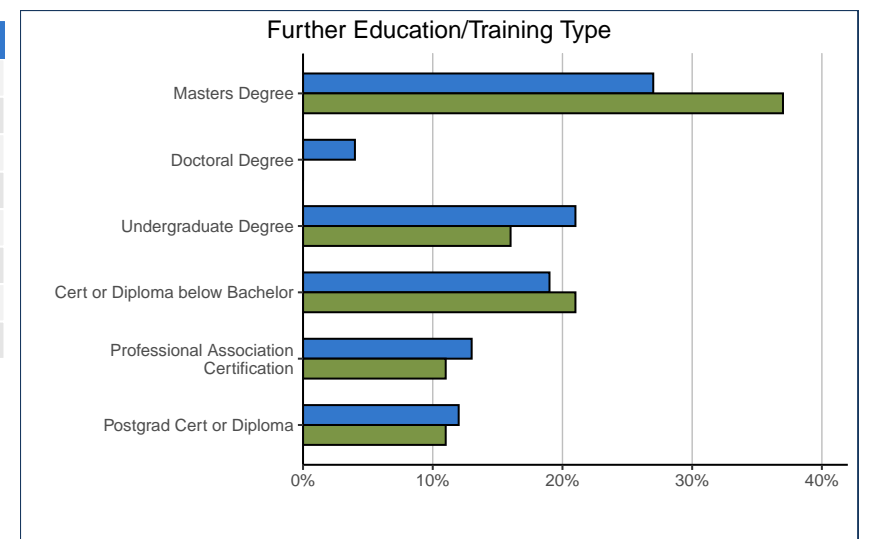
EMPLOYMENT

Labour Fource Status:	45.1001		SFU	
In Labour Force (working or seeking work)	36	88%	1,542	91%
Not in Labour Force	5	12%	150	9%
Total	41	100%	1,692	100%

Employment:	45.1001		SFU	
Employment Rate*	35	85%	1,418	82%
Unemployment Rate**	1	2.8%	124	8.0%

*Percent = Total employed divided by total number of respondents
**Percent = Total unemployed divided by total number in Labour Force
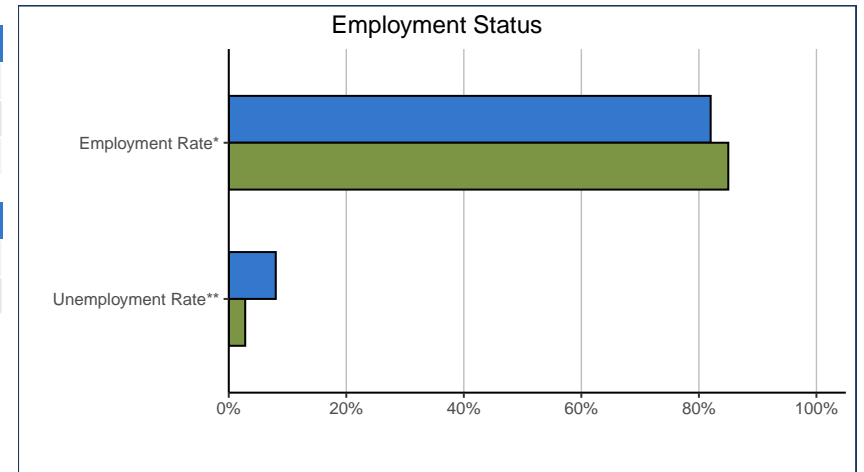
Employment Status

Status of Graduates NOT in Labour Force:	45.1001		SFU	
Attending School FT	3	60%	100	67%
Attending School PT	0	0%	2	1%
Other	2	40%	48	32%
Total NOT in Labour Force	5	100%	150	100%
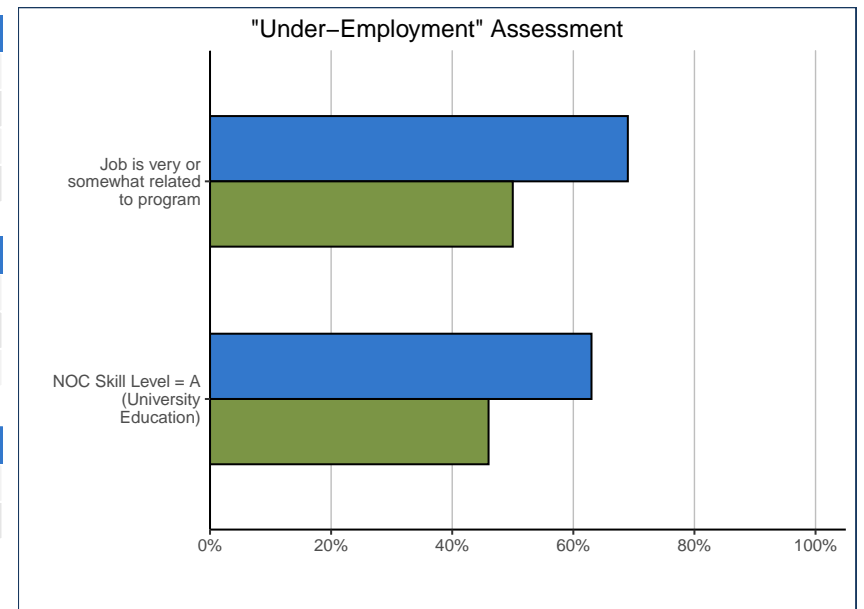
Primary Employment Type:	45.1001		SFU	
Paid worker	32	91%	1,335	95%
Self–employed	3	9%	73	5%
Total	35	100%	1,408	100%

Job Characteristics:	45.1001		SFU	
I hold more than one job*	3	9%	217	15%
My main job is full–time (>= 30 hours per week)**	27	82%	1,195	90%

*Of total Employed
**Of those who provided data on hours/week worked

"Under–Employment" Assessment

How related is your main job to your program?	45.1001		SFU	
Very Related	10	29%	509	36%
Somewhat Related	7	21%	471	33%
Not Very Related	4	12%	216	15%
Not at All Related	13	38%	219	15%
Total	34	100%	1,415	100%
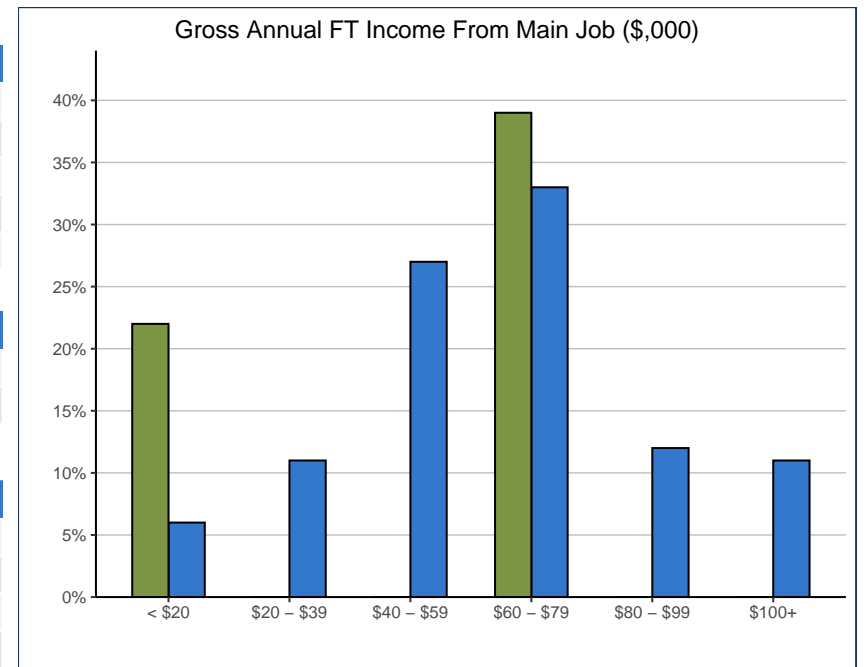
"Under–employment" Assessment:	45.1001		SFU	
Job is very or somewhat related to program	17	50%	980	69%
NOC Skill Level = A (University Education)*	13	46%	801	63%

*Of total valid responses

Gross Annual Income from Main Job:*	45.1001		SFU	
Less than $20,000	5	22%	59	6%
$20,000 to $39,999	~	~	113	11%
$40,000 to $59,999	~	~	283	27%
$60,000 to $79,999	9	39%	345	33%
$80,000 to $99,999	~	~	122	12%
$100,000 and Above	0	0%	110	11%
Total	23	100%	1,032	100%
Median Annual Income (full–time) ($)	61,228		65,000	
Average Annual Income (full–time) ($)	62,783		69,847	

*Where data provided

Gross Annual FT Income From Main Job ($,000)

NOC Skill Type of Main Job:	45.1001		SFU	
Business, finance & administration	11	39%	342	27%
Natural & applied sciences & related	1	4%	314	25%
Health	0	0%	41	3%
Education, law and social, community & government	9	32%	389	31%
Art, culture, recreation & sport	2	7%	59	5%
Sales & service	5	18%	110	9%
Trades, transport & equipment operators & related	0	0%	13	1%
Natural resources, agriculture & related production	0	0%	2	0%
Manufacturing & utilities	0	0%	5	0%
Total	28	100%	1,275	100%

Employed Graduates by NOC Skill Type

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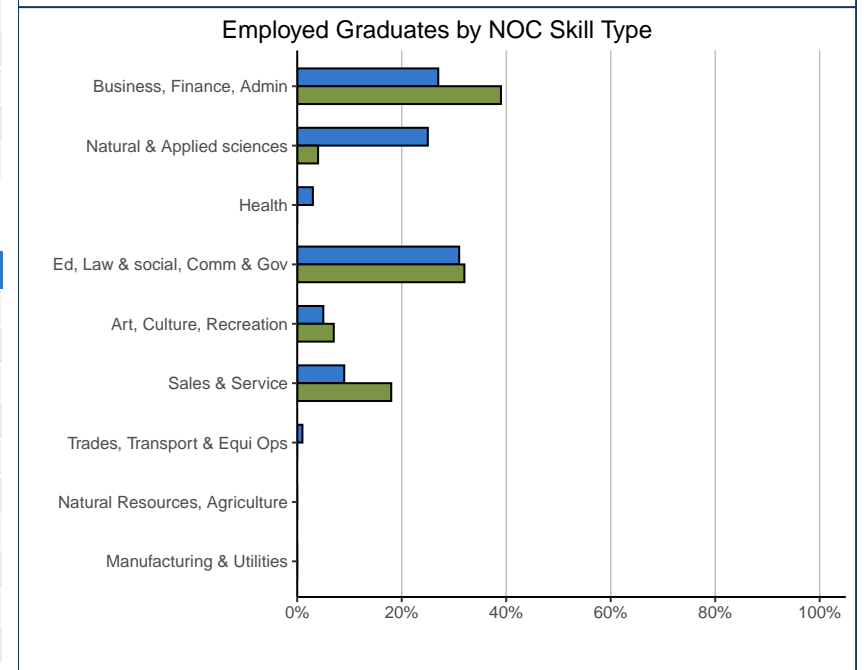
EMPLOYMENT, continued

NOC Skill Level of Main Job:	45.1001		SFU	
A. University education	13	46%	801	63%
B. College education/trade apprenticeship	6	21%	332	26%
C. Secondary school + job–specific training	7	25%	130	10%
D. No formal education	2	7%	16	1%
Total	28	100%	1,279	100%
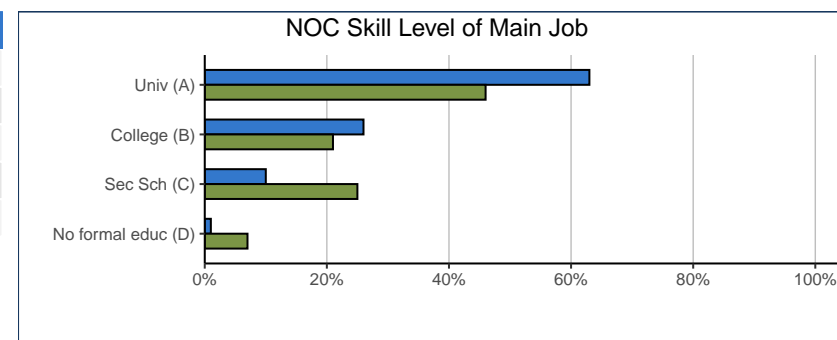
NOC Skill Level of Main Job

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How useful are the following skills and abilities in doing your main job?	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at All Useful	# Resp.
Written Communication	74%	11%	3%	11%	35
Oral Communication	71%	20%	6%	3%	35
Reading and Comprehension	69%	14%	14%	3%	35
Group Collaboration	89%	9%	3%	0%	35
Critical Anlysis	69%	23%	6%	3%	35
Problem Resolution	71%	29%	0%	0%	35
Use of Mathematics	12%	30%	21%	36%	33
Conducting Research	41%	26%	12%	21%	34
Learning on Your Own	54%	31%	14%	0%	35
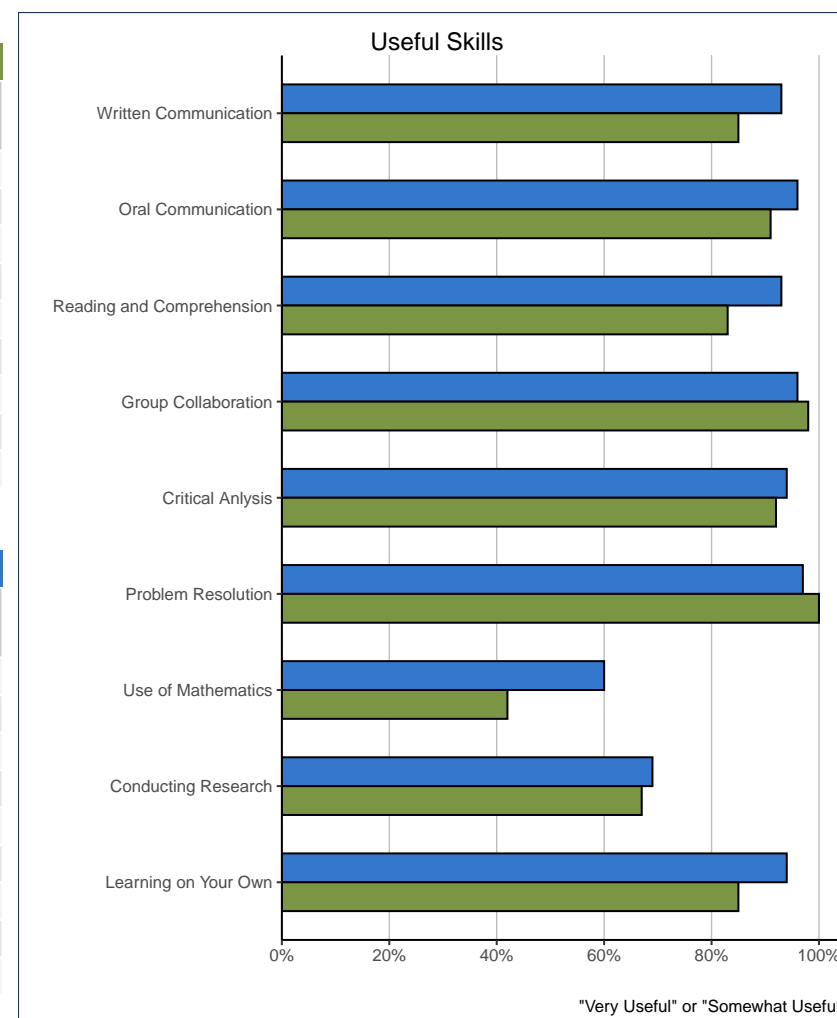
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How useful are the following skills and abilities in doing your main job?	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at All Useful	# Resp.
Written Communication	65%	28%	5%	3%	1,407
Oral Communication	73%	23%	3%	1%	1,404
Reading and Comprehension	66%	27%	4%	2%	1,407
Group Collaboration	74%	22%	3%	1%	1,407
Critical Anlysis	70%	24%	4%	1%	1,408
Problem Resolution	76%	21%	3%	1%	1,405
Use of Mathematics	24%	36%	24%	15%	1,377
Conducting Research	33%	36%	17%	14%	1,383
Learning on Your Own	65%	29%	4%	2%	1,402

Useful Skills

"Very Useful" or "Somewhat Useful"

Top 10 Full–time Occupations of 45.1001 Graduates:			45.1001
NOC	NOC Skill Level	Description	% Employed FT in this Occ.**
XXXX	O	Unclassified occupations	17%
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* Data not displayed where n < 5

** Percentages cited are of those employed

Top 10 Full–time Occupations of SFU Graduates:			SFU
NOC	NOC Skill Level	Description	% Employed FT in this Occ.**
XXXX	O	Unclassified occupations	7%
4032	A	Elementary school and kindergarten teachers	5%
2173	A	Software engineers and designers	5%
2174	A	Computer programmers and interactive media developers	4%
4031	A	Secondary school teachers	4%
1123	A	Professional occupations in advertising, marketing and public relations	3%
4212	B	Social and community service workers	3%
1111	A	Financial auditors and accountants	2%
2171	A	Information systems analysts and consultants	2%
1221	B	Administrative officers	2%

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EDUCATION FINANCING

Funding Sources (3 sources allowed):*	45.1001		SFU	
Personal savings, investments	10	24%	481	29%
Employment while studying	27	66%	824	49%
Family/Friends	28	68%	1,104	66%
Personal bank loans	1	2%	59	4%
Government student loans	11	27%	457	27%
Scholarships/Bursaries/Grants	17	41%	498	30%
Other	10	24%	437	26%
Total	41		1,671	

* Percentage of respondents who identified this source

Financial Debt Incurred to Finance Bac. Ed.:*	45.1001		SFU	
Incurred any form of financial debt	13	32%	612	37%
Incurred government–sponsored student loan debt	11	27%	498	29%

* Percentage of respondents who provided data

Financial Debt Amount:*	45.1001		SFU	
< $1,000	0	0%	1	0%
$1,000 to $4,999	1	10%	13	3%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	37	8%
$10,000 to $14,999	0	0%	54	12%
$15,000 to $19,999	2	20%	39	9%
$20,000 to $29,999	0	0%	80	18%
$30,000 to $39,999	2	20%	67	15%
$40,000 or More	5	50%	150	34%
Total	10	100%	441	100%
Median Financial Debt ($)	35,000		28,000	

* Includes only cases where financial debt was incurred

Gov't–Sponsored Student Loan Debt Amount:*	45.1001		SFU	
< $1,000	0	0%	2	1%
$1,000 to $4,999	1	11%	13	4%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	37	12%
$10,000 to $14,999	0	0%	31	10%
$15,000 to $19,999	2	22%	29	9%
$20,000 to $29,999	0	0%	58	18%
$30,000 to $39,999	2	22%	53	17%
$40,000 or More	4	44%	92	29%
Total	9	100%	315	100%
Median Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt ($)	30,000		26,000	

* Includes only cases where government–sponsored debt was incurred

Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt Outstanding:*	45.1001		SFU	
None – Loan repaid in full	0	0%	89	24%
< $1,000	0	0%	1	0%
$1,000 to $4,999	1	13%	21	6%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	37	10%
$10,000 to $14,999	1	13%	36	10%
$15,000 to $19,999	0	0%	27	7%
$20,000 to $29,999	1	13%	66	18%
$30,000 to $39,999	1	13%	49	13%
$40,000 or More	4	50%	50	13%
Total	8	100%	376	100%
Median Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt Outstanding** ($)	35,000		20,000	

* Includes only cases where government–sponsored debt was incurred, and valid "amount remaining" was provided
** Median amounts shown are based on those who had remaining government student loan debt

Education Funding Sources

Financial Debt Incurred ($,000)

Government–Sponsored Debt Incurred ($,000)

Outstanding Government–Sponsored Debt ($,000)