

Student Survey Results May 2025

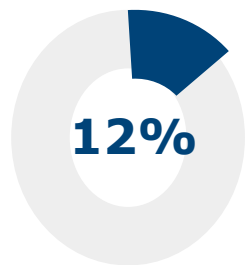
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TAKE SURVEY





Response Rate



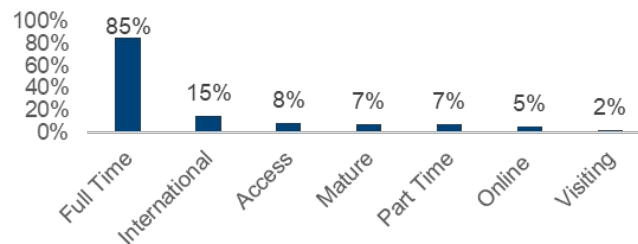
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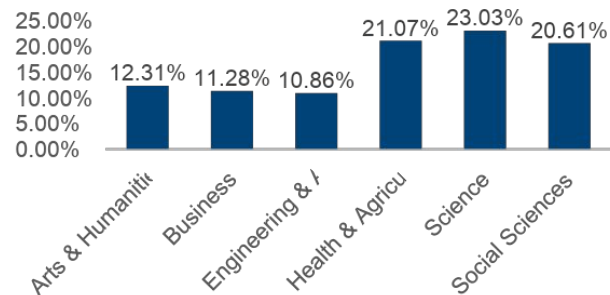
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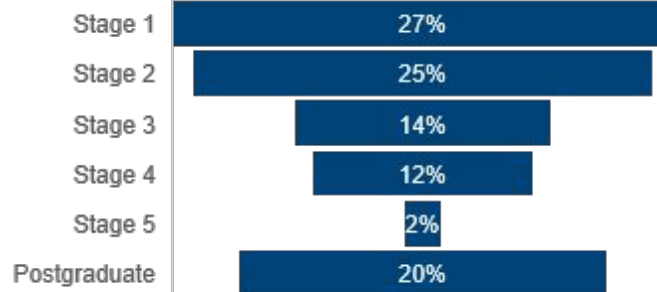
Student Category



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Programme Stage



What exam topics would you like to see covered more in future communications?



Programme Support

- Study Resources
- Past Papers
- Grading Components
- Grade Release Date
- Assessment Type
- Resits
- Exam Format



Exam Logistics

- Exam Rules
- Exam Tips / Study Tips
- Directions
- Timetable
- Seat Numbers
- Exam Venue
- Exam Location Changes
- Parking
- Transport / Shuttle Bus
- Newman Room Allocation
- Newman Exam Office
- Email Reminders
- Study Rooms

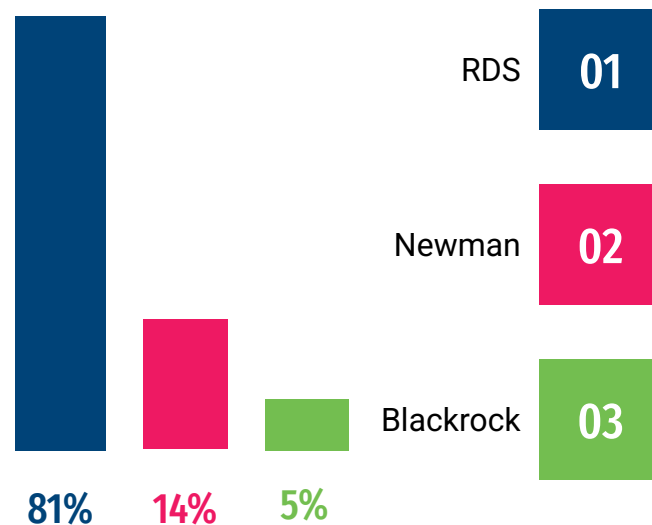
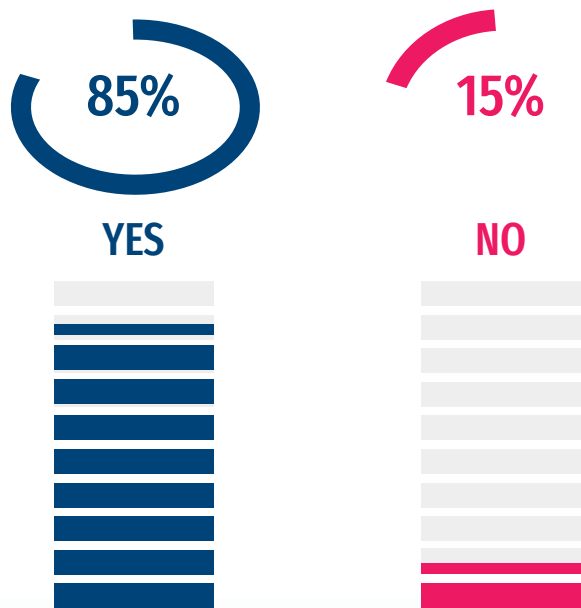


Wellbeing Support

- Mental Health
- Stress Management
- Illness
- Wellbeing
- Too many emails

Did you sit an in-person exam during the Spring end-of-trimester exams?

My primary exam venue (where I sat the majority of my exams) for end-of-trimester in-person exams was





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How well did the exam venue meet your needs?

Very Well



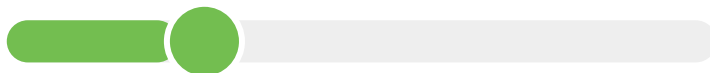
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Somewhat Well



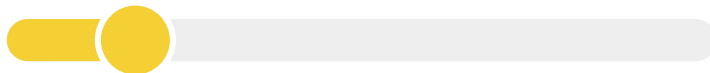
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Neutral



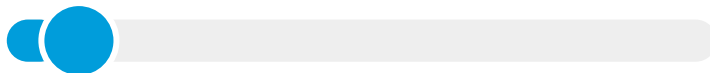
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Not very well



7%

Not well at all

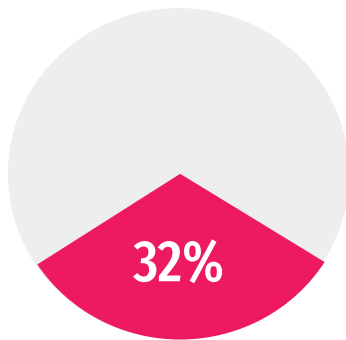
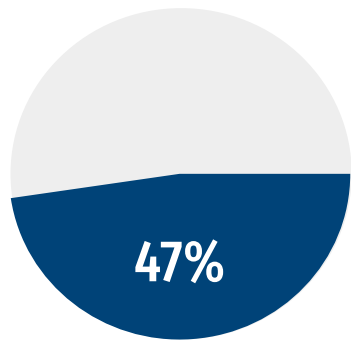


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77% of respondents said the exam venue met their needs.

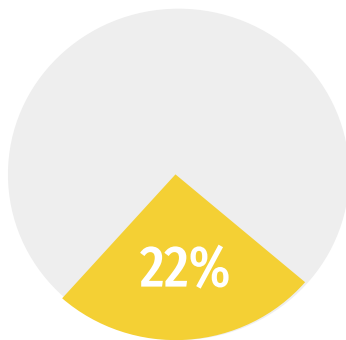
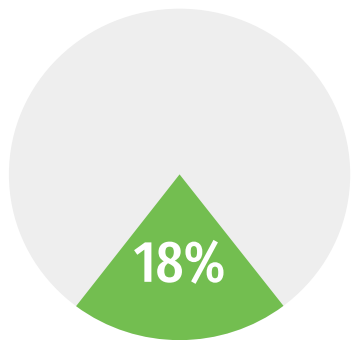


Were there any challenges you faced during your exam? Please tick all that are relevant.



Noise or Distractions

Temperature of the Room



Seating Arrangements

Access to Venue



Provide any additional comments about the exam centres



Student Experience & Comfort

- Temperature (Cold / Hot)
- Lighting
- Wobbly Chairs and Desks
- Toilets (Clean / Limited)
- Waiting Areas (Indoor / Outdoor)
- Smells, Noise (Construction, Outside, Music, Birds)
- Commute time
- Bike Facilities
- More Food Choices



Facilities & Infrastructure

- Exam Hall Opening Time / RDS Gates
- RDS Locations
- Newman Room Allocation
- Study Areas
- Water Coolers
- Sound System
- More Clocks / Signs
- Exam Scheduling



Operations & Logistics

- Invigilators Distracting
- Separate 1 and 2 hour exams
- Return Shuttle Bus / More Shuttle Buses
- Announcements
- Exam Collection
- Transport Issues / Costs
- Parking Costs
- Students leaving early distracting
- Seat Numbers



Support & Staff

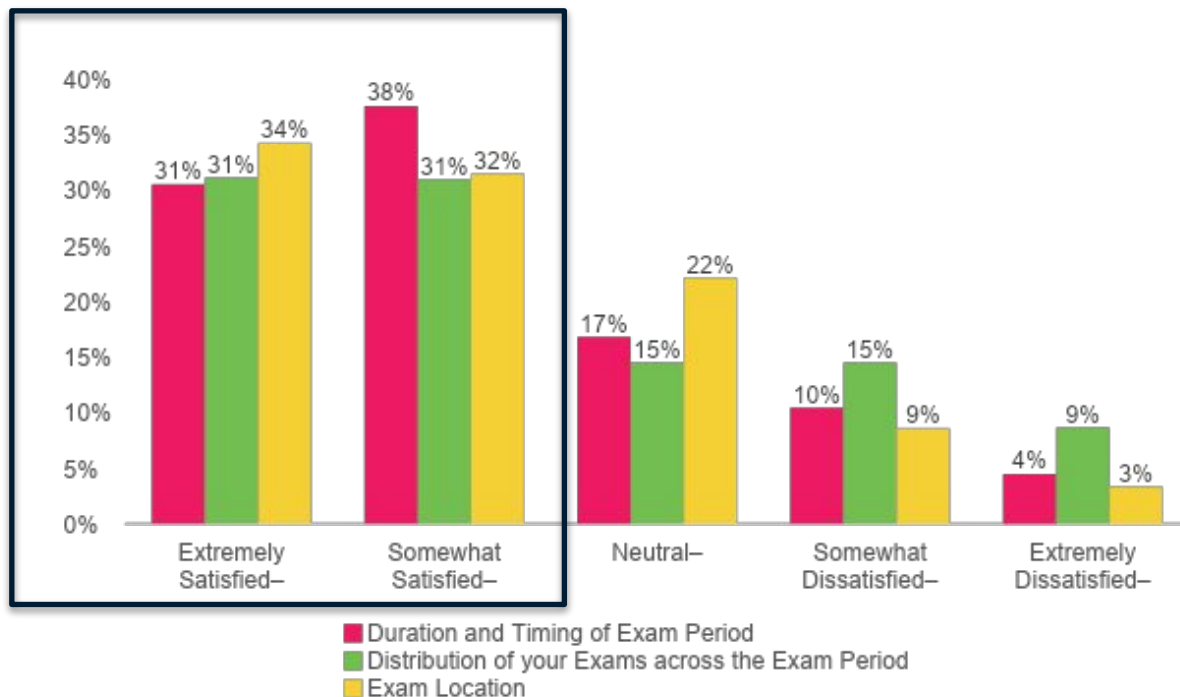
- Invigilation staff are helpful
- Provide Pens and Pencils
- What is permitted



Issues Noted by Students

- Exam Paper Errors / Wrong Exam Paper
- Noisy Exam Halls
- Crowded
- Construction Noise
- Outside Noise
- Student card checks distracting

How satisfied are you with the exam timetable?



In your experience, what is your preferred assessment type?

Rank	Assessment Type	Weighted Score
1	Assignment (Including Essay)	9.4
2	Exam (Online)	8.4
3	Exam (Open Book)	7.97
4	Exam (In Person)	7.56
5	Individual Project	7.29
6	Quizzes/Short Exercises	7.04
7	Exam (Take-Home)	7.03
8	Participation in Learning Activities	6.15
9	Group Work Assignment	4.86
10	Practical Skills Assessment	4.81
11	Portfolio	3.74
12	Reflective Assignment	3.71



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Overall, how do you rate your exam experience at the university?

3.8 

average rating



If there was one thing UCD could do to improve how the university can support you through your exams, what would it be?

Exam Scheduling & Timings

- No 4.30 pm exams
- No Saturday exams
- Later start time
- Max three exams per trimester
- Options for rescheduled or alternative dates

Communication & Clarity

- Clear, consistent instructions & announcements
- Transparent grading schemes
- Lecturer/MC support and presence
- Better feedback and exam-day guidance

Exam Format & Types

- More continuous/practical assessment
- Past-paper access & solutions
- Option to type in-person exams
- More online exams

Learning & Assessment

- Regular and clearly timed assignments
- Clear learning outcomes and objectives
- Transparent assessment calendar
- Option to opt-out from group projects

Exam Environment & Logistics

- Comfortable seating & tables
- Quiet, clean venues
- Facilities: water, toilets, Wi-Fi, clocks
- Clearly organised rooms
- Comfortable waiting areas

Campus & Technology

- Extended library opening hours
- Better tech: chargers, Wi-Fi, digital exams
- Study spaces and resources
- Room improvements: temperature control, noise reduction

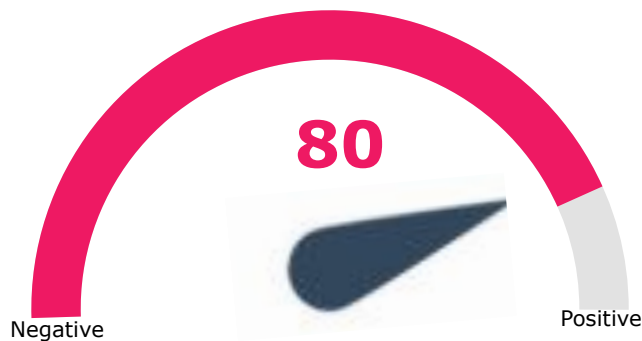
Support & Wellbeing

- Mental-health and stress coping support
- Peer, tutor, and writing-centre assistance
- Snack/water provision

Accessibility & Inclusion

- Support for international and mature students
- Financial/travel assistance
- Private rooms, gender-neutral toilets
- Quiet halls for students with anxiety

How do you feel about having end-of-trimester in-person exams held on Belfield campus?



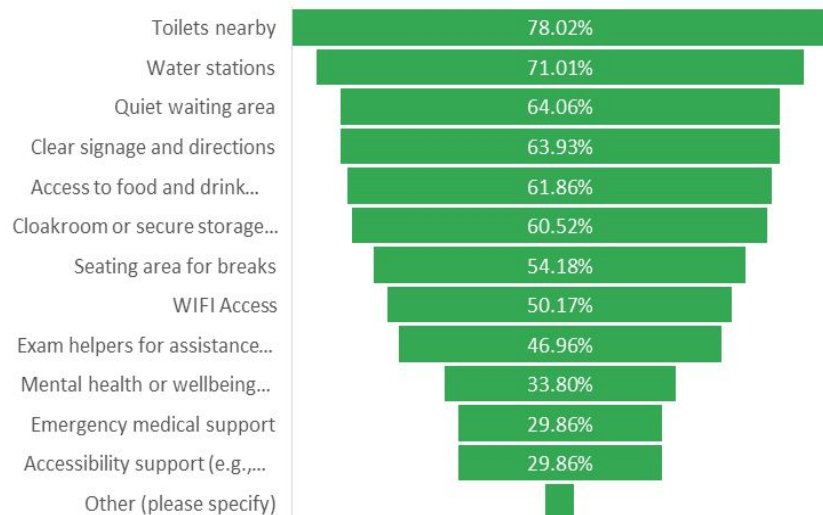
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Exams on Campus

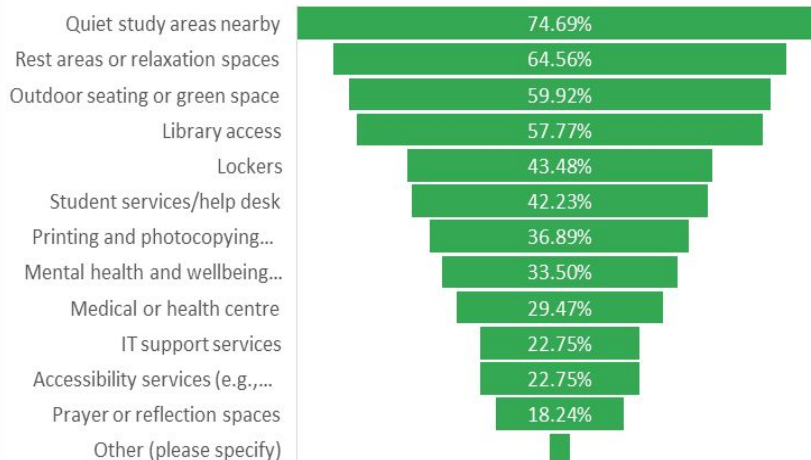


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What facilities or support services would you like to have readily available at the exam venue on the Belfield campus? Please tick all that are relevant.



What facilities or support services would you like to access on the Belfield campus, outside of the exam venue? Please tick all that are relevant.





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Is there an additional facility or service you feel would improve your experience at the exam centre?

Comfort & Environment

- Quiet exam halls
- Seats in waiting areas
- Comfortable & adjustable seating
- Heating, air conditioning & lighting
- Green spaces & outdoor seating
- Relaxation & sensory rooms
- Visible clocks & clear signage

Exam Experience

- Seat finders
- More time, Resits & flexible formats
- Less invigilator presence

Accessibility & Inclusion

- Mental health specialists
- Prayer spaces
- Sensory-friendly design
- Digital info screens & calm announcements
- Loan service: pens, calculators

Transport & Parking

- Free Parking
- Electric vehicle parking
- More bike racks
- Public transport links & shuttle buses

Facilities & Amenities

- Water stations, snacks & hot drinks
- Microwaves & free/cheap food options
- Lockers, cloakrooms,
- Games room & social areas
- Charging facilities

Study & Support Spaces

- Study areas
- Group work spaces with whiteboards
- Pop-up student desk

Thank You