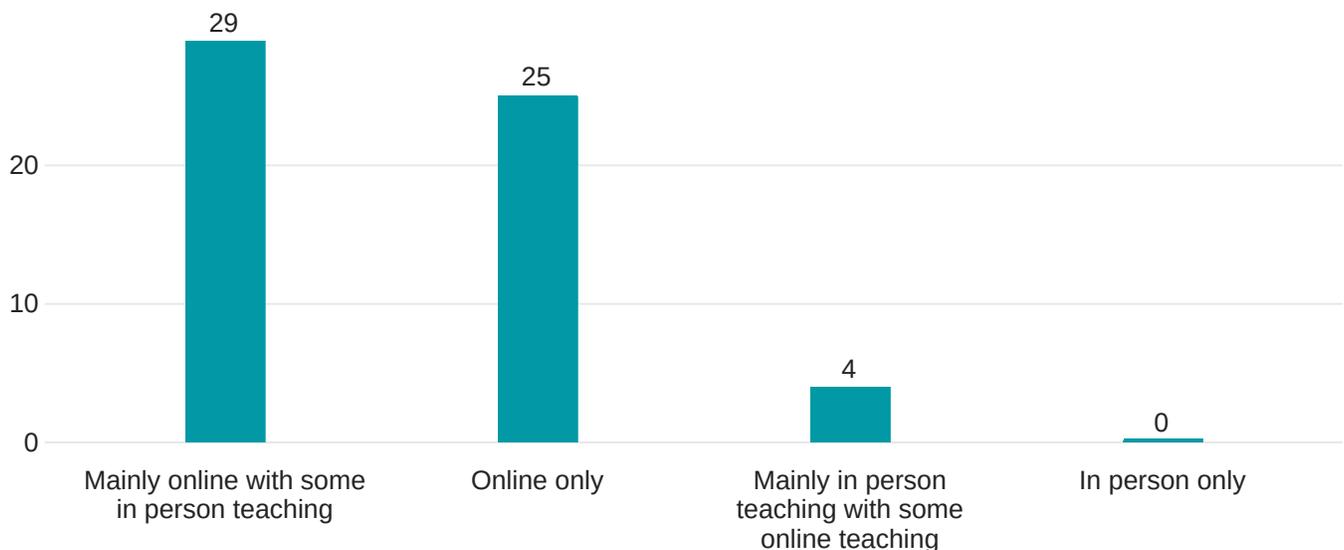# Question of the Month - November Report

The November Question of the Month survey advertised fieldwork ran from Monday 9th November to Sunday 15th November, however the survey has stayed open since then and has collected just over 50 responses in total.

Students were asked 12 questions plus demographic questions. These questions are based around the current learning experience during the COVID-19 pandemic.
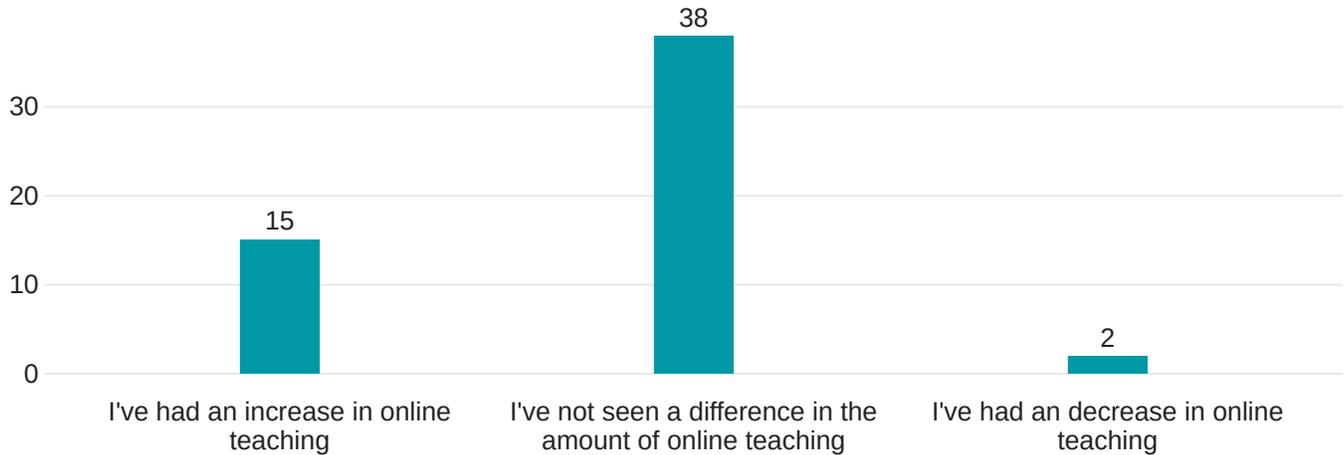
The questions 'Is there any online delivery that has worked well?', 'Are there any challenges you have faced?', and 'Is there any element of your course that you were expecting that has not been delivered?' have been analysed and grouped into topics as seen in this report.

The demographics breakdown of the respondents can be found on the last page of this report.

How would you describe the delivery of your course?

Bar chart:
- Mainly online with some in person teaching: 29
- Online only: 25
- Mainly in person teaching with some online teaching: 4
- In person only: 0

Since the second lockdown announcement, have you seen an increase or decrease in online teaching?

15	38	2
I've had an increase in online teaching	I've not seen a difference in the amount of online teaching	I've had an decrease in online teaching

Is there any online delivery that has worked well?

Topics	Choice Count	
online	17.07%	14
pre recorded	15.85%	13
all	12.20%	10
seminar	10.98%	9
teams	7.32%	6
camera or webcam	4.88%	4
engaging	4.88%	4
live	4.88%	4
no or nothing	4.88%	4
Unknown	4.88%	4
panopto	3.66%	3
video	3.66%	3
amazing	2.44%	2
nearpod	1.22%	1
synchronous	1.22%	1
Total		82

Are there any challenges you have faced? Please let us known any specific modules these may relate to

Topics	Choice Count	
online	13.16%	10
wifi or internet	10.53%	8
module	10.53%	8
none	9.21%	7
teams	7.89%	6
technology or laptop	6.58%	5
distracted or focus	5.26%	4
group	5.26%	4
video or camera	5.26%	4
anxiety	3.95%	3
social	2.63%	2
childcare	1.32%	1
commute	1.32%	1
engagement	1.32%	1
formal	1.32%	1
lonely or isolated	1.32%	1
mystudies	1.32%	1
overrun	1.32%	1
room	1.32%	1
software	1.32%	1
uni card	1.32%	1
Unknown	6.58%	5
Total		76

What sort of learning suits you best? Pick up to 3 options
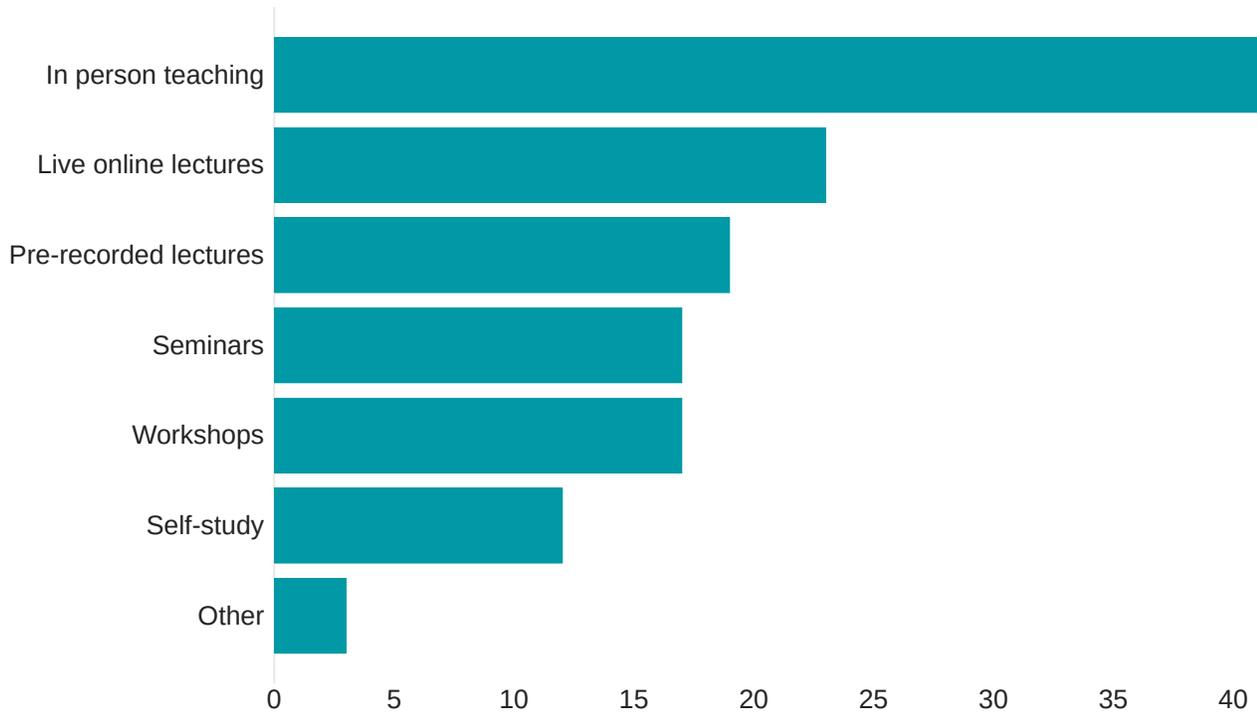
Other - Text
Fieldwork and hands on learning
Labs
Live lectures with recordings

Do you have access to all the software or digital platforms that you are required to use on your course?

Field	Choice Count	
Yes and it's all free through my course	72.73%	40
Yes but I have to pay for them	1.82%	1
Yes but some are free and others I had to pay for	21.82%	12
I don't have access to anything	0.00%	0
Other	3.64%	2
Total		55

Other - Text
I don't really need any software that I didn't already have and would have had anyway

What software or digital platforms are you required to use on your course? Please specify where you have had to pay for software or a digital platform.

Topics	Choice Count	
Teams	24.00%	24
office | microsoft	21.00%	21
word	8.00%	8
powerpoint	6.00%	6
Minitab	5.00%	5
Adobe	4.00%	4
AutoCAD	4.00%	4
endnote	3.00%	3
matlab	4.00%	4
My studies	3.00%	3
SPSS	3.00%	3
none	2.00%	2
Photoshop	2.00%	2
Adina	1.00%	1
arc maps	1.00%	1
nearpod	1.00%	1
one drive	1.00%	1
R	1.00%	1
sharepoint	1.00%	1
Zoom	1.00%	1
Unknown	4.00%	4
Total		100

Comments that contained more than the list of software used by students:

"LtSpice -Free Matlab - Academic license provided by university Multisim (recommended not 'required') Academic license now also provided by university"

"We are not required to use any specific software but some companies have given us free licenses for the length of the course. There are some workshops that are taught using software which is not provided for free but it can be translated to other platforms and other required software has to be paid but the university provided discounts"

"I want access to more journals"

"Adobe Creative Suite is beneficial for our course, though not mandatory. This is for our course work which is presented digitally. We paid a (subsidised) fee to be able to access Adobe"

"Adobe suite I've had to pay for, but with the uni discount it was cheaper. Rhinoceros is needed and has to be paid for, but have downloaded a 90 day trial. Vectorworks or autocad is accessible for free"

"Microsoft Teams (free) and SPSS (free) however I have not been able to install SPSS on my device even after face to face help from technicians"
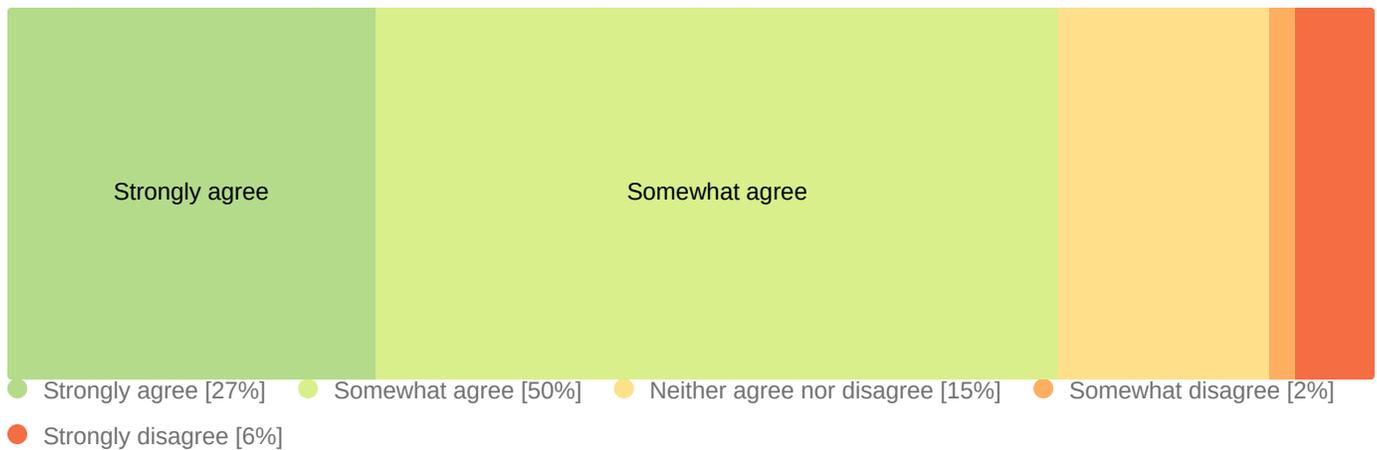
"Photoshop is a requirement, and I have to pay that through the uni's reduced £30 Adobe suite for the year (thank goodness). Also better internet access is heavily recommended but my housemates don't want to pay the extra £1.50 per week to upgrade this which is problematic. Access to the library is still an option, but only within certain hours and with increased concerns this is not always possible"

"Research platforms. Some are free through institution, some major ones still are not"
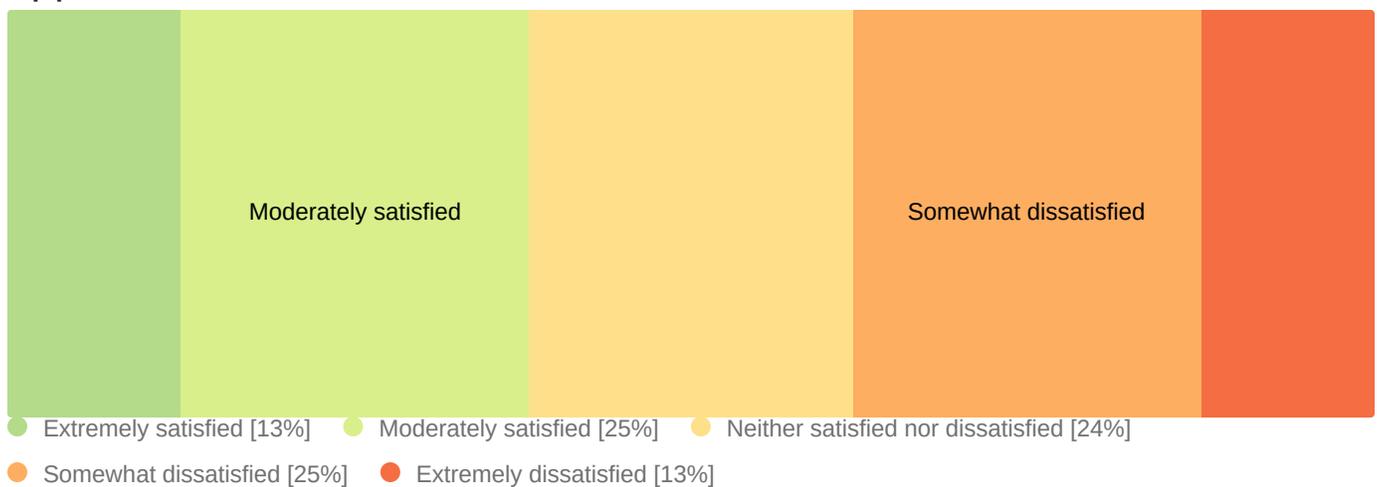
Is there any element of your course that you were expecting that has not been delivered?

Topics	Choice Count	
n/a or no	26.79%	15
fieldtrip	fieldtrips	field trip	21.43%	12
practical	17.86%	10
in person	5.36%	3
workshops	5.36%	3
guest lecturers	3.57%	2
lab	3.57%	2
placement	3.57%	2
site visits	3.57%	2
dissertation	1.79%	1
face to face	1.79%	1
outdoor	1.79%	1
specific content	1.79%	1
Unknown	1.79%	1
Total		56

Do you feel like you have the right equipment to effectively study online?

Strongly agree

Somewhat agree

● Strongly agree [27%] ● Somewhat agree [50%] ● Neither agree nor disagree [15%] ● Somewhat disagree [2%]
● Strongly disagree [6%]

How do you feel about term 2 being taught in the same blended approach to term 1?

Moderately satisfied

Somewhat dissatisfied

● Extremely satisfied [13%] ● Moderately satisfied [25%] ● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied [24%]
● Somewhat dissatisfied [25%] ● Extremely dissatisfied [13%]

Where are you living?
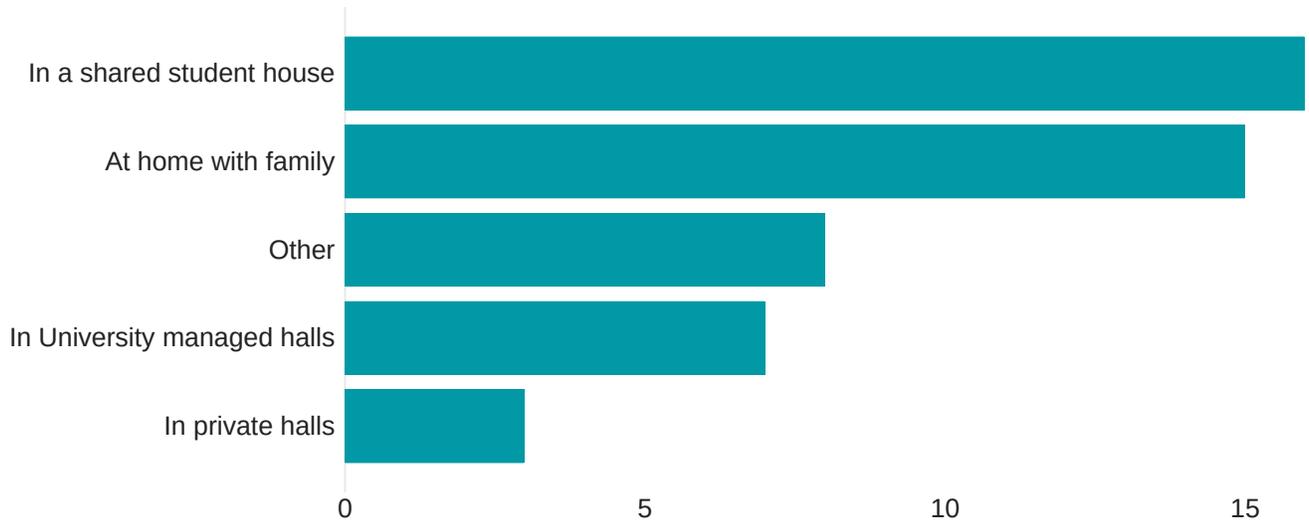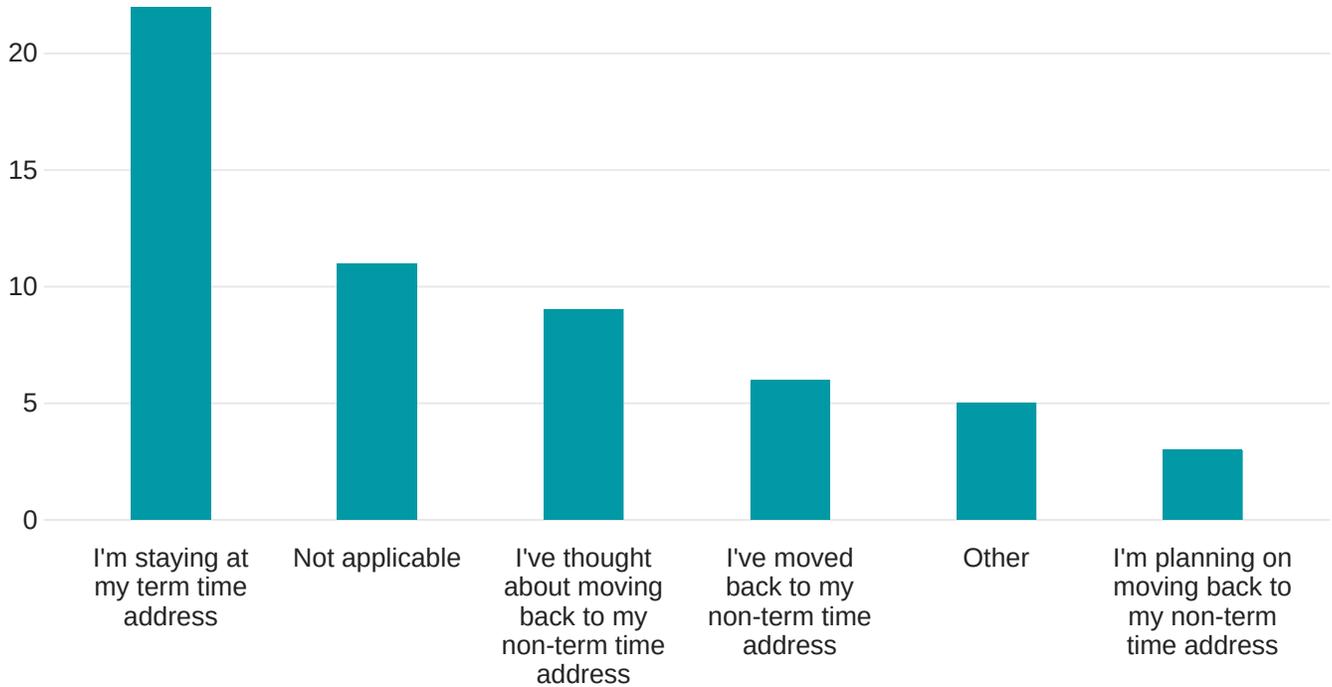

Other - Text
At my partner's family home
Private Accomodation
Private landlord rented
rent

Since the second lockdown announcement, have you thought about moving to your non-term time address?

20		
15		
10		
5		
0		

I'm staying at my term time address | Not applicable | I've thought about moving back to my non-term time address | I've moved back to my non-term time address | Other | I'm planning on moving back to my non-term time address

Other - Text

Am vulnerable so was not allowed to travel during lockdown

I am an international student, I wont be flying home until December.

I failed to get a house fortunately so I don't have to deal with wasti by money in halls or a student house

I own and live in my house in Brighton so NA

Where students live and whether they have moved or are thinking about moving to their non-term time address
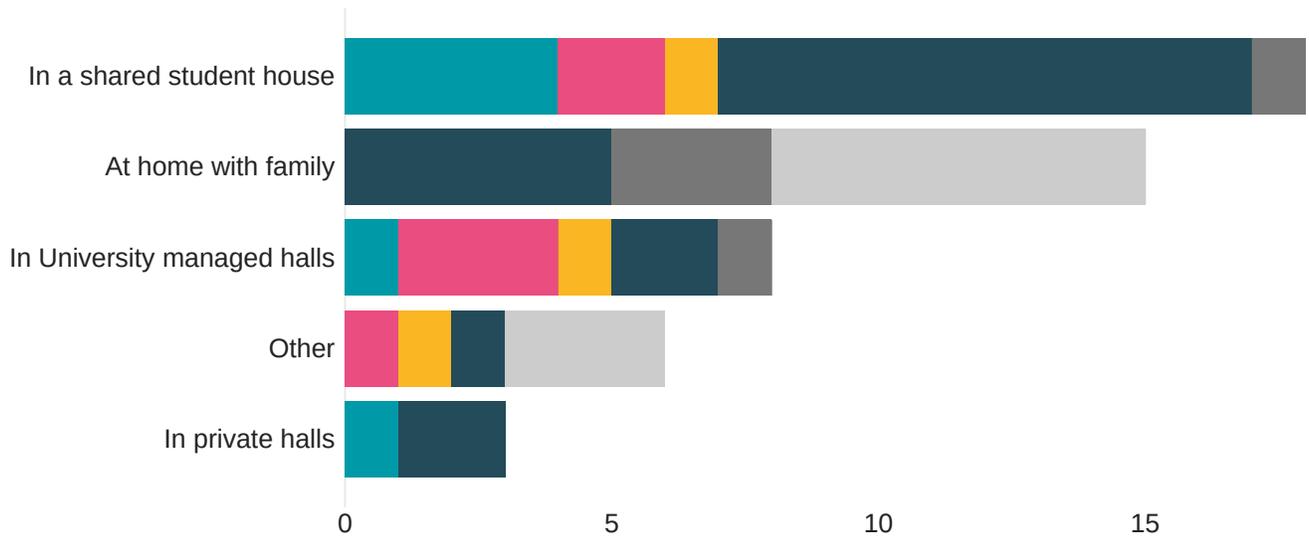
- ● I've moved back to my non-term time address
- ● I've thought about moving back to my non-term time address
- ● I'm planning on moving back to my non-term time address
- ● I'm staying at my term time address
- ● Other
- ● Not applicable

Demographics of Respondents

Categories that are not shown here, eg. Black students, are due to there being no respondents that fall in that category.

School	Choice Count
School of Environment and Technology	9
School of Applied Social Science	7
School of Health Sciences	6
School of Sport and Service Management	5
School of Media	3
School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics	3
Brighton Business School	3
School of Pharmacy and Biomolecular Sciences	2
School of Education	2
School of Art	2
School of Architecture and Design	2

Year	Choice Count	
Year 1	16.67%	9
Year 2	31.48%	17
Year 3	25.93%	14
Masters	20.37%	11
Other	5.56%	3
Total		54

Campus	Choice Count	
Moulsecomb	45.10%	23
Falmer	33.33%	17
Eastbourne	11.76%	6
City Campus	9.80%	5
Total		51

Age	Choice Count	
20 or Under	24.07%	13
21-30	57.41%	31
31-40	14.81%	8
41-50	3.70%	2
Total		54

Disability	Choice Count	
A learning disability	14.81%	8
A physical disability	3.70%	2
No known disability	59.26%	32
Other	11.11%	6
Prefer not to say	9.26%	5
Both a learning and physical disability	1.85%	1
Total		54

Gender	Choice Count	
Female	68.52%	37
Male	27.78%	15
Prefer not to say	3.70%	2
Total		54

Ethnic Group	Choice Count	
Asian	3.70%	2
Mixed	9.26%	5
White	77.78%	42
Prefer not to say	7.41%	4
Total		54

Sexual Orientation	Choice Count	
Bisexual	16.67%	9
Gay / Lesbian	7.41%	4
Heterosexual / Straight	62.96%	34
Prefer not to say	12.96%	7
Total		54

Domicile	Choice Count	
UK	85.19%	46
EU (excluding the UK)	9.26%	5
Other international	5.56%	3
Total		54