

UVU CRIMINAL JUSTICE ONLINE DEGREE

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PURPOSE

To find out if an online Criminal Justice degree would be beneficial to students at Utah Valley University and to local police officers.



OTHER STUDIES

- “Students’ Perceptions of Online Courses”
by Rhonda R. Dobbs
- “Engaging Online Adult Learners in Higher Education”
by Sun Joo Yoo and Wenhao David Huang

DATA COLLECTION

- Instrument: Survey (76 questions)
- Sent to a total of 1120 people
- 500 to the Utah County Sheriffs Department
- 500 to students at UVU that are Aviation, Forensic Science, and Emergency Management majors (Excluded Criminal Justice majors).
- 80 to the Orem Department of Public Safety
- 40 to the Wasatch County Sheriffs Department

PROBLEMS

- Reminders were sent every week but we only had 93 responses to our survey from our sample which equals a 8.3% response rate. (Below the desired 15% response rate)
- The majority of responses were from the Sheriffs/Police departments.
- Smaller response rate from students. Most likely because they weren't Criminal Justice majors so they had less interest.
- Hard to get all the departments we wanted to participate.

1. What is your gender?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Male	70	75%
2	Female	23	25%
	Total	93	100%

2. What is your age?

Average age was 37

3. What is your ethnicity?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	American Indian	1	1%
2	Pacific Islander	1	1%
3	Asian	1	1%
4	White	78	85%
5	African American	1	1%
6	Hispanic	6	7%
7	Other	4	4%
	Total	92	100%

4. How many kids do you have?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	0	25	27%
2	1	8	9%
3	2	14	15%
4	3	19	21%
5	4	16	18%
6	5 or more	9	10%
	Total	91	100%

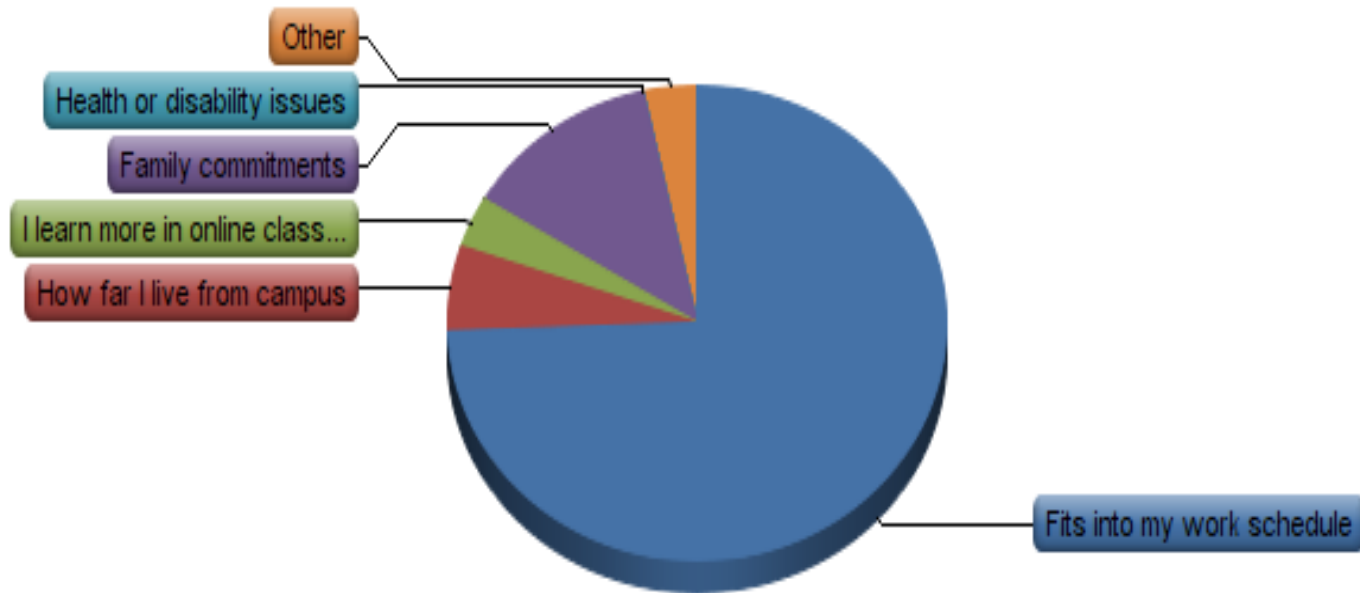
5. What is your marital status?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Single, never married	16	18%
2	Married or Domestic Partnership	66	73%
3	Divorced	5	6%
4	Widowed	0	0%
5	Separated	3	3%
6	Other	0	0%
	Total	90	100%

6. How content are you with your level of education on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most content and...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	9	10%
2	2	21	23%
3	3	26	29%
4	4	24	27%
5	5	10	11%
	Total	90	100%

7. What is the most important factor that contributes to your decision to take a class online?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Fits into my work schedule	64	74%
2	How far I live from campus	5	6%
3	I learn more in online classes	3	3%
4	Family commitments	11	13%
5	Health or disability issues	0	0%
6	Other	3	3%
	Total	86	100%

8. How important are good grades to you on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most important and 1 being th...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	2	2%
2	2	3	3%
3	3	3	3%
4	4	34	40%
5	5	44	51%
	Total	86	100%

9. How confident are you in using a computer to take online classes on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the m...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	2	2%
3	3	14	16%
4	4	19	22%
5	5	50	59%
	Total	85	100%

10. Did either of your parents go to college and obtain a degree?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	42	49%
2	No	43	51%
	Total	85	100%

11. Which parent?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Mother	8	19%
2	Father	12	29%
3	Both	22	52%
	Total	42	100%

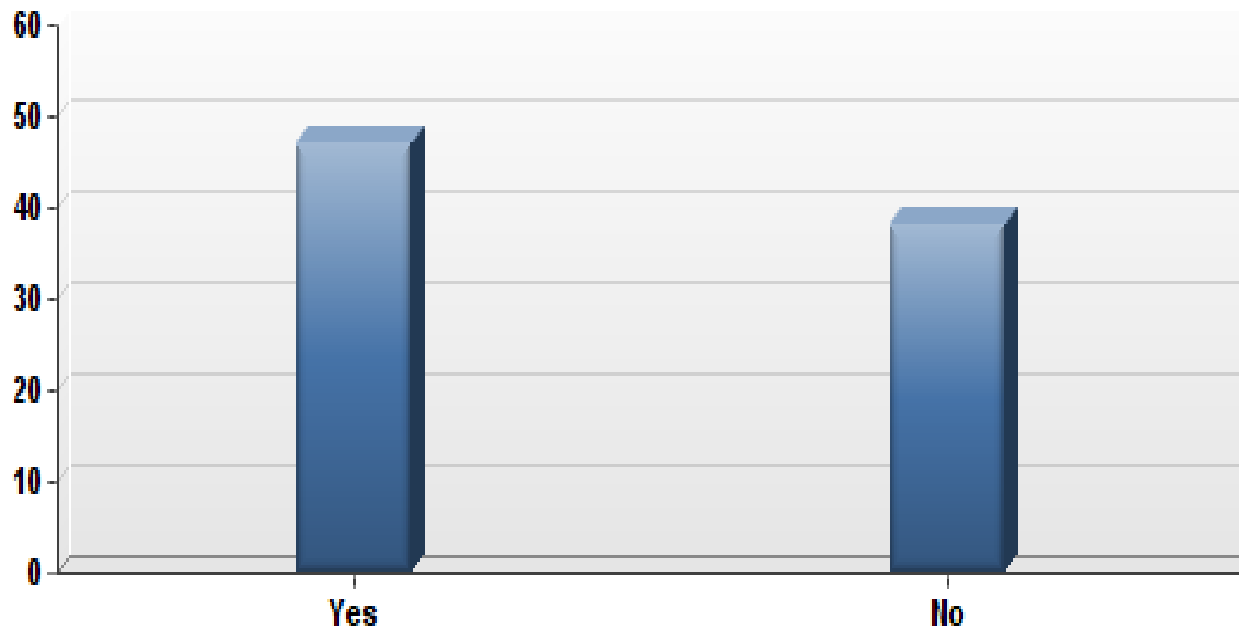
12. What was the highest level of degree your Father received?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Associates degree	7	21%
2	Bachelors degree	16	47%
3	Masters degree	6	18%
4	Doctoral degree	5	15%
	Total	34	100%

13. What was the highest level of degree your Mother received? (Skip if your Father only received a d...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Associates degree	12	36%
2	Bachelors degree	18	55%
3	Masters degree	3	9%
4	Doctoral degree	0	0%
	Total	33	100%

14. Are you currently working as a law enforcement officer?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	47	55%
2	No	38	45%
	Total	85	100%

15. How many hours a week do you work?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	0-10	0	0%
2	11-20	0	0%
3	21-30	1	2%
4	31-40	2	4%
5	More than 40	44	94%
	Total	47	100%

16. What kind of work schedule do you have?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Set schedule	16	36%
2	Rotating schedule	25	56%
3	Other	4	9%
	Total	45	100%

17. Do you think your work schedule would or has affected the quality of your school work on a scale...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	2	4%
2	2	6	13%
3	3	7	16%
4	4	19	42%
5	5	11	24%
	Total	45	100%

18. Do you think attending classes would or has affected the quality of your work at your job on a sc...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	6	14%
2	2	4	9%
3	3	15	34%
4	4	11	25%
5	5	8	18%
	Total	44	100%

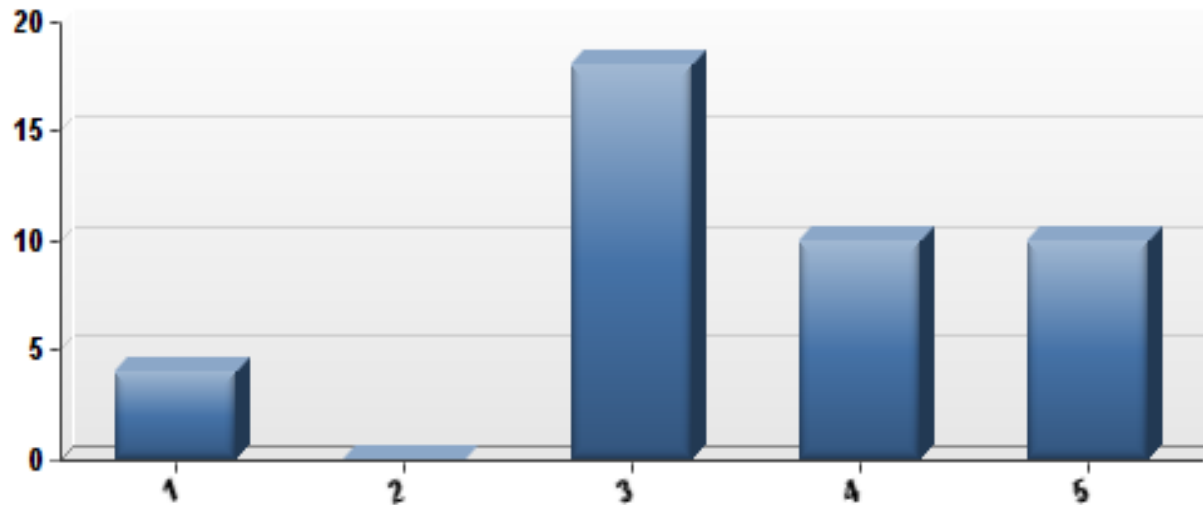
19. How many credit hours per semester would or have you taken while working?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1-5	12	28%
2	6-10	20	47%
3	11-15	9	21%
4	16-20	1	2%
5	More than 20	1	2%
	Total	43	100%

20. What is your current ranking in your department?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Officer	28	65%
2	Detective	3	7%
3	Sergeant	6	14%
4	Lieutenant	4	9%
5	Captain	0	0%
6	Chief	1	2%
7	Other	1	2%
	Total	43	100%

21. How important is having a degree in your department in order to advance on a scale of 1-5, 5 being...



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	4	10%
2	2	0	0%
3	3	18	43%
4	4	10	24%
5	5	10	24%
	Total	42	100%

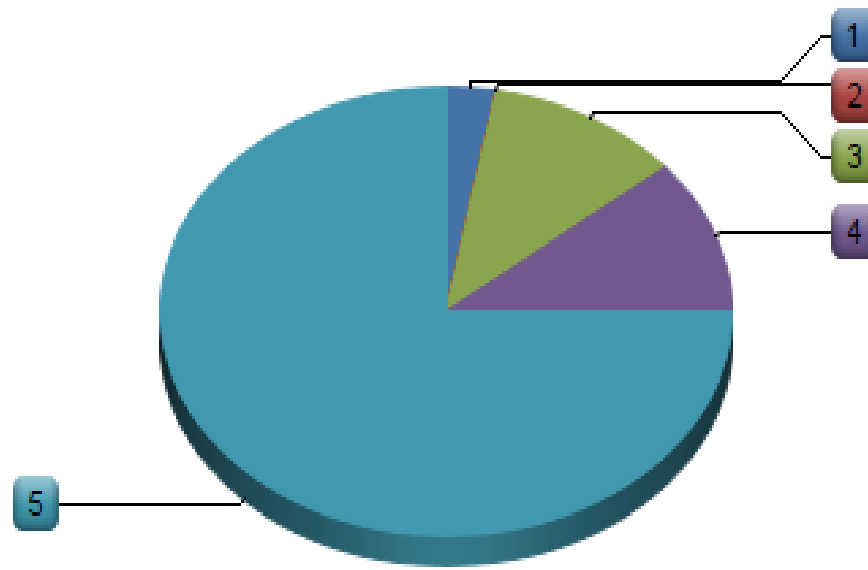
22. Does your department offer tuition reimbursement?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	6	14%
2	No	36	86%
	Total	42	100%

23. How much per year?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	\$1-500	0	0%
2	\$501-1000	2	33%
3	\$1001-1500	2	33%
4	\$1501-2000	1	17%
5	\$2001 or more	1	17%
	Total	6	100%

24. If not, how likely would you be to take classes if they offered tuition reimbursement on a scale...



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	1	3%
2	2	0	0%
3	3	4	11%
4	4	4	11%
5	5	27	75%
	Total	36	100%

25. What would be your ideal position in your department?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Officer	0	0%
2	Detective	3	7%
3	Sergeant	15	36%
4	Lieutenant	13	31%
5	Captain	1	2%
6	Chief	9	21%
7	Other	1	2%
	Total	42	100%

26. Are you currently working?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	30	79%
2	No	8	21%
	Total	38	100%

27. How many hours a week do you work?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	0-10	0	0%
2	11-20	2	7%
3	21-30	3	10%
4	31-40	9	30%
5	More than 40	16	53%
	Total	30	100%

28. What kind of work schedule do you have?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Set schedule	16	53%
2	Rotating schedule	9	30%
3	Other	5	17%
	Total	30	100%

29. Do you think your work schedule would or has affected the quality of your school work on a scale...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	3	10%
2	2	2	7%
3	3	10	34%
4	4	5	17%
5	5	9	31%
	Total	29	100%

30. Do you think attending classes would or has affected the quality of your work at your job on a sc...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	5	17%
2	2	3	10%
3	3	9	31%
4	4	8	28%
5	5	4	14%
	Total	29	100%

31. How many credit hours per semester would or have you taken while working?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1-5	6	21%
2	6-10	12	41%
3	11-15	5	17%
4	16-20	5	17%
5	More than 20	1	3%
	Total	29	100%

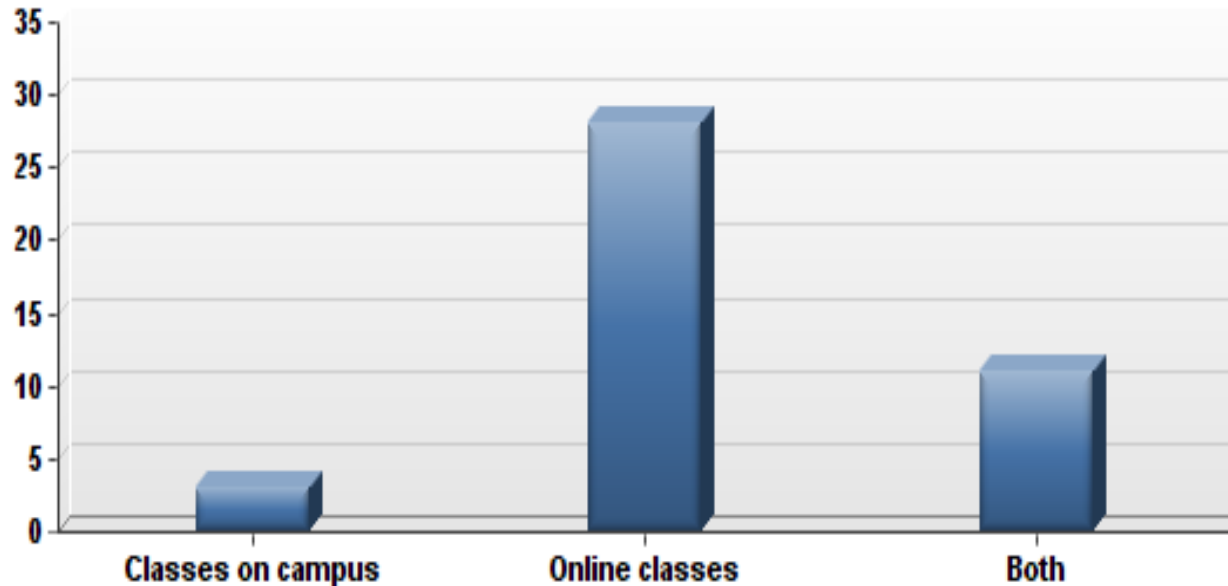
32. Have you taken online classes before?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	42	53%
2	No	37	47%
	Total	79	100%

33. Which helped you to learn better?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Classes on campus	9	21%
2	Online classes	8	19%
3	Both are equal	25	60%
	Total	42	100%

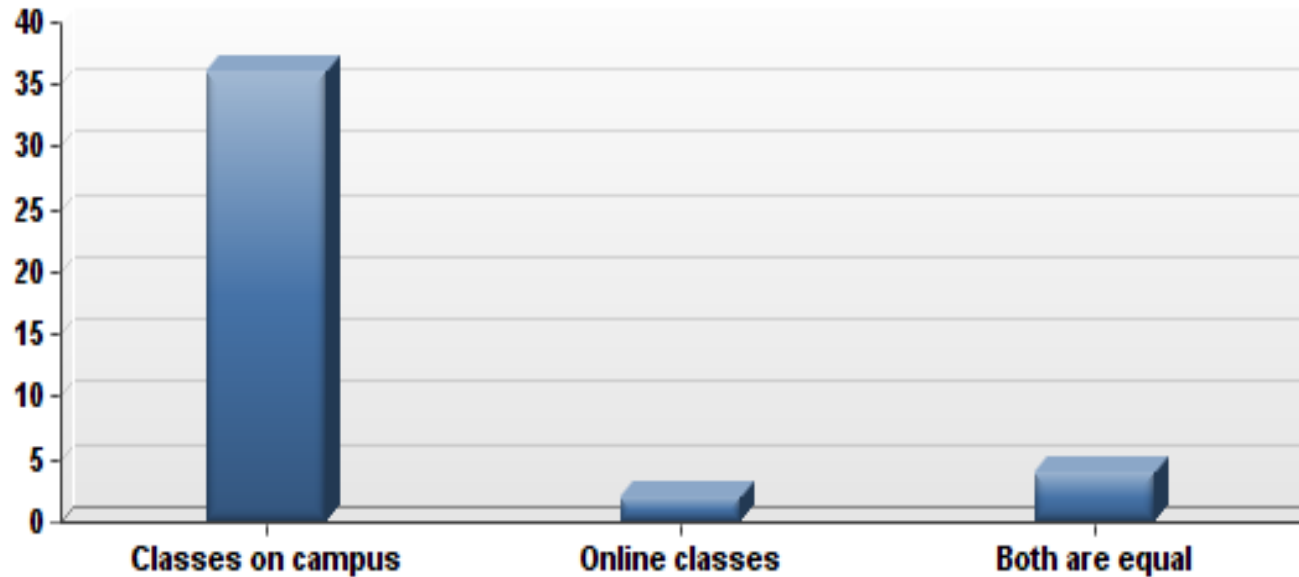
34. If you had a choice, which one would you prefer?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Classes on campus	3	7%
2	Online classes	28	67%
3	Both	11	26%
	Total	42	100%

35. Which demands more of your time?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Classes on campus	36	86%
2	Online classes	2	5%
3	Both are equal	4	10%
	Total	42	100%

36. Which of the following aspects affects your quality of online learning the most?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Type of course	24	57%
2	Instructor experience	11	26%
3	Type of technology	2	5%
4	Personal lifestyle	5	12%
5	Other	0	0%
	Total	42	100%

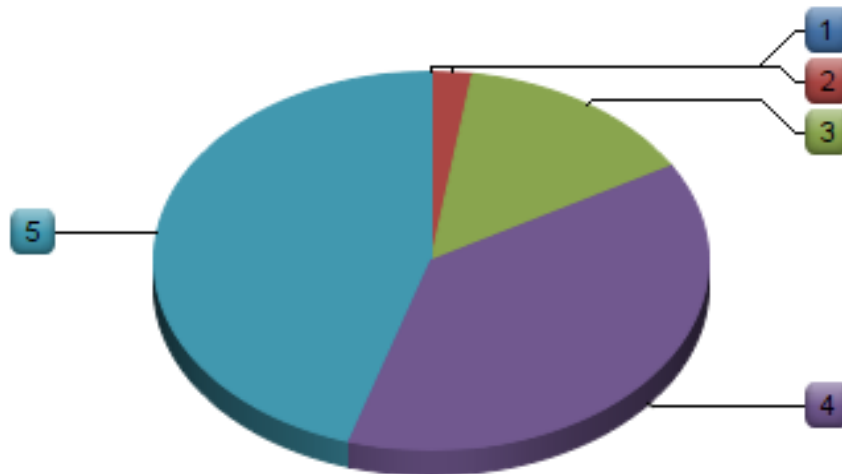
37. In how many online classes have you been enrolled?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1-5	16	38%
2	6-10	8	19%
3	11-15	9	21%
4	16-20	3	7%
5	21 or more	6	14%
	Total	42	100%

38. How was the quality of the communication between your instructors and students in your online cla...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	1	2%
2	2	6	14%
3	3	16	38%
4	4	13	31%
5	5	6	14%
	Total	42	100%

39. How convenient were your online classes on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most convenient and 1 being...



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	1	2%
3	3	6	14%
4	4	16	38%
5	5	19	45%
	Total	42	100%

40. How pleasant was your experience with online classes on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most pleasant...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	2	5%
3	3	9	21%
4	4	18	43%
5	5	13	31%
	Total	42	100%

41. Did you have a lot of aid in learning the material in your online classes on a scale of 1-5, 5 be...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	3	7%
2	2	10	24%
3	3	12	29%
4	4	12	29%
5	5	5	12%
	Total	42	100%

42. How well organized were the course materials in your online classes on a scale of 1-5, 5 being th...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	1	2%
2	2	0	0%
3	3	8	20%
4	4	19	46%
5	5	13	32%
	Total	41	100%

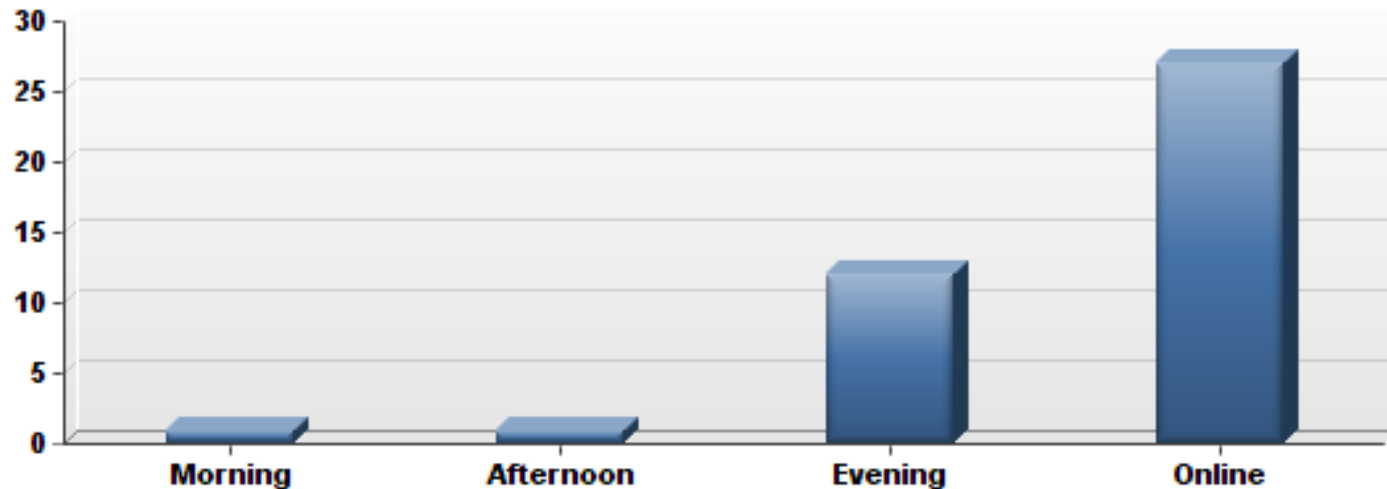
43. How well did your online courses allow you to self-pace on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the best and 1...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	2	5%
3	3	6	15%
4	4	19	46%
5	5	14	34%
	Total	41	100%

44. How difficult have your online classes been on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most difficult and 1 b...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	3	7%
3	3	18	44%
4	4	19	46%
5	5	1	2%
	Total	41	100%

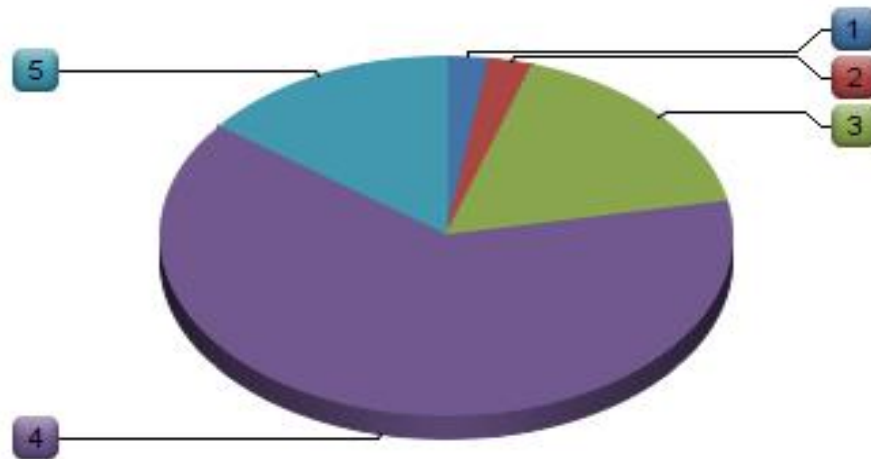
45. When is the most convenient time for you to take classes?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Morning	1	2%
2	Afternoon	1	2%
3	Evening	12	29%
4	Online	27	66%
	Total	41	100%

46. How much did you learn from your online classes on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most and 1 being t...



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	1	2%
2	2	1	2%
3	3	7	17%
4	4	26	63%
5	5	6	15%
	Total	41	100%

47. How helpful have your instructors been from your online courses on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the mo...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	6	15%
3	3	10	24%
4	4	17	41%
5	5	8	20%
	Total	41	100%

48. Do you feel online Criminal Justice courses should be offered to high school students?



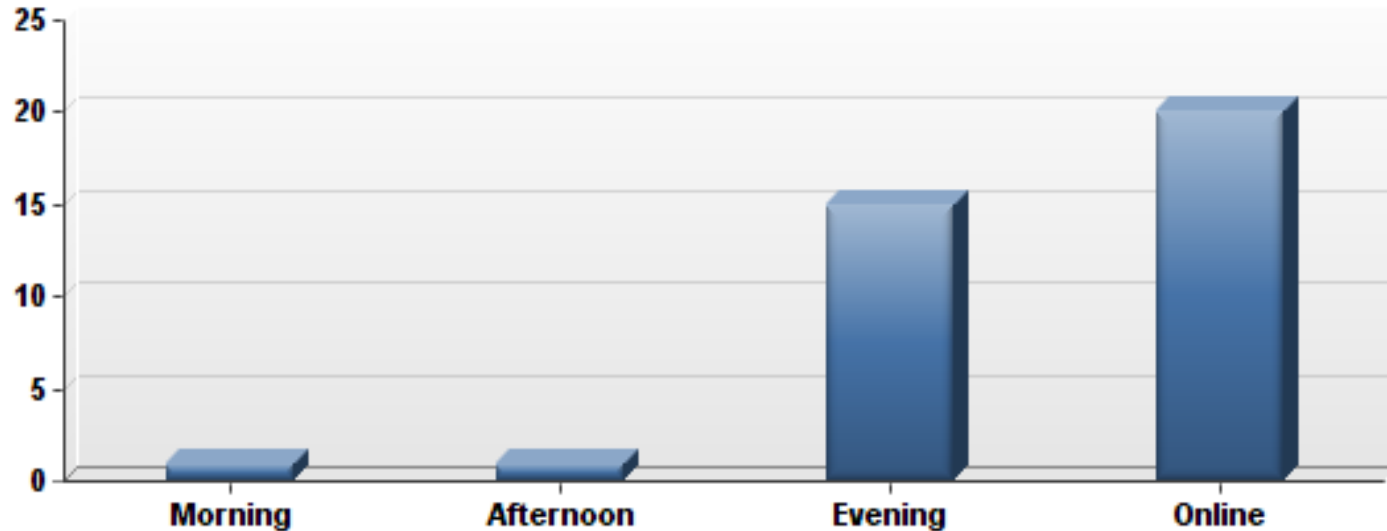
48. Do you feel online Criminal Justice courses should be offered to high school students?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	30	73%
2	No	11	27%
	Total	41	100%

49. How likely would you have taken Criminal Justice courses in high school if it was a possibility o...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	8	20%
2	2	1	3%
3	3	6	15%
4	4	8	20%
5	5	17	43%
	Total	40	100%

50. When is the most convenient time for you to take classes?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Morning	1	3%
2	Afternoon	1	3%
3	Evening	15	41%
4	Online	20	54%
	Total	37	100%

51. Do you feel online Criminal Justice courses should be offered to high school students?



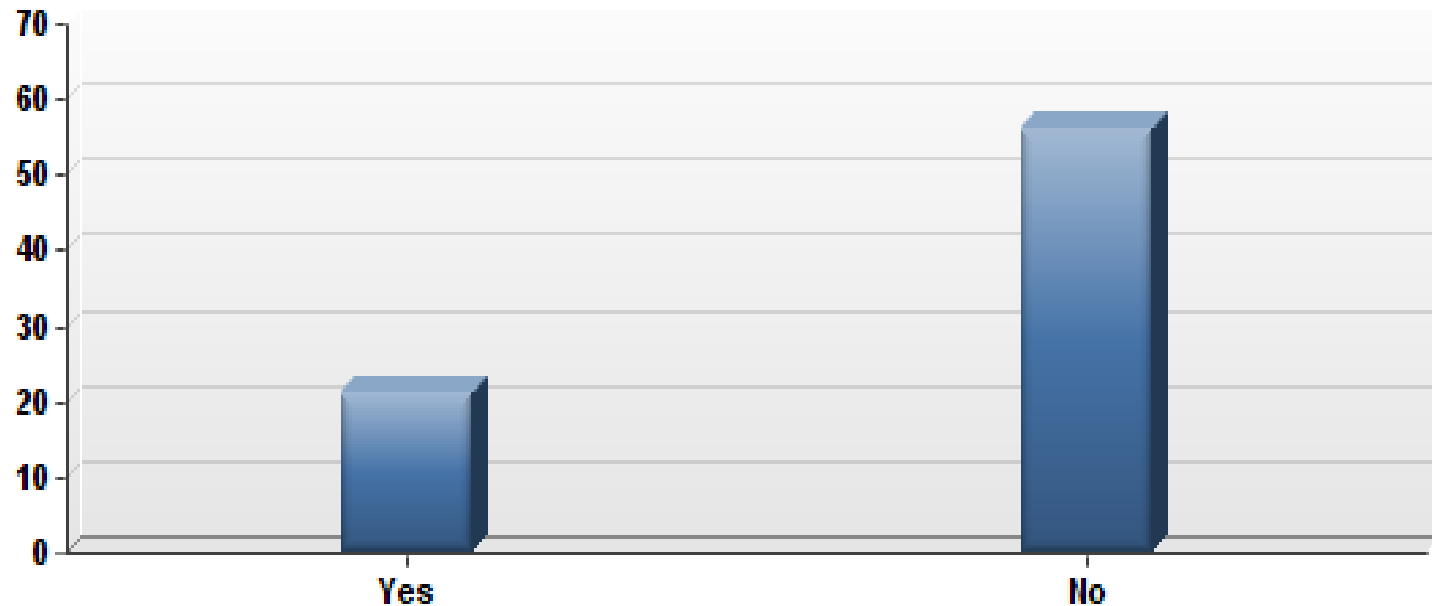
51. Do you feel online Criminal Justice courses should be offered to high school students?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	31	84%
2	No	6	16%
	Total	37	100%

52. How likely would you have taken Criminal Justice courses in high school if it was a possibility o...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	5	14%
2	2	5	14%
3	3	5	14%
4	4	7	19%
5	5	15	41%
	Total	37	100%

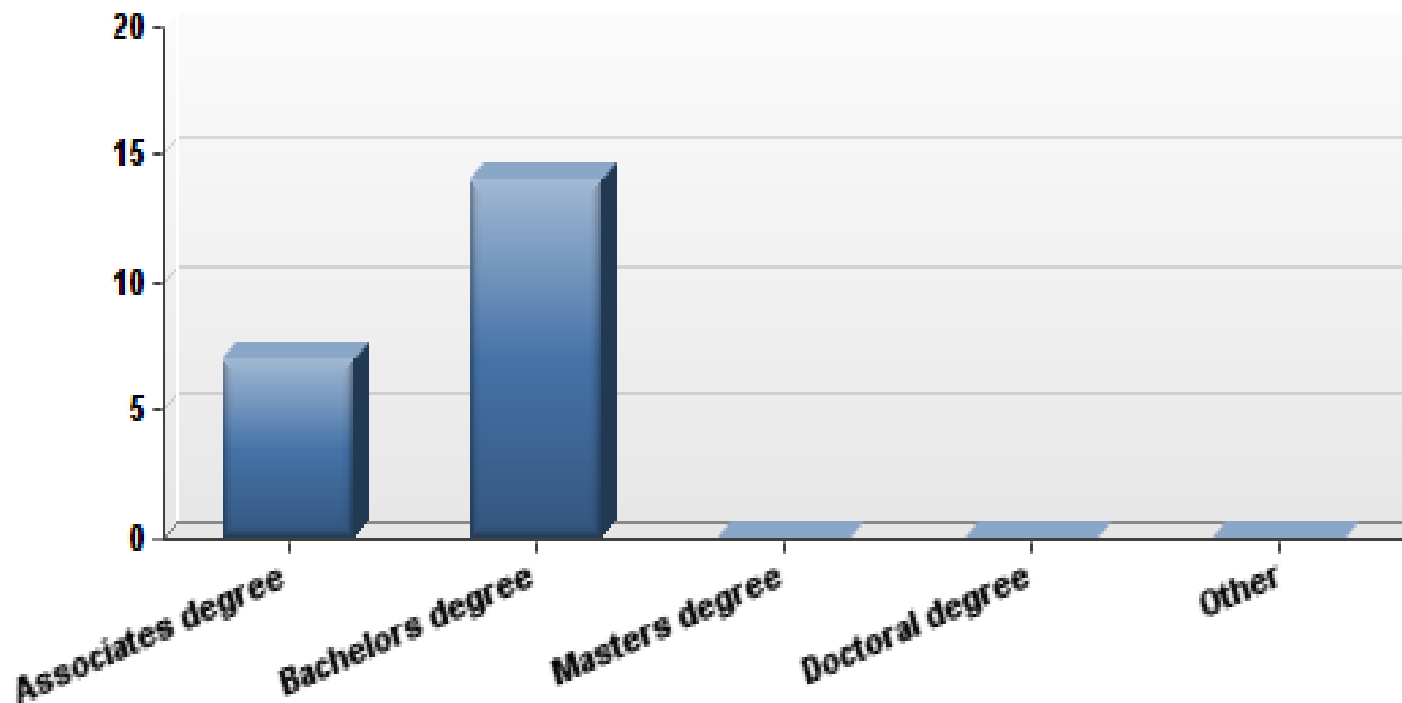
53. Have you already graduated from college?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	21	27%
2	No	56	73%
	Total	77	100%

54. What is your highest education level?



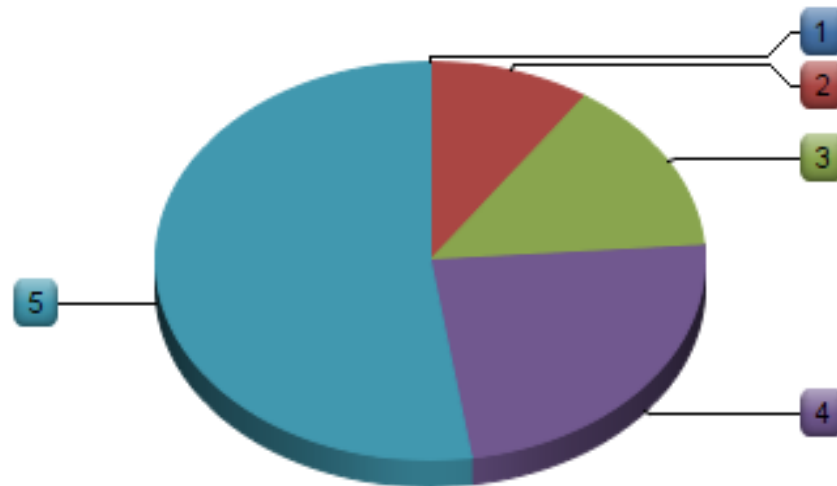
54. What is your highest education level?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Associates degree	7	33%
2	Bachelors degree	14	67%
3	Masters degree	0	0%
4	Doctoral degree	0	0%
5	Other	0	0%
	Total	21	100%

55. How simple was it to get your degree on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most simple and 1 being the l...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	6	29%
3	3	7	33%
4	4	6	29%
5	5	2	10%
	Total	21	100%

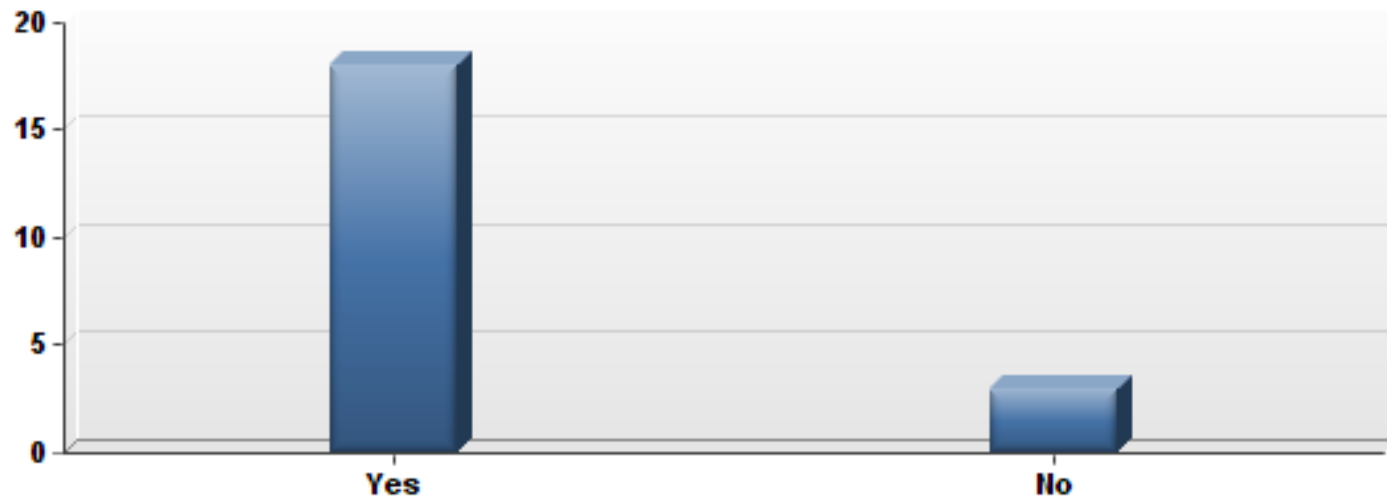
56. Would you have preferred a greater availability of online classes for your degree on a scale of 1...



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	2	10%
3	3	3	14%
4	4	5	24%
5	5	11	52%
	Total	21	100%

57. Do you feel you would have got your schooling done faster through an all online program?



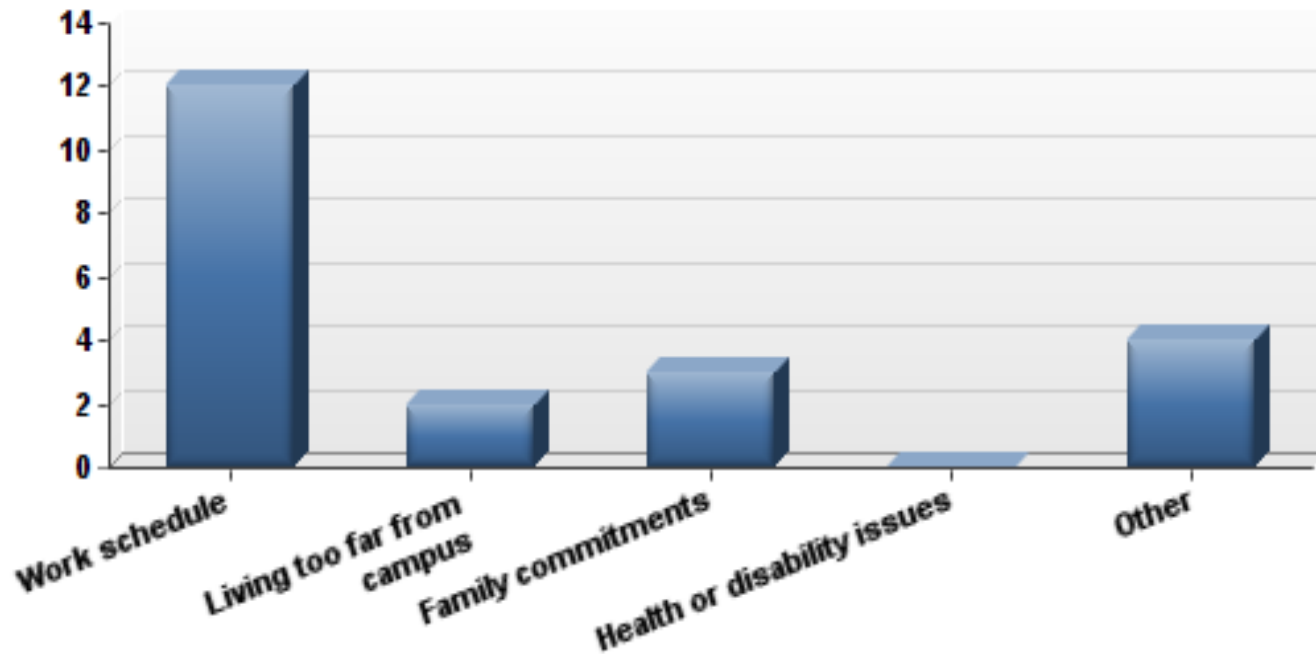
57. Do you feel you would have got your schooling done faster through an all online program?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	18	86%
2	No	3	14%
	Total	21	100%

58. How much faster?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1-6 months	2	11%
2	7-12 months	6	33%
3	13-18 months	2	11%
4	19-24 months	4	22%
5	25 months or more	4	22%
	Total	18	100%

59. What was the biggest issue when it came to finishing your education?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Work schedule	12	57%
2	Living too far from campus	2	10%
3	Family commitments	3	14%
4	Health or disability issues	0	0%
5	Other	4	19%
	Total	21	100%

60. How concerned were you about paying for your tuition on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most concerne...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	3	14%
2	2	1	5%
3	3	2	10%
4	4	5	24%
5	5	10	48%
	Total	21	100%

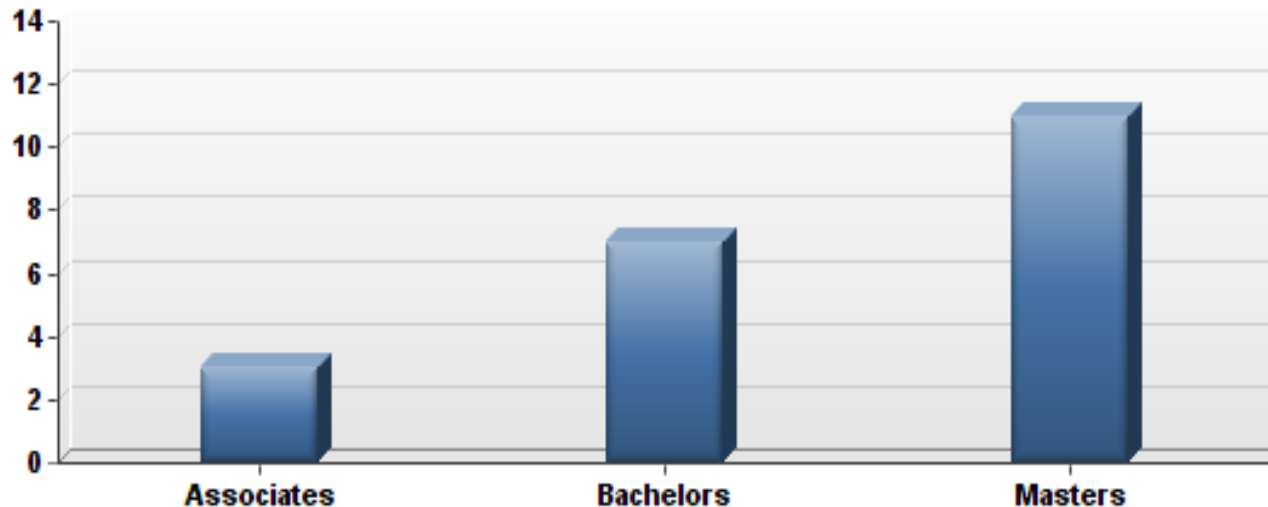
61. Have you ever received financial aid to help pay for your classes?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	15	71%
2	No	6	29%
	Total	21	100%

62. When was the most convenient time for you to take classes?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Morning	5	24%
2	Afternoon	0	0%
3	Evening	9	43%
4	Online	7	33%
	Total	21	100%

63. To which level of degree would you prefer an all online Criminal Justice program?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Associates	3	14%
2	Bachelors	7	33%
3	Masters	11	52%
	Total	21	100%

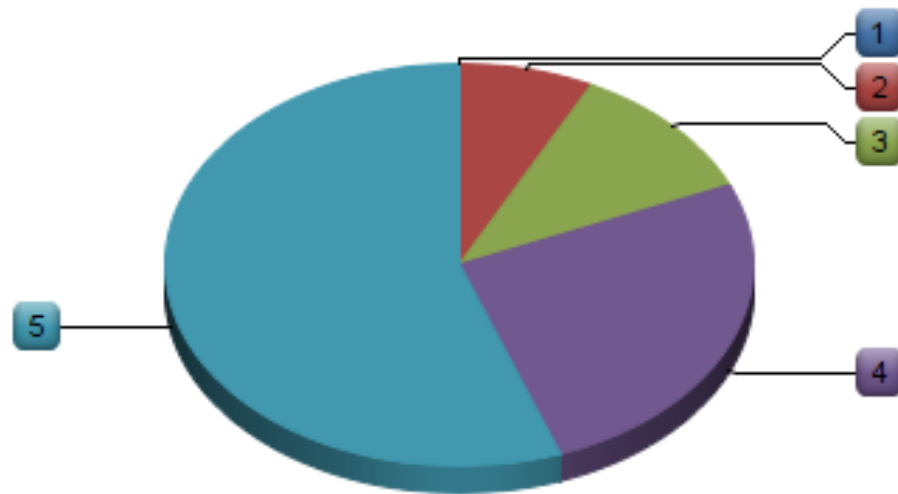
64. Are you currently attending college?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	27	48%
2	No	29	52%
	Total	56	100%

65. How likely would you be able to finish your degree by taking classes on campus as opposed to onli...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	9	33%
2	2	5	19%
3	3	6	22%
4	4	5	19%
5	5	2	7%
	Total	27	100%

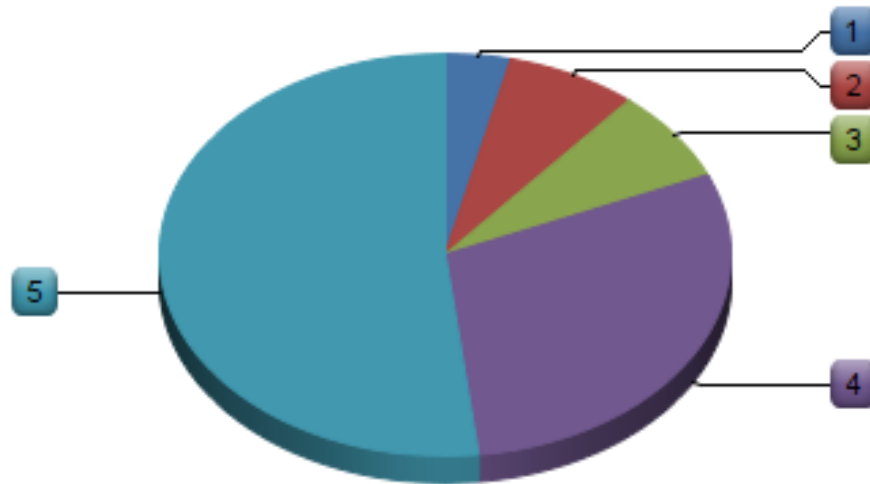
66. How likely would you be able to finish your degree by taking online classes as opposed to classes...



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	2	7%
3	3	3	11%
4	4	7	26%
5	5	15	56%
	Total	27	100%

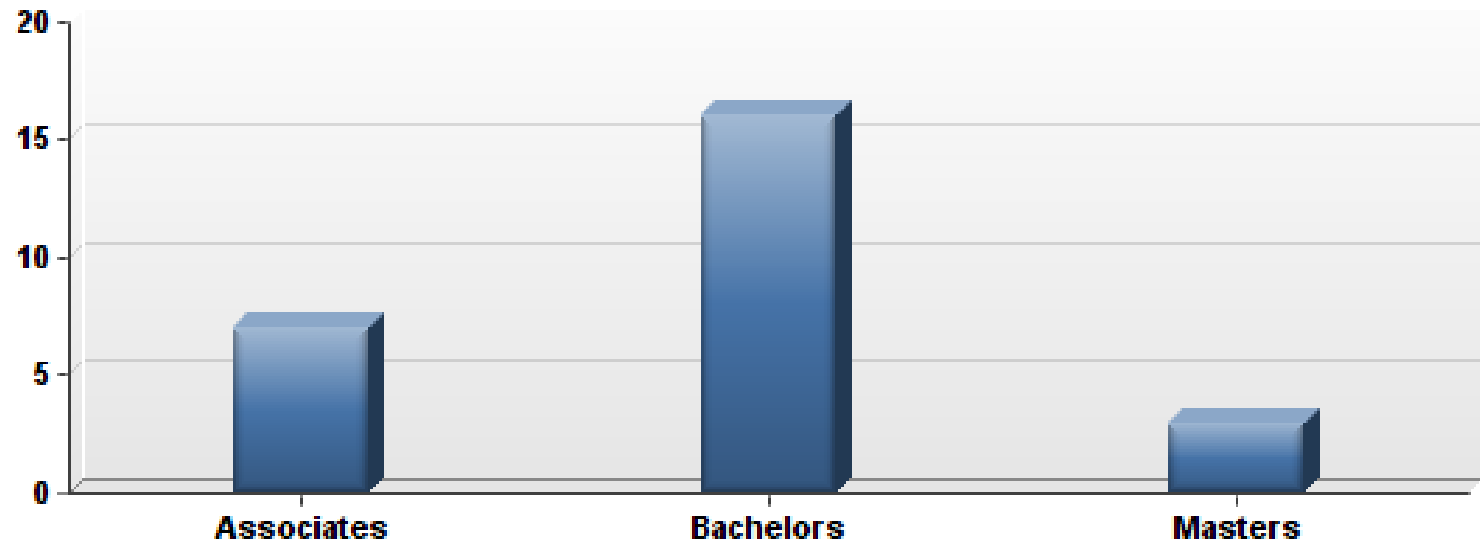
67. Would it be simple to adjust your schedule to take online classes on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the...



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	1	4%
2	2	2	7%
3	3	2	7%
4	4	8	30%
5	5	14	52%
	Total	27	100%

68. To which level of degree would you prefer an all online Criminal Justice program?



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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Associates	7	27%
2	Bachelors	16	62%
3	Masters	3	12%
	Total	26	100%

69. Where are you at in your college education?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Freshman	2	8%
2	Sophomore	2	8%
3	Junior	14	54%
4	Senior	8	31%
5	Masters student	0	0%
6	Doctoral student	0	0%
7	Other	0	0%
	Total	26	100%

70. How concerned are you about paying for your tuition on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most concerned...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	0	0%
2	2	3	12%
3	3	4	15%
4	4	6	23%
5	5	13	50%
	Total	26	100%

71. Have you ever received financial aid to help pay for your classes?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	24	92%
2	No	2	8%
	Total	26	100%

72. Have you ever thought of attending college?



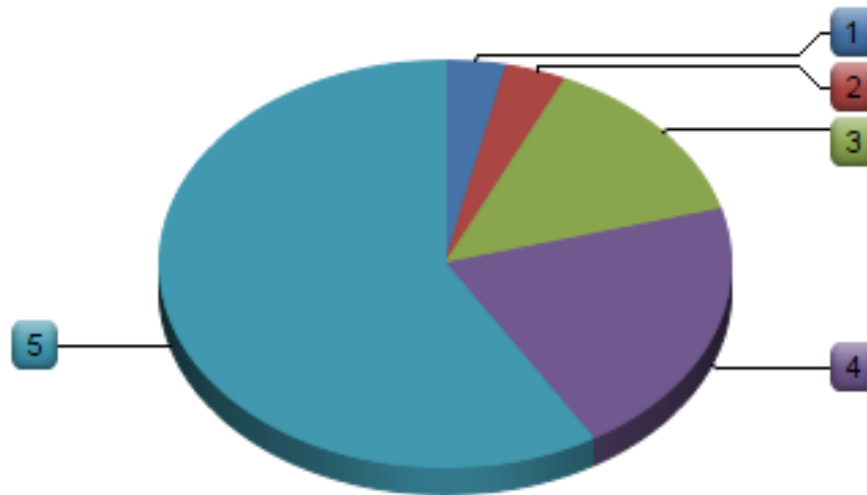
72. Have you ever thought of attending college?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	28	97%
2	No	1	3%
	Total	29	100%

73. How interested in attending have you been on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the most interested and 1 be...

#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	2	7%
2	2	0	0%
3	3	5	17%
4	4	5	17%
5	5	17	59%
	Total	29	100%

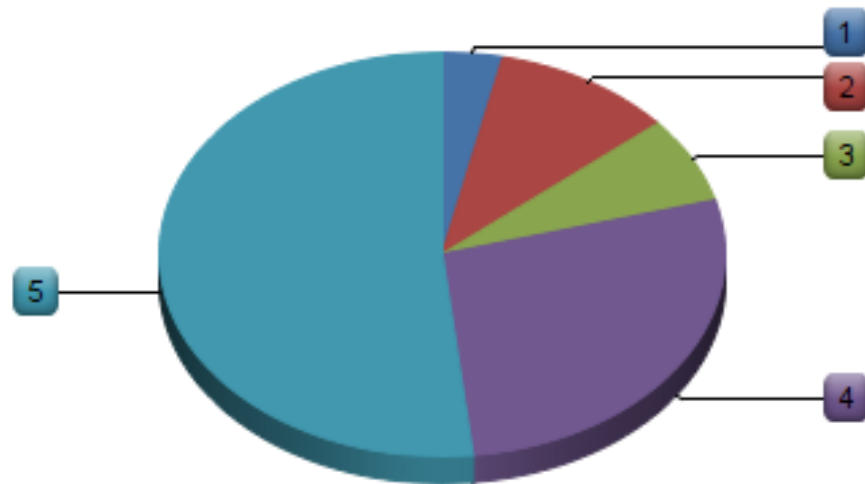
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1	1	1	3%
2	2	1	3%
3	3	4	14%
4	4	6	21%
5	5	17	59%
	Total	29	100%

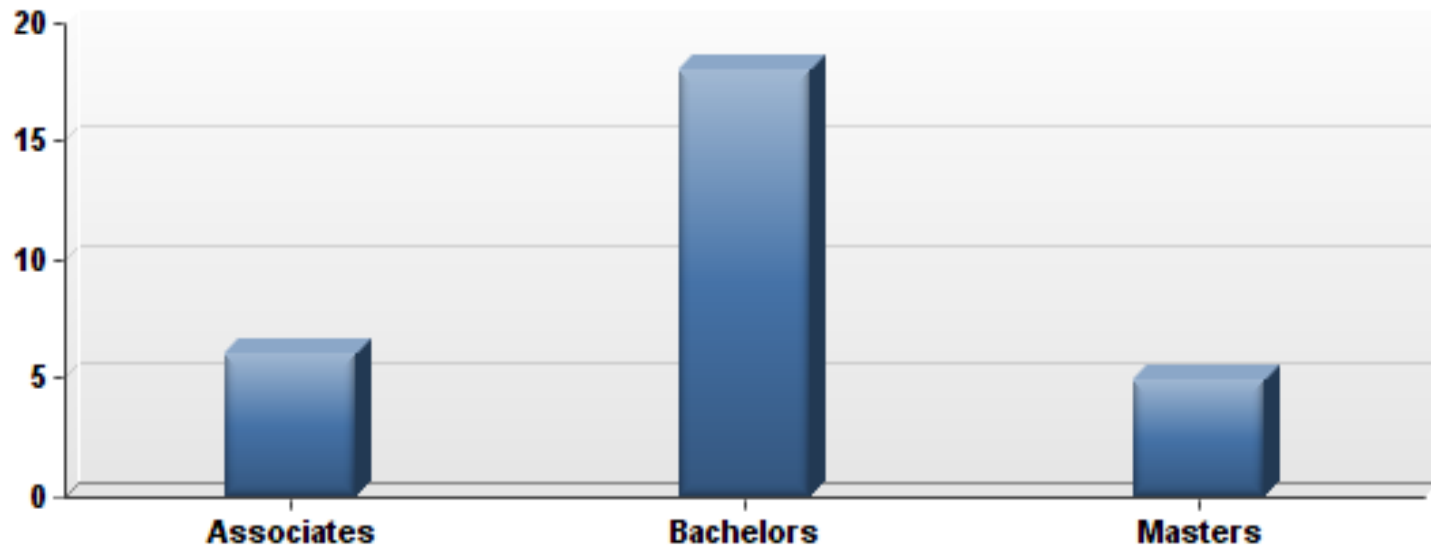
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1	1	1	3%
2	2	3	10%
3	3	2	7%
4	4	8	28%
5	5	15	52%
	Total	29	100%

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#	Answer	Response	%
1	Associates	6	21%
2	Bachelors	18	62%
3	Masters	5	17%
	Total	29	100%

CONCLUSION

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