

In Summer 2026, Institutional Engagement and Effectiveness surveyed all students enrolled in summer semester by email between May 28 and July 1. Of the 12,637 students contacted, 2,113 responded, for a response rate of 16.7%. Results in this report carry a margin of error of $\pm 1.95\%$ at a 95% confidence level; questions with fewer respondents carry a correspondingly wider margin of error. For more information, contact Joseph Stanley (Joseph.Stanley@uvu.edu).

Key Findings

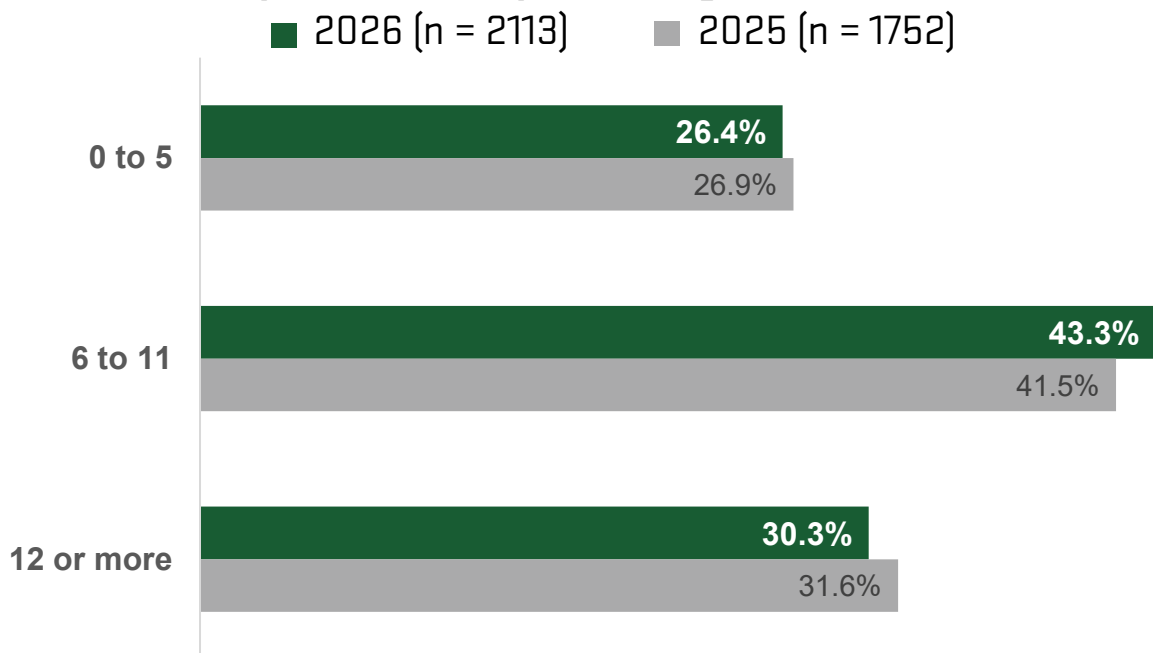
- The most common reasons students take summer classes are to stay on track to graduate (**60.0%**), graduate early (**38.1%**), and take advantage of available financial aid (**22.3%**).
- **30.7%** of respondents said their advisor influenced their decision to take summer courses.
- Between **61.7%** and **67.5%** of respondents were satisfied with the class offerings, times, and delivery methods of summer courses.
- **27.7%** of respondents identified services they wish were more available in summer, most commonly more class options and expanded hours for campus facilities and dining.
- **94.2%** of students said they would recommend summer classes to others.

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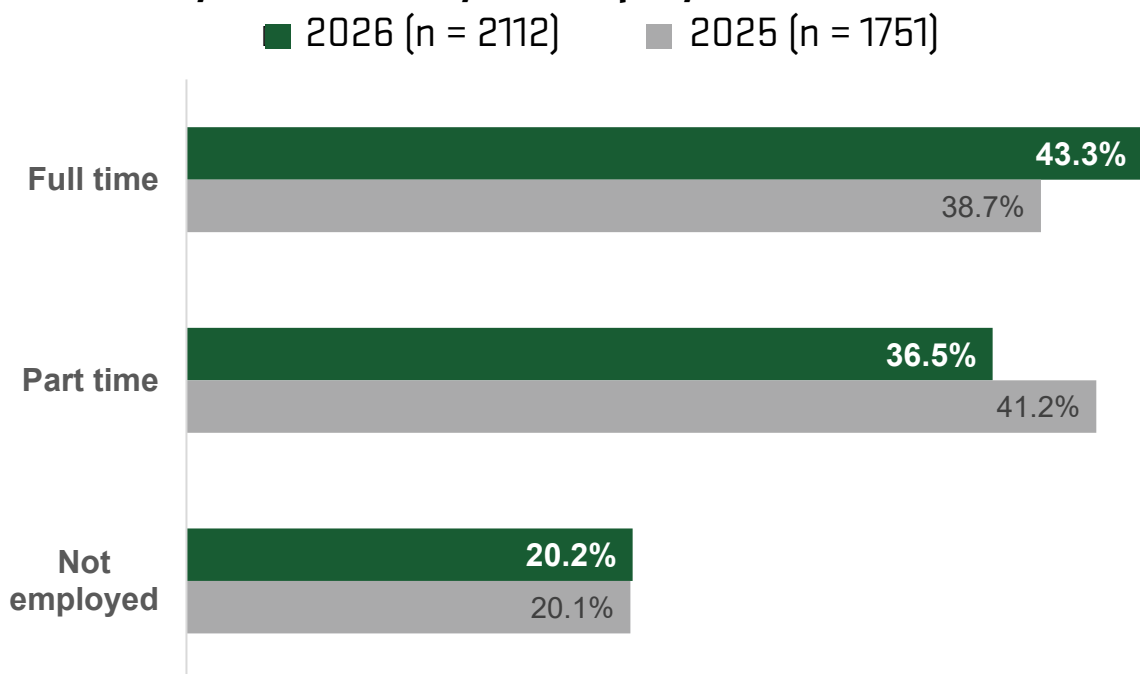
2. Student and Employment Status
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UVU employees can further explore these results at the link below:
<https://tableau.uvu.edu/views/SummerStudentSurveyDashboard/Landing>

How many credits are you taking at UVU this summer?



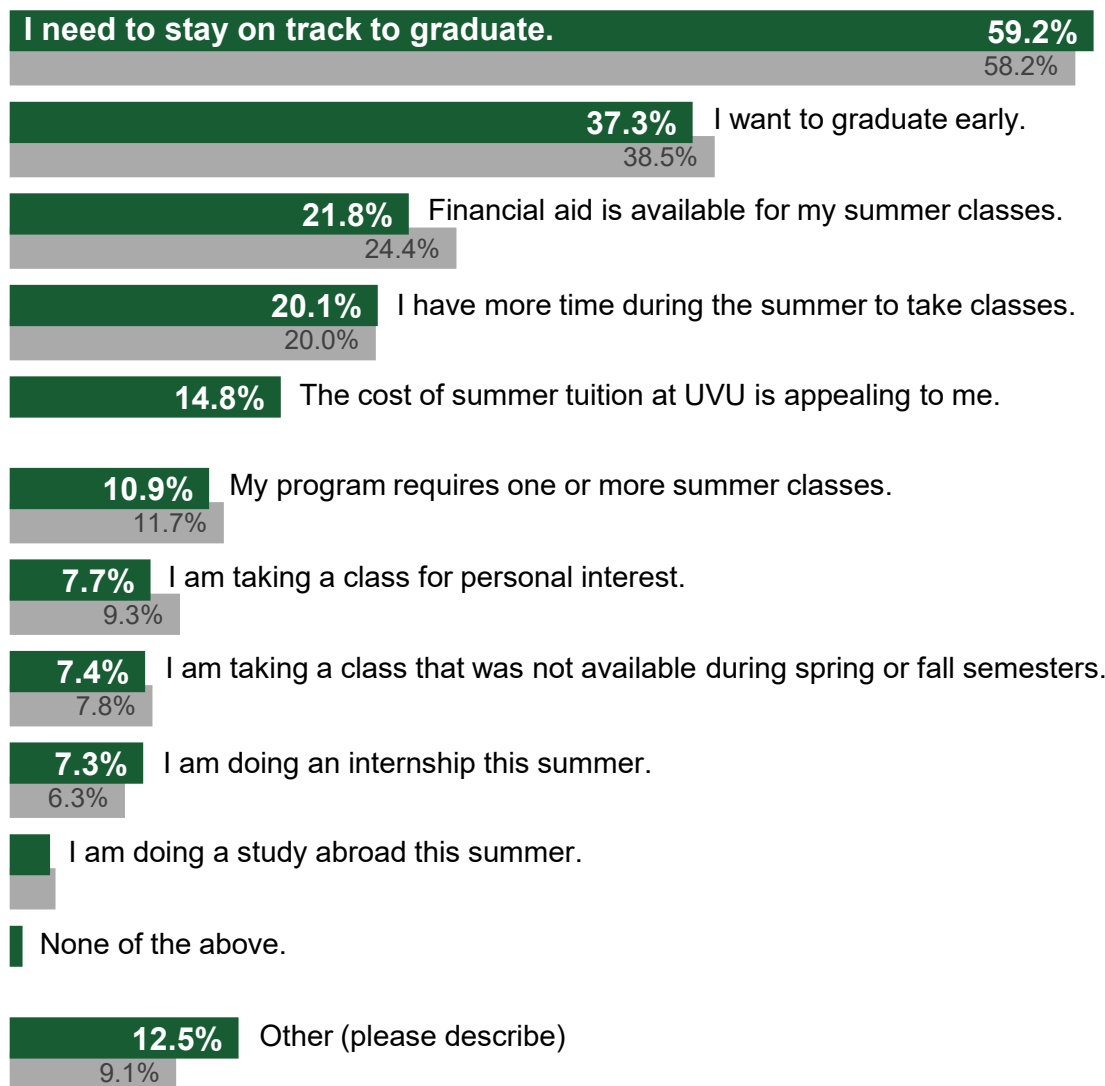
How would you describe your employment status this summer?



Which of the following are true for you? (select all that apply)

“I am taking summer classes because...”

■ 2026 (n = 2046) ■ 2025 (n = 1751)



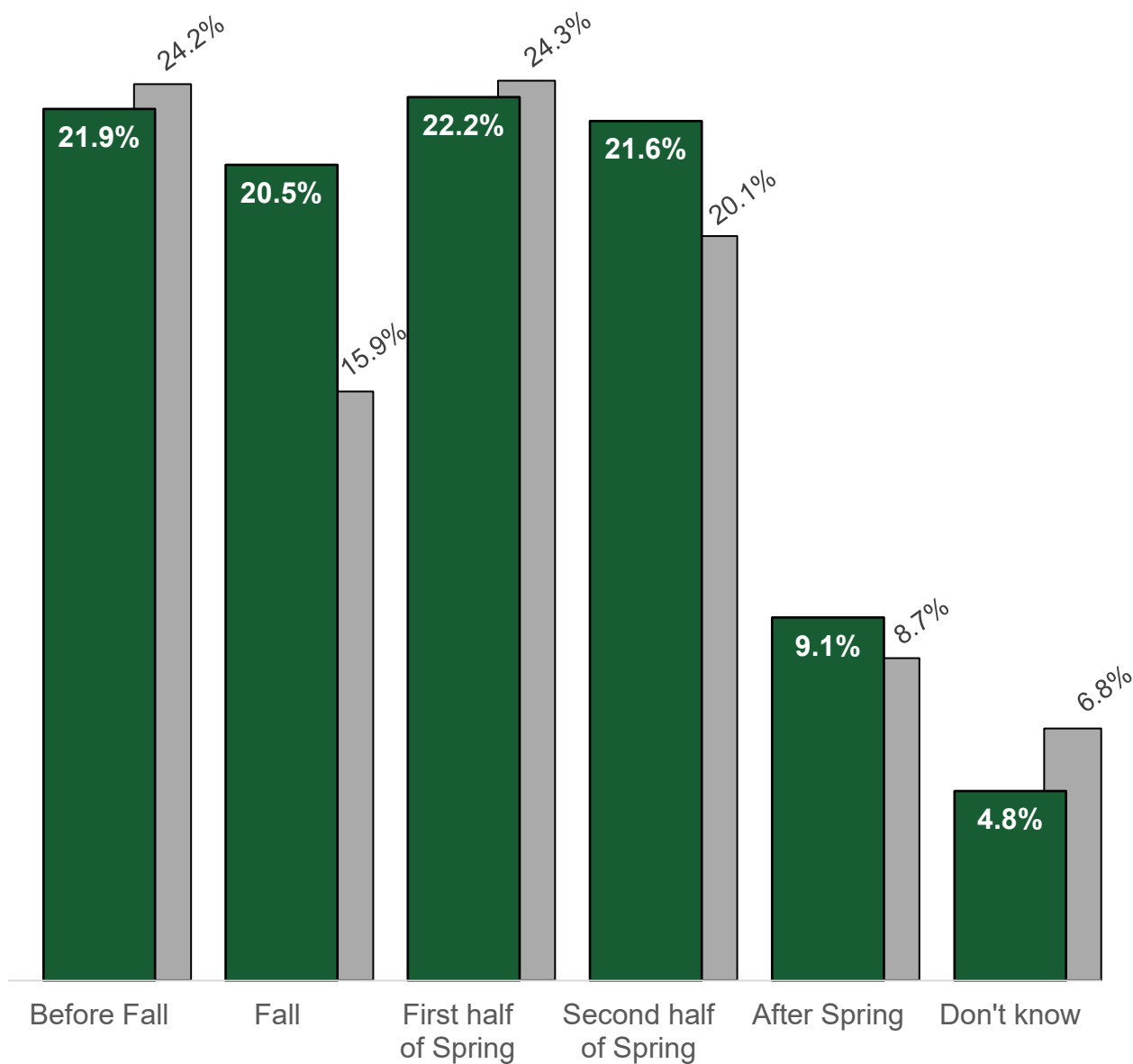
Most popular “Other” responses

n = 251

1. Prerequisites for a future program/application (15.5%)
2. Sense of urgency as a non-traditional student (8.8%)
3. Reducing fall/spring course load (7.2%)
4. Retaking a class or improving a grade (5.2%)

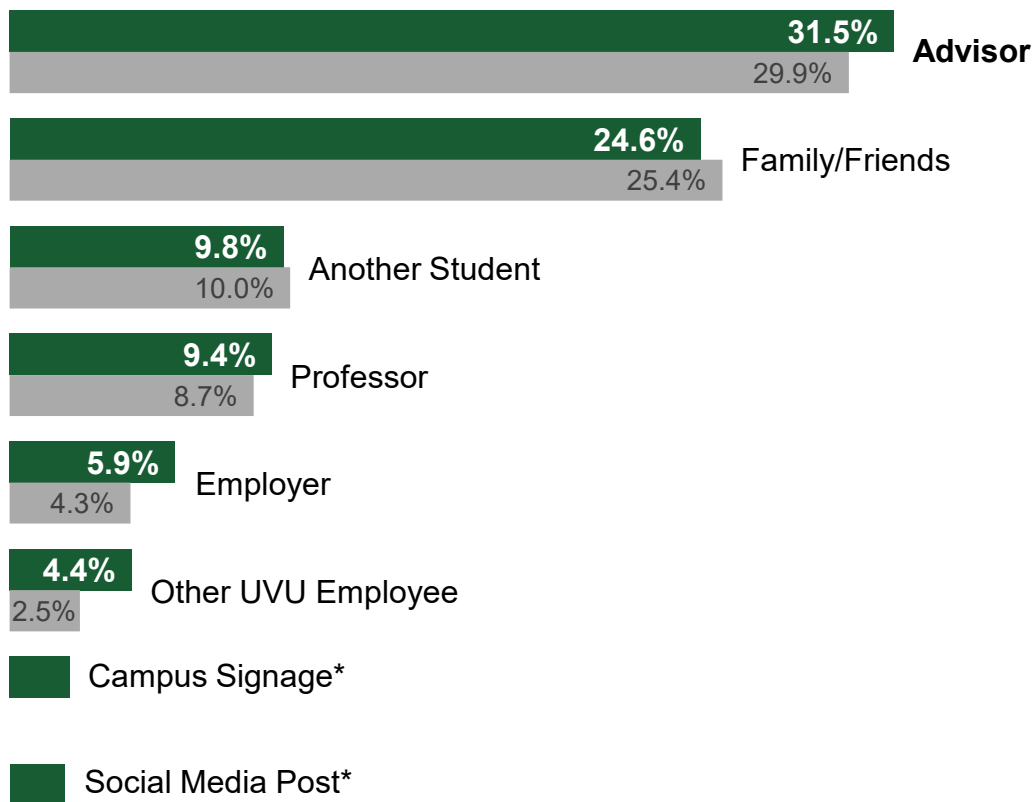
Approximately when did you make the decision to take classes this summer?

■ 2026 (n = 1998) ■ 2025 (n = 1718)



Did any of the following influence you to take summer classes? (select all that apply)

■ 2026 (n = 1999) ■ 2025 (n = 1703)



None of the above 38.5%

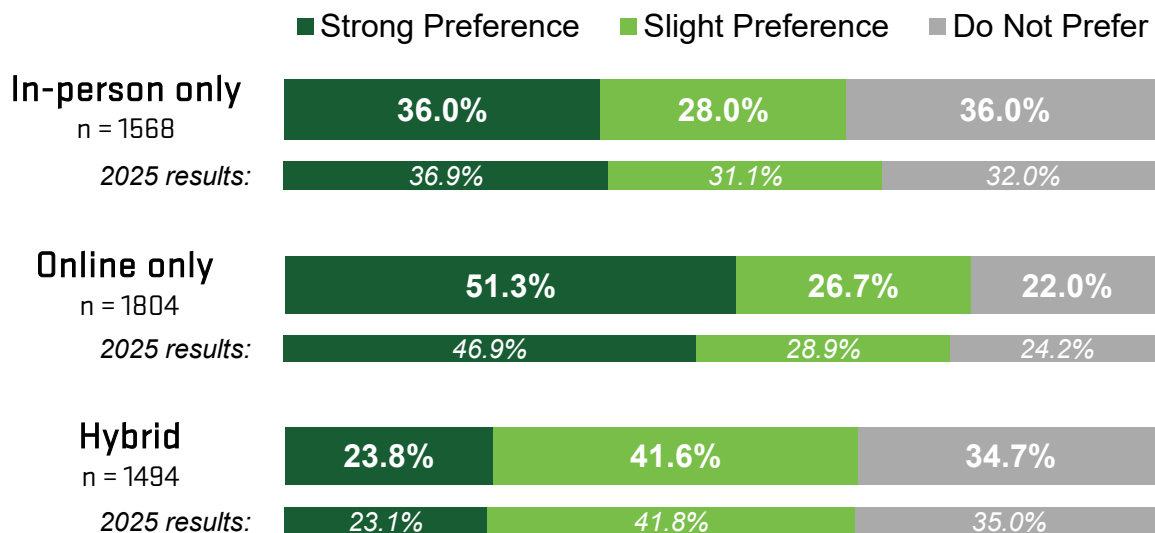
13.2% Other

Most popular “Other” responses
n = 207

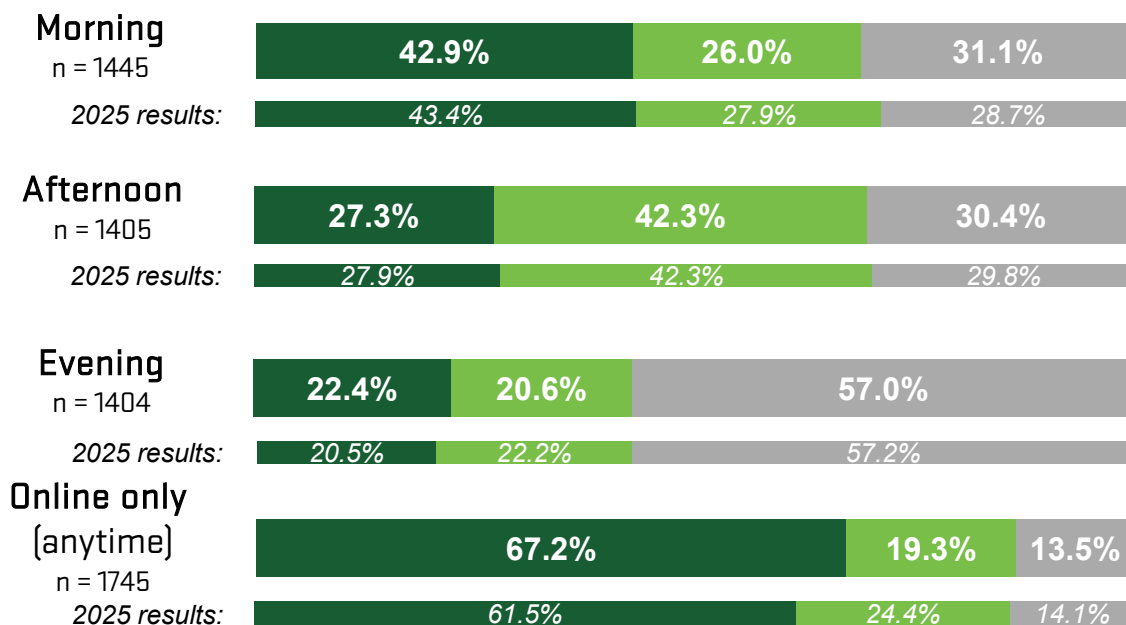
1. Self-driven decision (28.5%)
2. Required by program (25.1%)
3. Desire to graduate faster (10.6%)

***Campus Signage” (2.2%) and “Social Media Post” (2.0%) are new to the 2026 survey and replaced “Campus Marketing” in the 2025 survey (1.9%)*

How much do you prefer each of the following *delivery methods* for classes taken during summer?



How much do you prefer each of the following *class times* for classes taken during summer?

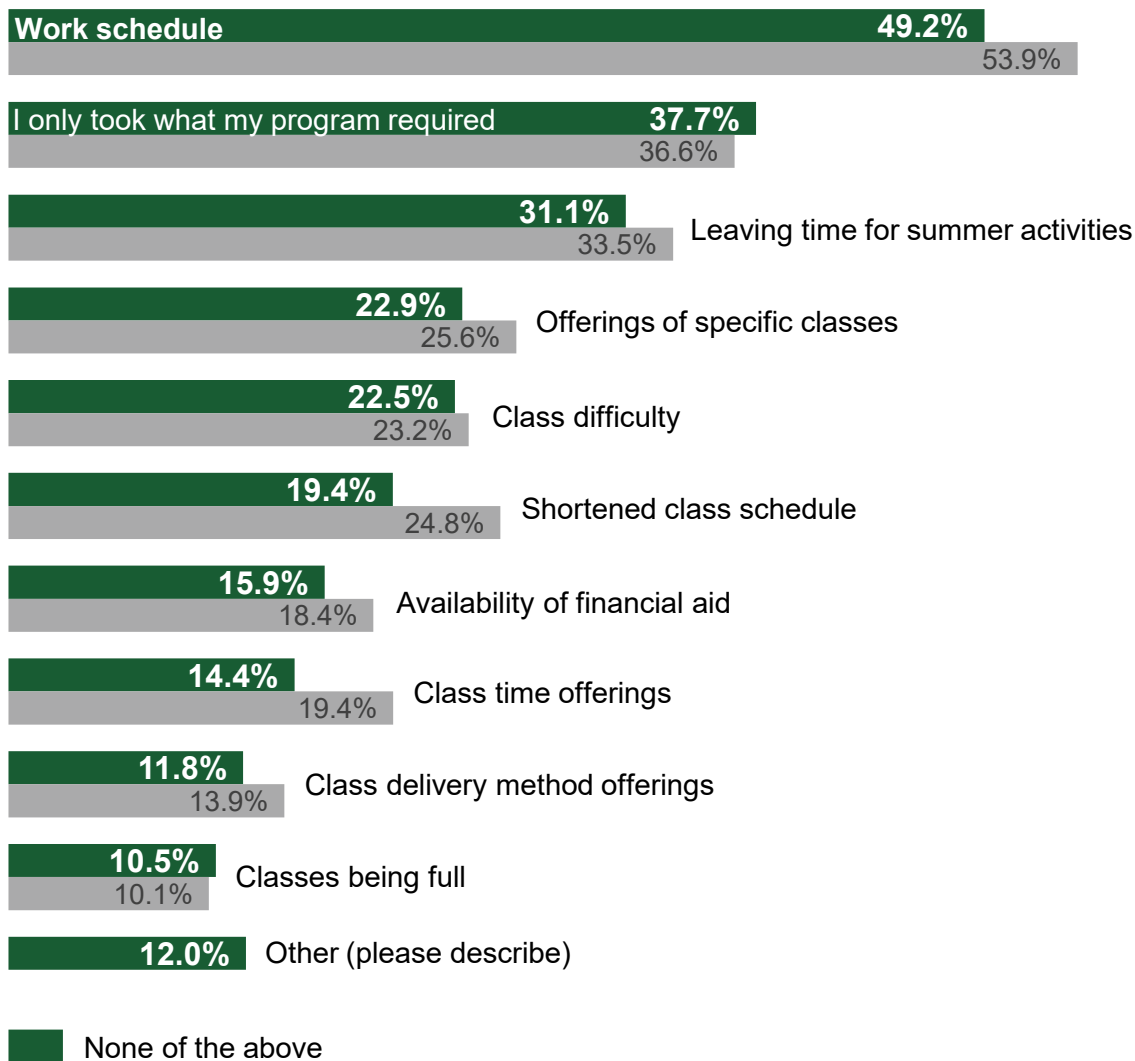


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Did any of the following impact your decision to take less than 12 credits this summer? (select all that apply)

Only asked of students who took fewer than 12 credits in summer,

■ 2026 (n = 1311) ■ 2025 (n = 1119)



Most popular "Other" responses

n = 147

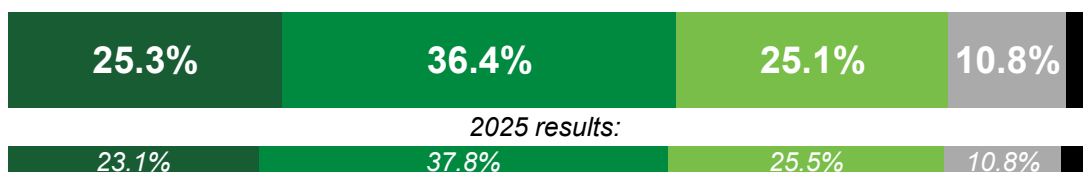
1. Grad program dictates credits (18.4%)
2. Cost/financial constraints (15.0%)
3. Family/caregiving responsibilities (13.6%)
4. Physical/mental health (8.8%)

How satisfied are you with each of the following during summer at UVU?

■ Very Satisfied ■ Satisfied ■ Neutral ■ Dissatisfied ■ Very Dissatisfied

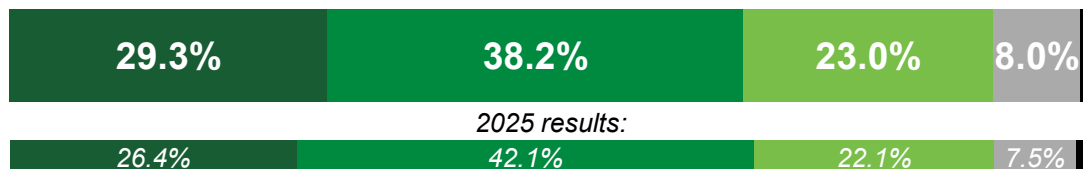
Offerings of specific classes

n = 1765



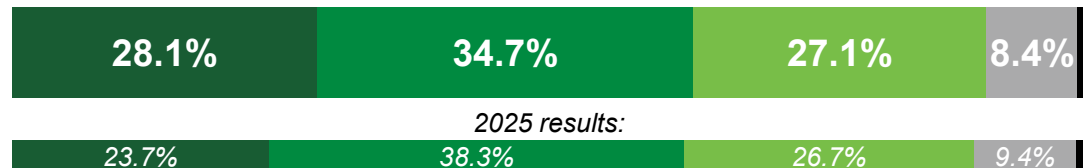
Class delivery method offerings

n = 1771



Class time offerings

n = 1652



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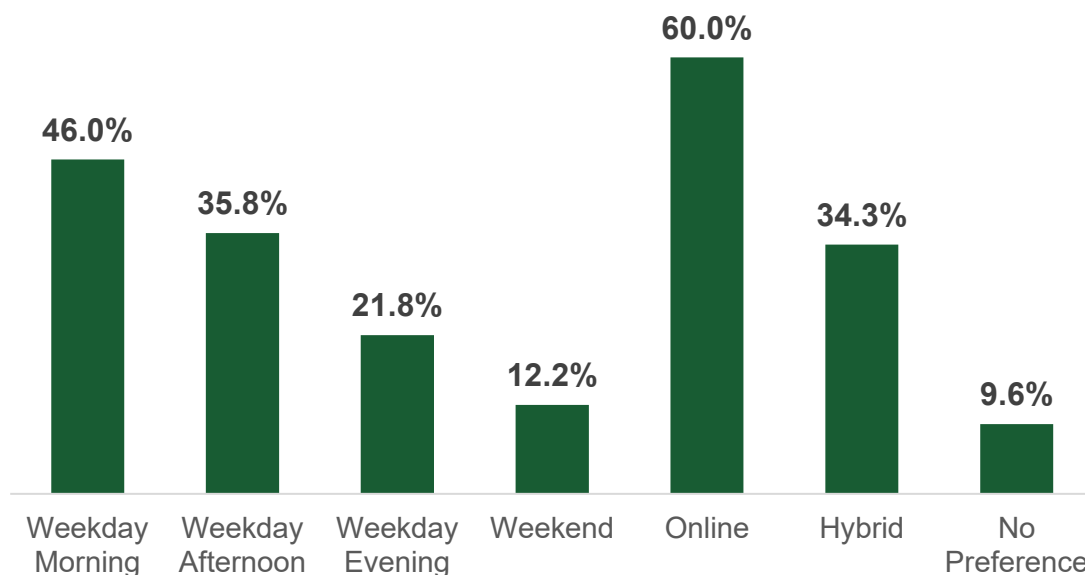
**If you would like to tell us about one or more specific classes
you want to take during summer at UVU –
but that aren't offered -- please do so below:**

Most popular subjects mentioned (n = 186)

1. **Language:** ASL, Spanish, Japanese, etc. (8.6%)
2. **Visual Arts:** Ceramics, Sculpture, Photography, etc. (7.0%)
3. **Biology:** Microbio, Marine Bio, etc. (5.9%)
4. **Math:** Algebra, ODE, Diff Eq, etc. (5.4%)
5. **Management/Business** (4.8%)

*Four specific courses were mentioned more than once: **ART 1350** (Ceramics) 3 times, and **ACC 2250** (Small Business Accounting), **ENGL 2600** (Introduction to Literature), and **EGDT 1050** (Intro to 3D Printing) were each mentioned twice.*

**If the class(es) you mentioned were offered during the summer,
when would you prefer them to be available? (Select all that apply)**
(n = 385, 3 "other" responses excluded)



*Across most subjects, respondents most often preferred online classes — the exceptions being **Language**, **Math**, and **Visual Arts**. **Language** respondents preferred "Weekday Morning" over "Online" (93.8% vs. 62.5%), as did **Math** (70.0% vs. 50.0%), while **Visual Arts** was evenly split at 61.5% for both.*

Are there any services, resources, or campus offerings that are unavailable or limited during the summer that you wish were offered?

n = 905

Yes, 27.7%

No, 72.3%

Please describe the services, resources, or campus offerings you wish were available during the summer:

Only asked of students who answered "Yes," Top 5 themes shown, n = 210

1. Course/program availability (40.0%)

- "Sometimes there are two courses I want to take and can only take one class per block, but the two courses are both offered first block only."
- "Need more in-person class offerings! I was surprised to see hardly any classes available for in-person during the summer."

2. Food services and hours (27.1%)

- "There are limited food services options that are open. Many of my cohort members are at the school from 8am-6 or 7pm. If the food court is closed at 4pm, then most of us aren't able to eat dinner when we are actually hungry."
- "More restaurants open so I can get food when I'm here studying, especially with my children."

3. Facility hours and access (11.9%)

- "Fulton Library hours are greatly shortened in the summer, making it difficult to find time to study at school with a busy work schedule. The tutoring lab also has shortened hours that are inadequate for some schedules."
- "I had a very hard time getting to the campus bookstore during its hours. I work Monday-Friday 8-5 and can't make it there on my lunch break. Also, in-person labs like math lab close far too early to get the help needed."

4. Gym access (9.5%)

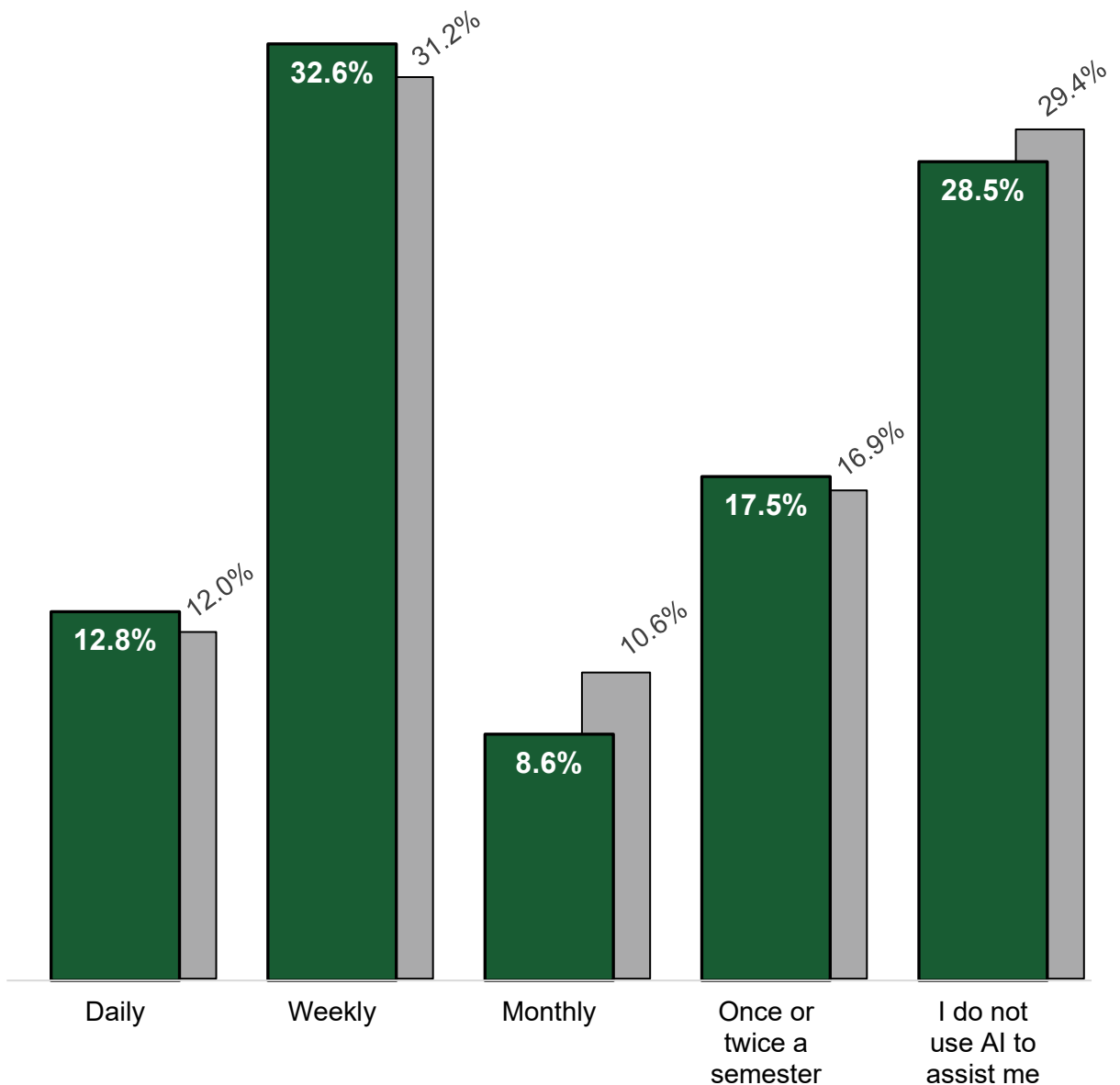
- "I wish that I could go to the gym with less than 12 credit hours. If it was 9 credit hours, I would be using the gym."
- "One thing about taking summer classes is that the workload feels heavier for less credits. I think the gym credit requirement should be lowered in the summer."

5. Events/Clubs (9.5%)

- "I wish clubs were active in the summer. There's like three that have semi-consistent meetings and I'm having a hard time jumpstarting my social life."
- "Clubs, activities, events and stuff are much less in the summer even though my career class requires us to go to multiple events. It's quite inconvenient."

How often do you use AI to assist your academic work?

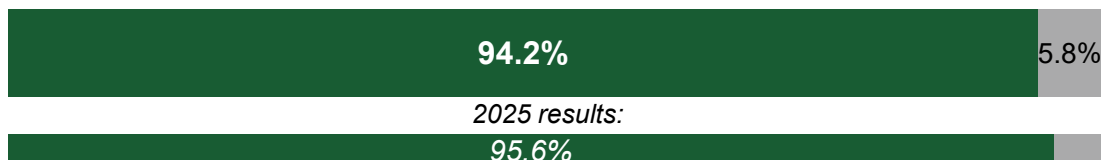
■ 2026 (n = 1808) ■ 2025 (n = 1648)



Final Thoughts: Would you recommend taking summer classes at UVU to someone who was interested?

n = 1760

■ Yes ■ No



Why would you recommend taking summer classes?

Top 5 themes, only asked of students who answered "Yes," n = 1402

1. **Shorter, condensed format (30.4%)**
 - "Although a bit difficult, the classes are slightly compressed into three months instead of four months. So, you get more done in less time and means you are getting more for your money."
2. **Graduate faster (30.1%)**
 - "For those who feel confident about their plans and want to finish early, it's a great option, and doesn't completely destroy their summer."
3. **Flexibility and online options (12.1%)**
 - "Classes are easier to work with during my work schedule."
4. **Easier classes (11.1%)**
 - "They are pretty easy to get done and are available at a wide variety of times."
5. **Tuition savings (10.1%)**
 - "It is a good way to get additional credits loaded up at a slightly lower cost."

Why wouldn't you recommend taking summer classes?

Top 3 themes, only asked of students who answered "No," n = 93

1. **Needing a break from school (14.0%)**
 - "Take the summer and enjoy your time off so you can recoup and get ready for another academic year."
2. **Cost (14.0%)**
 - "Still expensive, and offerings are less appealing. Hard to get financial aid / student loans."
3. **Pace too fast (12.9%)**
 - "It's too fast and brief. I don't like that summer is divided into two blocks, making classes essentially crammed into a single month."