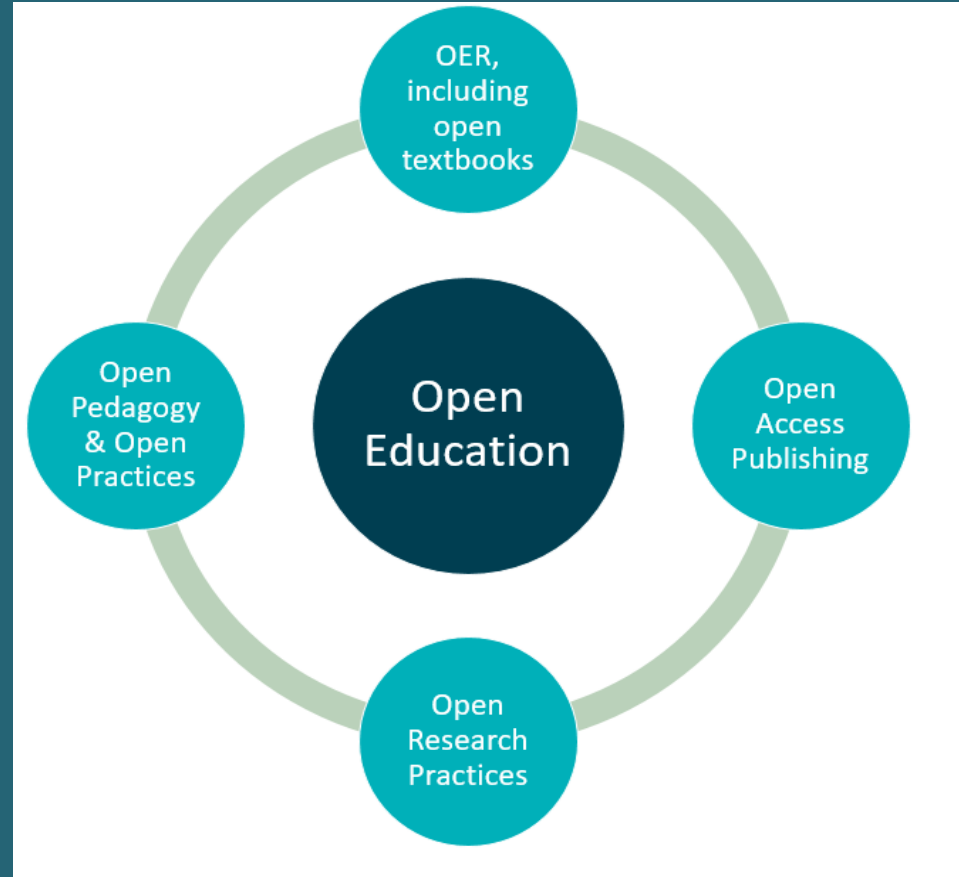


# Future of OE – Students responses



March 13, 2022

Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and the T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwépemc'ulucw, the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc. Our region also extends into the territories of the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Tâsilhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx peoples.



Student Responses Received

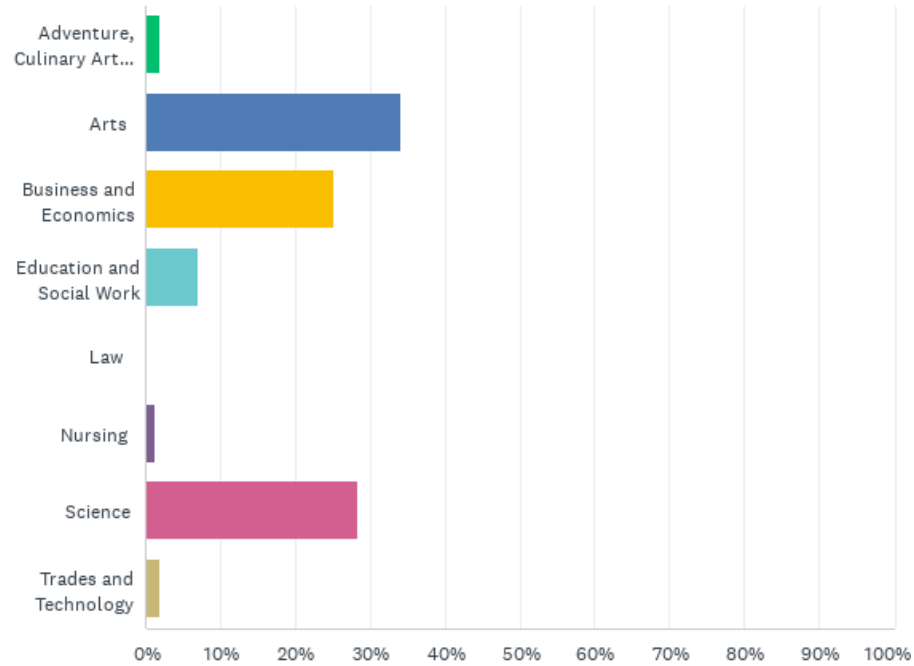
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At end of survey – April 13, 2022

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# Q1: What faculty are you enrolled in?

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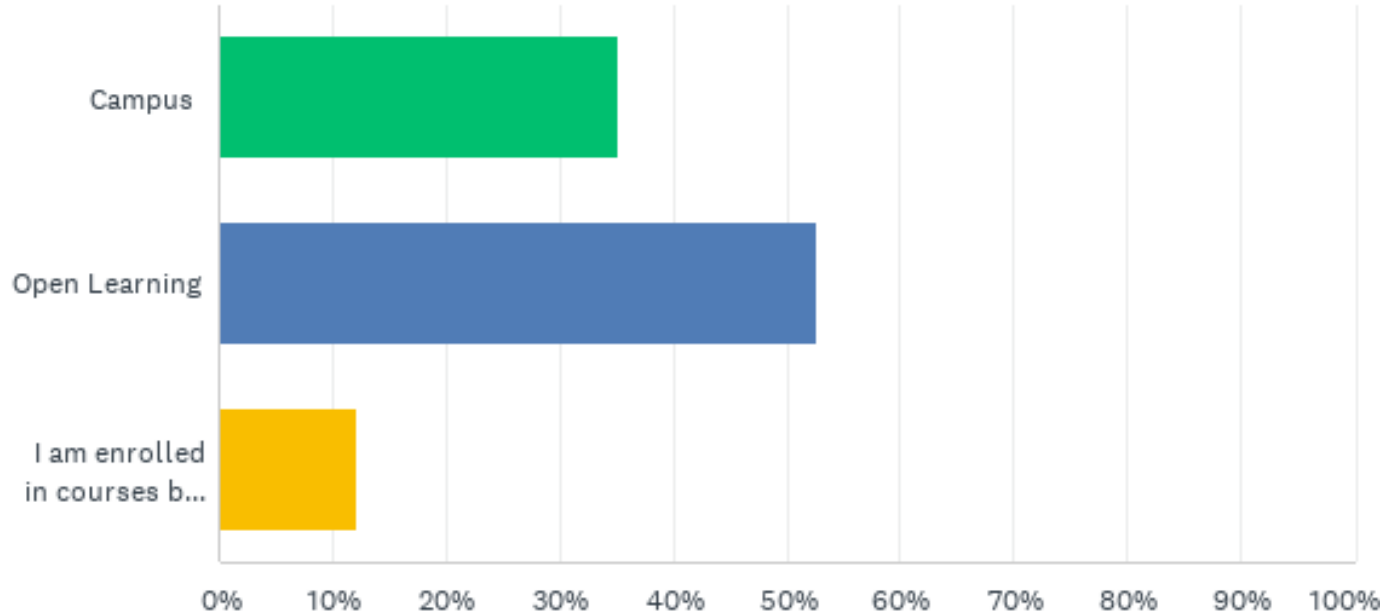
## Q1: What faculty are you enrolled in?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adventure, Culinary Arts and Tourism	1.94%	3
Arts	34.19%	53
Business and Economics	25.16%	39
Education and Social Work	7.10%	11
Law	0.00%	0
Nursing	1.29%	2
Science	28.39%	44
Trades and Technology	1.94%	3
TOTAL		155

## Q2: Are you a campus student or an Open Learning student?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 0



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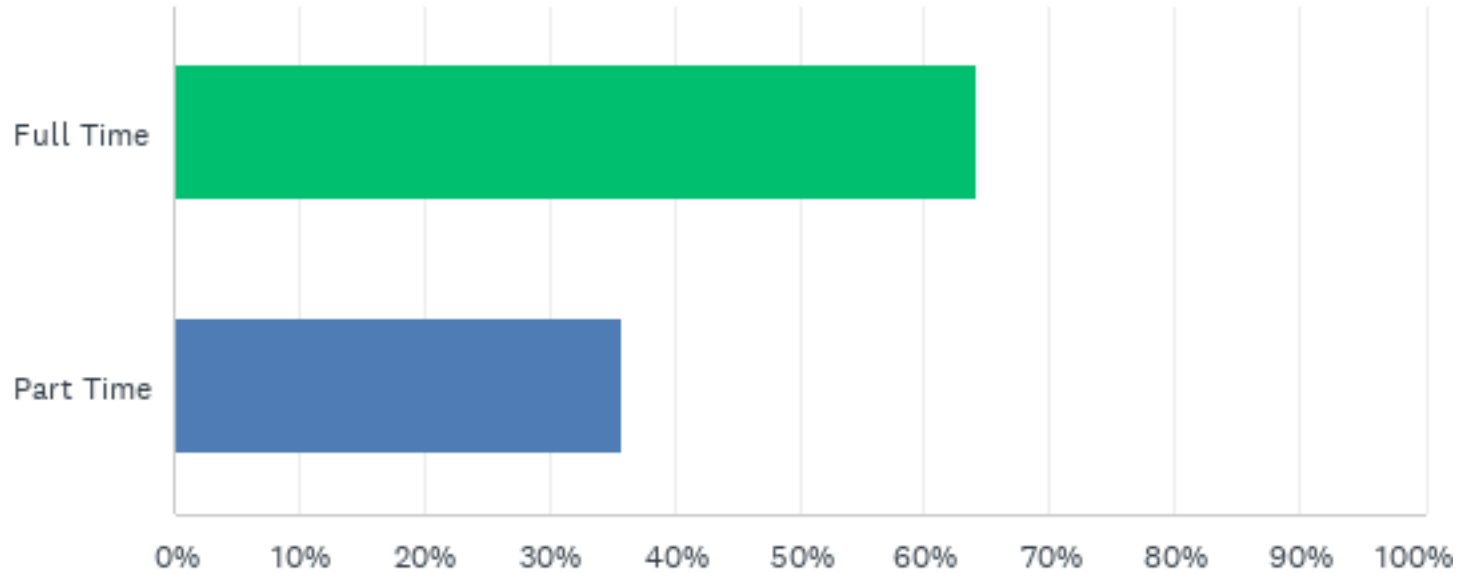
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Campus	35.26%	55
Open Learning	52.56%	82
I am enrolled in courses both on campus and in Open Learning	12.18%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>156</b>

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### Q3: What is your status?

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Answered: 156 Skipped: 0





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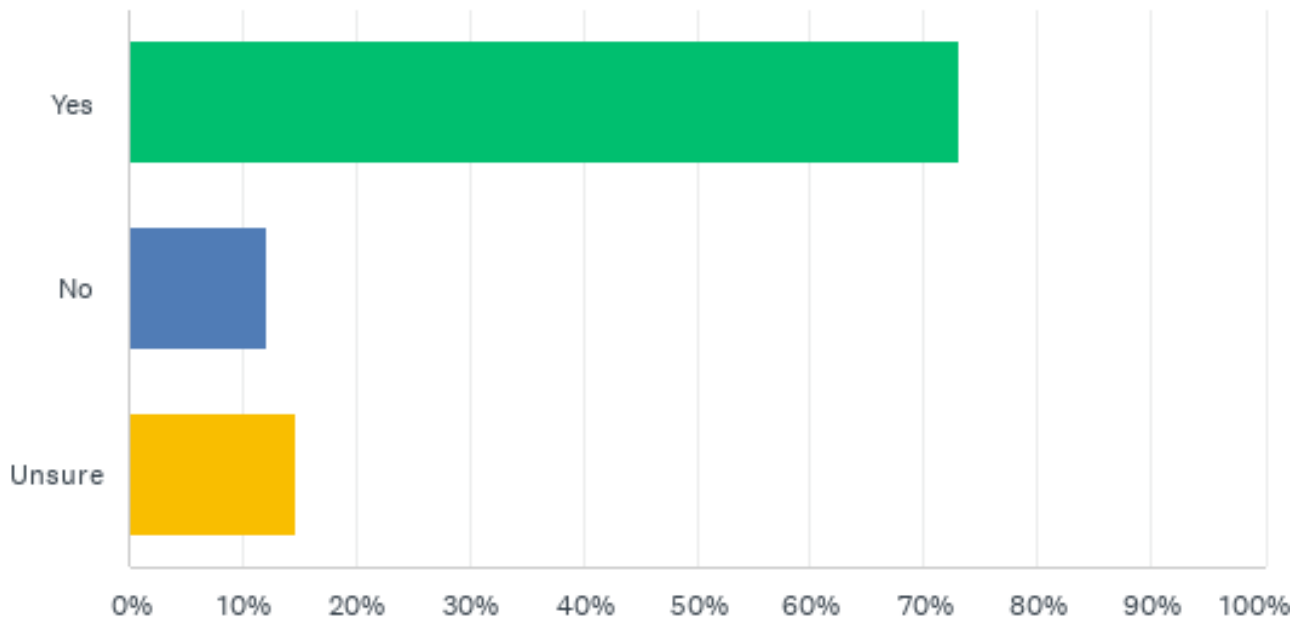
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full Time	64.10%	100
Part Time	35.90%	56
TOTAL		156

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# Q4: Have you had access to open educational resources in any of your courses at TRU? Open educational resources are textbooks and other resources that are free for you to use.

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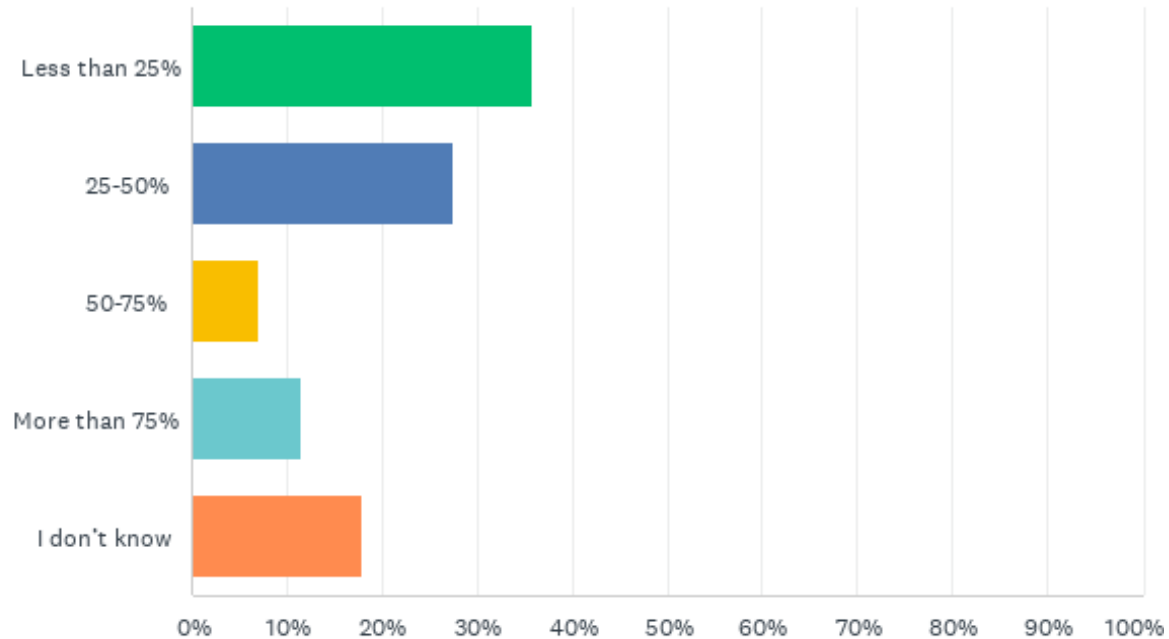
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.08%	114
No	12.18%	19
Unsure	14.74%	23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>156</b>

## Q5: Approximately what percentage of your courses have used open resources?

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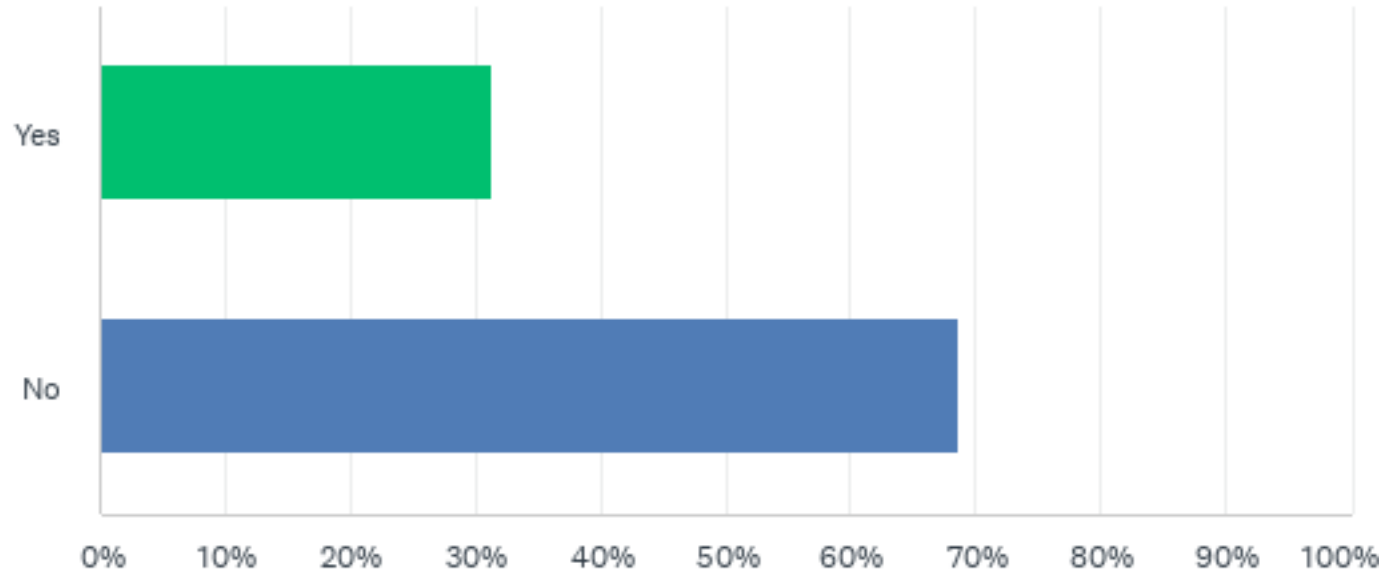
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Answered: 156 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 25%	35.90%	56
25-50%	27.56%	43
50-75%	7.05%	11
More than 75%	11.54%	18
I don't know	17.95%	28
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>156</b>

## Q6: Have you ever chosen not to take a class because you could not afford the assigned materials?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 0



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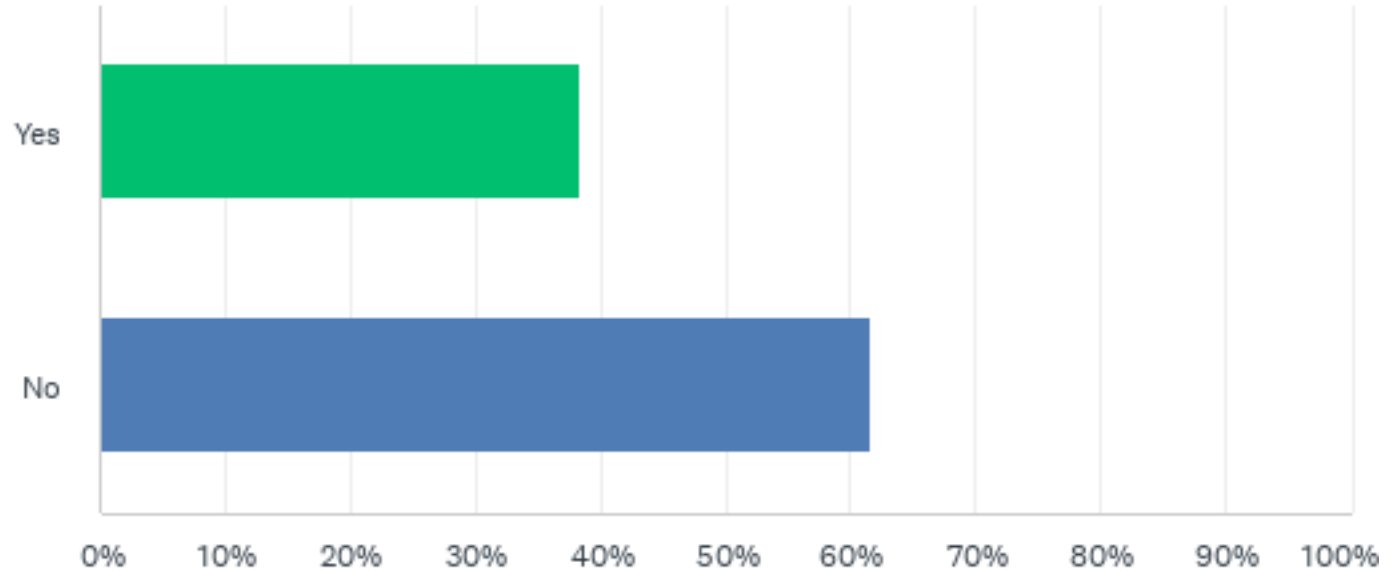
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Answered: 156 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.41%	49
No	68.59%	107
TOTAL		156

## Q7: Have you ever delayed purchasing assigned materials to the point that it impacted your ability to succeed in the class?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 0





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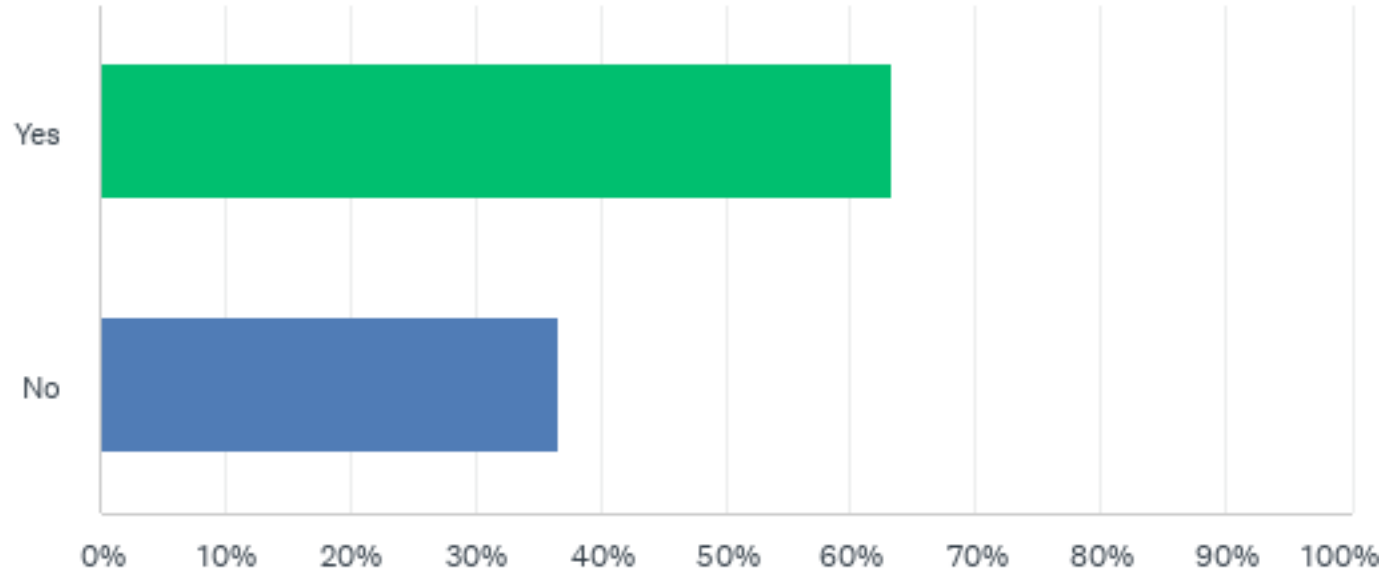
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.46%	60
No	61.54%	96
TOTAL		156

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## Q8: Would you be interested in getting involved in open education opportunities (including research or publishing) at TRU?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 1



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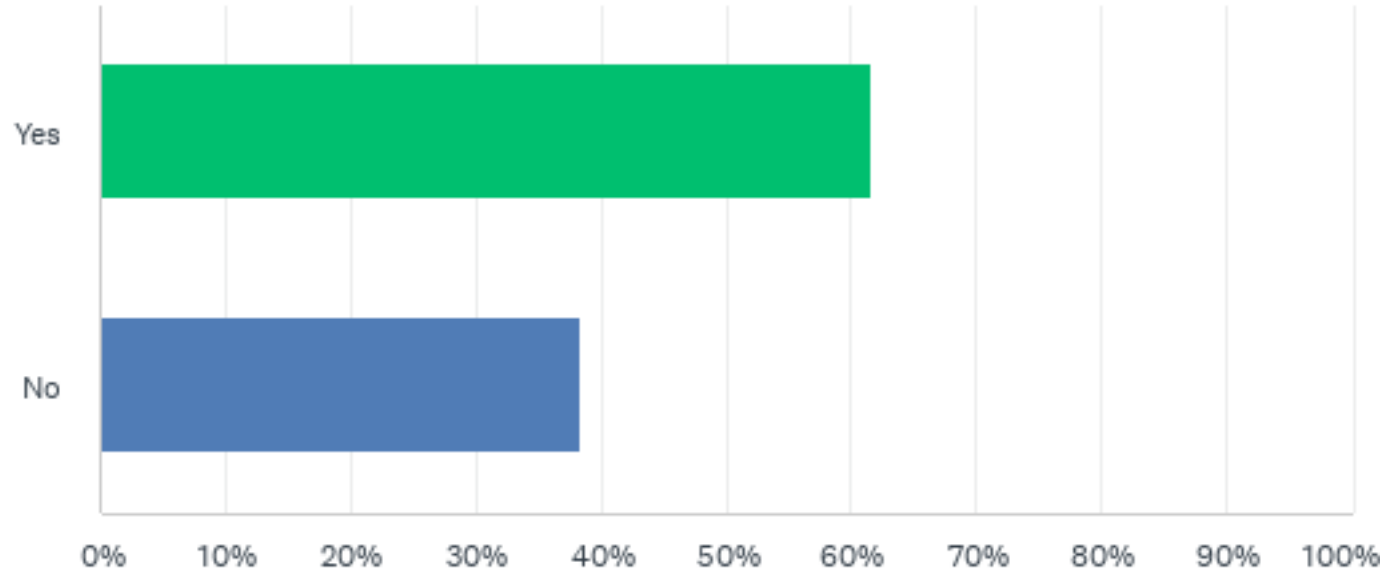
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.23%	98
No	36.77%	57
TOTAL		155

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# Q9: In general, if a course has an open assessment component (eg. you've been given an assignment to make a website, edit a Wikipedia article, or otherwise share your knowledge in the community) is this something you enjoy?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 0



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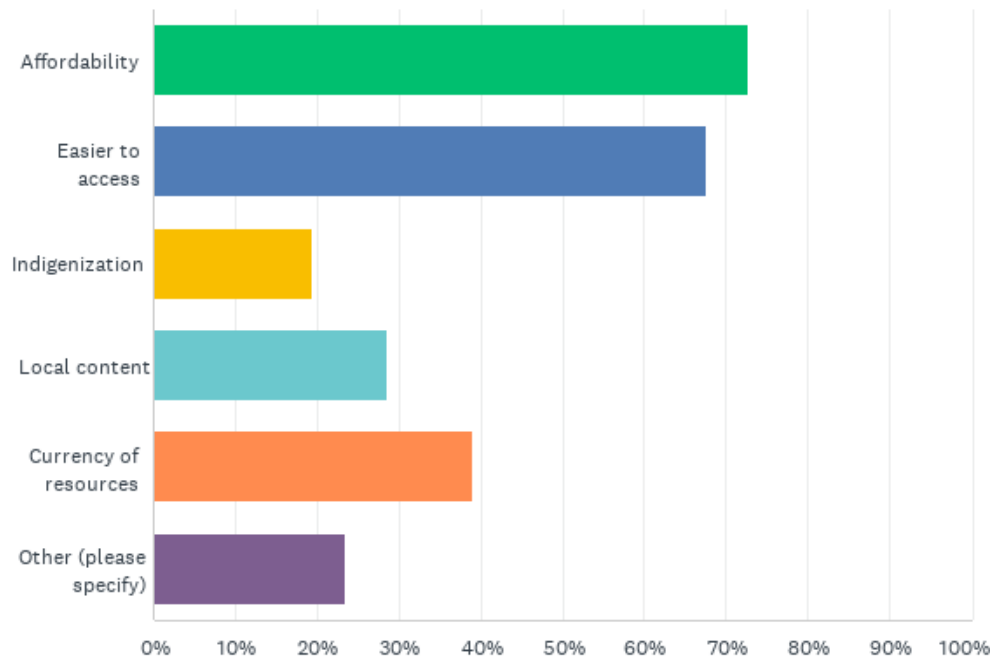
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Answered: 156 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.54%	96
No	38.46%	60
TOTAL		156

## Q10: What is valuable to you about open education? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 154 Skipped: 2



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Answered: 154 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Affordability	72.73%	112
Easier to access	67.53%	104
Indigenization	19.48%	30
Local content	28.57%	44
Currency of resources	38.96%	60
Other (please specify)	23.38%	36
Total Respondents: 154		

# Q11. Open ended positive responses

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- Needless to say it makes a tremendous difference when forming a decision to pursue a desired path in education for students to **save hundreds of dollars in not needing to buy much needed books** and supplies.
  - I have gone through entire courses without buying the textbooks because I couldn't afford them.
  - The textbooks have been clear and concise in their teachings and **I am more inclined to register for a course with open education than one that does not include it.**
  - The **accessibility** was appreciated!
  - I enjoyed **the accessibility** of the courses. I think open learning services **allow for more students to access the course material and to have a more affordable education especially if the book is only going to be used for 1 course**
  - Having a pdf copy of the textbook makes it much **more accessible to search for specific chapters and concepts** than physical copy textbooks.
  - There **is less stress to use free online textbooks as you do not have to worry about getting the wrong edition to save money with the risk of missing updated information.**
  - It would be **a lot less stressful for students if they did not have to worry about affording resources for a course** they already paid too much tuition for
  - It was **much easier to get started with the courses when I didn't have to worry about purchasing a textbook.** However the lab component of an open education class made it far more expensive than any of my other courses, so I didn't see any real benefit for the one course.
  - As a facet of creating a system that allows more equitable access to post-secondary education, **open education resources are a valuable resource. However, free access to printed versions of digital documents could prove equally helpful to those who struggle to learn from text on a screen,** but cannot afford or do not have ready access to printers (particularly when very large documents are being distributed.)
  - Am **very impressed with the local BC provincial content.** My only complaint is that the materials for each course are organized completely differently; it would be easier if there was some continuity and common structure when working online with the material. Even the process for submitting assignments is different in each class.
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# Q11. Open ended critical responses

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- There has been **less than 10% of my courses which had Open Education Resources**
  - **Not clearly identify or told to students that OE is a thing** and is being used in a class
  - Oddly enough, It's definitely been harder to get things done on my own time and **it's harder for me to learn from an online textbook then it is from a paper book**
  - **My only complaint is weak proofreading.** Both times I've used an OE textbook it has had many basic, easily-noticed errors in the writing. I actually love proofreading and would be happy to do some for a small fee, but regardless, someone with a careful eye (other than the authors) should really do it. And if someone has been doing it, maybe get someone else? In all other ways the experience has been very practical. Thank you for taking the feedback!
  - The **quality of the content is noticeably lower than that of any of the traditional texts I have used.** This is primarily due to grammatical errors, punctuation not corrected by editing, and occasionally poor writing style. My only experience with open learning texts has been Physical Geology for GEOL1111.
  - I am **not a fan of e-textbooks** and love when I have the option to buy the actual text
  - There are **very little open educational resources available for social work**
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