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have expected it when applying). Most respondents (from all programs) indicate that there is a health counsellor that is available to them. 4% indicated that there is no health counsellor available, however respondents from the same programs indicate there is. 27% indicate that they don't know whether a counsellor is available. All programs have tutors/mentors, and almost all respondents indicate that they are aware of this. Respondents indicate that they participate in a variety of ways to deal with academic pressure, such as skill (writing, quick reading), yoga and peer support.

**Masters**

54% indicates that they will immediately commence with a master program after their current program. 26% will travel or work for a year. 4% will have to do a pre-masters and the rest does not know yet. Respondents will pursue their masters in a variety of fields (figure 3). 34% of them will do so in the Netherlands, 25% will do so in the EU/EEA, 10% will do so outside the EU/EEA and 29% does not know yet.



**Figure 3: in what field will your masters be?**

A mere 2% won't pursue a master degree. More research on masters will be done in cooperation with the UC Deans Network.

**Campus and facilities**

Respondents seem to be sporty and socially engaged. Additionally, one-third indicates that they are active within a board. Four out of ten respondents indicate that they work or have a job next to their studies. Compared to the national average, this is low. Ca. 70% of respondents in the Netherlands has a side job, according to [Nibud](#). This could partly be explained by the larger amount of international students that study at UCs compared to regular institutions. Nevertheless, more research on the sizable difference could be conducted.

**Q31. Select the activities you participate in**

<b>Academic committees/initiatives</b>	39.79%
<b>Social committees/initiatives</b>	72.77%
<b>Sports</b>	61.78%
<b>Board (academic or social)</b>	35.08%
<b>Work / job</b>	41.88%
<b>Other</b>	7.85%

It seems that all facilities are present at every program. The educational institution (faculty/university) play a large role in providing respondents with facilities: symposia, lectures, academic events, study places, a library, meeting rooms, computer labs and lunchrooms are generally provided to respondents from the institution. At UCM, UCR, UCG and LUC and AUC respondents indicate that the institution does not take care of a gym, while respondents from EUC, UCT and UCU indicate that the institution does.

Respondents from LUC, UCG, UCR and UCU indicate that the student association/a student initiative provides them with a bar and/or club. At the other programs, respondents need to



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visit local bars to access these. Respondents also indicate that they also use common rooms and music rooms.

Respondents pay predominantly between €300 and €500 for their rent. It seems that some respondents from Utrecht, Leiden and Erasmus pay above €500 per month. The national average for rent is €366, according to [Nibud](#). Additional research can be done on this to see whether UC students pay relatively more or less compared to the national average.

Respondents are predominantly happy with the quality of their campus, safety on campus and their room. The lowest scoring item, the IT facilities, still receives a positive score.

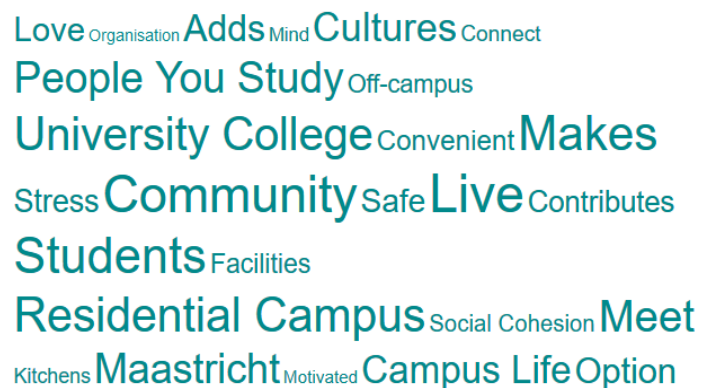
	Fully disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Fully agree	Weighted Average
<b>I generally feel safe on campus</b>	2.50%	0.00%	10.00%	36.00%	51.50%	4.34
<b>I am comfortable on campus</b>	2.53%	1.52%	10.61%	40.40%	44.95%	4.24
<b>I feel free on campus</b>	2.02%	1.52%	13.64%	42.42%	40.40%	4.18
<b>My room is big enough</b>	3.03%	3.03%	13.13%	37.37%	43.43%	4.15
<b>I make use of the facilities</b>	2.00%	4.00%	21.00%	45.00%	28.00%	3.93
<b>There is enough room to study on campus</b>	4.02%	13.57%	18.09%	44.72%	19.60%	3.62
<b>The money I pay is worth the result</b>	6.03%	12.06%	29.15%	35.18%	17.59%	3.46
<b>The IT facilities are good</b>	5.03%	20.60%	31.66%	32.66%	10.05%	3.22

Respondents also believe there is a great added value to campus life. Their experiences range from “To me it has added value, it creates a tight-knit, inclusive community which ensures that every student has the option to socialize with their peers.” to “Yes. It feels safe and more at home.” Others just find it incredibly convenient to be able to run to their classes in less than a minute. UCM does not have a residential campus.

**Student life**

Students are overwhelmingly positive about their student life. Internal validity is also strong: negatively phrased questions have a strong negative weighted average. This holds for respondents amongst different UCs. Respondents do indicate that there is a bubble. This holds for all programs. Additional research can be done on the positive and negative effects of the bubble.

On the topic of prejudices, 28% indicates that there are prejudices, 39% indicates that there are no prejudices and 33% indicates that they do not know. Generally, these prejudices are



**Figure 4: do you believe a residential campus has an added value? Describe your experiences and opinions.**



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on arrogance, being posh and how much students care about grades vs. partying. Respondents also indicate that there is a general prejudice towards UCR students. More research on how UC students are portrayed can be done.

	Fully disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Fully agree	Weighted Average
<b>I can have good discussions with fellow students</b>	1.01%	1.51%	3.02%	46.73%	47.74%	4.39
<b>There is enough to do</b>	0.50%	3.52%	6.53%	49.25%	39.70%	4.25
<b>People do not shy away from a beer or three</b>	1.51%	1.51%	10.55%	49.25%	34.67%	4.17
<b>There is a bubble</b>	2.53%	6.57%	14.65%	40.91%	34.85%	3.99
<b>Other students are open minded</b>	1.51%	8.04%	8.54%	53.27%	28.64%	3.99
<b>I participate in the community</b>	1.01%	4.04%	18.69%	47.98%	28.28%	3.98
<b>I give back to my community</b>	1.01%	7.54%	28.64%	43.72%	18.59%	3.72
<b>I feel in contact with the city</b>	3.03%	14.65%	22.22%	38.89%	20.71%	3.6
<b>There is enough cultural diversity in the student body</b>	4.52%	14.07%	24.12%	36.68%	19.10%	3.53
<b>Everyone receives the same chances</b>	1.01%	15.15%	25.76%	43.43%	12.12%	3.52
<b>Some receive better chances than others</b>	7.04%	31.16%	28.64%	25.13%	4.52%	2.89
<b>There is not much intellectual diversity within the student body</b>	16.08%	42.71%	24.62%	10.05%	5.03%	2.44
<b>There are too many students</b>	20.60%	57.79%	19.60%	2.01%	0.00%	2.03
<b>The community means little to me</b>	35.18%	47.24%	12.06%	4.52%	1.01%	1.89
<b>There are no interesting activities</b>	46.73%	40.20%	8.04%	4.52%	0.50%	1.72

### UCSRN

Respondents largely indicate a lack of added value for their social and academic life. Many respondents do not feel involved with the UCSRN. Although involvement is not necessarily necessary, it is a goal of the UCSRN to make a positive contribution to the social and academic life of the student. There is an obvious bias within the Facebook and newsletter question since the survey was promoted via these media.

Good to note is that the students that do attend UCSRN events find these events enjoyable and/or informative. Additional research should be done on a per-event basis, for example by sending a survey after the UCSRN tournament to all participants asking for their opinion on the event.

Valuable tips given to us in the open question are that we should be introduced during introduction weeks or in other ways to first years, that we should consider our purpose (events or lobbying) and that we should work on finding other ways to include students in our affairs.



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	Fully disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Fully agree	Weighted Average
<b>I do not feel involved with the UCSRN</b>	4.21%	16.32%	20.53%	38.95%	18.95%	3.53
<b>I always receive the monthly UCSRN newsletter</b>	10.53%	11.05%	12.63%	46.84%	15.79%	3.48
<b>I find attending UCSRN events enjoyable and/or informative</b>	3.72%	6.38%	21.28%	25.53%	7.98%	3.43
<b>I feel informed of the UCSRN via Facebook</b>	7.37%	17.37%	24.74%	41.05%	3.68%	3.17
<b>I understand what the UCSRN is doing</b>	7.89%	27.89%	18.42%	36.32%	8.95%	3.11
<b>I understand how the UCSRN functions</b>	9.47%	34.74%	20.00%	23.16%	10.53%	2.9
<b>The UCSRN contributes to my social life</b>	20.11%	33.86%	23.28%	15.87%	2.12%	2.43
<b>The UCSRN is important to my academics</b>	22.11%	30.00%	32.11%	8.42%	0.53%	2.31

### Discussion

Although the general response rate was relatively fine, there was a relatively low response rate from students at UCU, EUC and AUC. Noting the number of students at these programs, a higher response rate could have resulted in more robust survey results. We are happy with the spread of respondents across the years, the male/female spread and the Dutch/international spread. Only one exchange student filled in the survey. We therefore left out the entire section on exchange in the analysis. The internal validity was generally robust.

Conclusions from this survey should be drawn with care. The survey was intended to explore possible subjects to research in the future. Recommendations have been made in the text. The data will also be published on <https://ucsrn.nl> for anyone to analyse. We encourage results to be shared with us.