Music and Language & Literature top student satisfaction with teaching quality in 2013 UES results

89% of students surveyed in subject areas of Music & Performing Arts, and in Language & Literature agree that they are satisfied with the quality of their teaching. The results are part of a report from the University Experience Survey conducted in August 2013, which is available in full here.

A total of 4,476 responses were received from commencing and later year undergraduate students (with a 29.6% response rate). In the survey students give agreement/disagreement answers for five facets of their higher education experience: Skills Development, Learner Engagement, Teaching Quality, Student Support, and Learning Resources.

The feedback for the University of Sydney as a whole is similar to the Go8 average on the Skills Development, Learner Engagement, and Teaching Quality facets. The overall Sydney agreement percentages are lower than Go8 scores for Student Support and Learning Resources.

Of the 33 subject areas represented in the 2013 Sydney sample, eight subject areas are above the Go8 average on one or more of the five facets. In Skills Development, students in Mechanical Engineering, Law, Media & Communications, and Art & Design agree at levels above Go8 averages. Learner Engagement is above average in Dentistry, Mechanical Engineering, Media & Communications, and Language & Literature.

In addition to Music & Performing Arts and Language & Literature, Teaching Quality was above average in Dentistry, Art & Design, and Media & Communications. Music & Performing Arts is above average in both Student Support and Learning Resources. Art & Design also features favourably in Student Support, and Media & Communication and Computing & IT in Learning Resources.

Commencing students are more satisfied with Teaching Quality, Student Support, and Learning Resources than later year students, but are less satisfied than later year students with Skills Development and Learner Engagement.

In regards to their overall educational experience, 78% of commencing students and 73% of later year students agree that they are satisfied with their university experience.