

University College of Osteopathy (UCO) Student TEF Submission

The UCO Student TEF submission is written by

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The submission is based on the results of a short survey sent to all 532 students within the UCO (as defined by the Head of Student Support). Timing of the survey throughout the 3-week Christmas period and into the new term of 2023 inevitably affected the response rate which was 82. The survey questions were designed by us and based on the TEF Student Experience and Student Outcomes sections. Additional comments were sought, and these have been summarised into the final section of the report with some relevant quotes.

Personal introductions

As student union president my role is to be the voice for the students to the board members and senior members of staff to allow students to let out concerns from the course and university life and identify positives. I also have a role in creating and maintaining a community within the university. I do this through making sure there is activities and social events throughout the year.





As student member of the UCO Board of Directors my role is to represent the voice of all the UCO students on a strategic level to aid discussion on significant matters with Board Members. To understand the views of students my role is also to engage with them including working closely with the SU President.

Section 2 - Student Experience

This section focuses on the extent to which teaching, learning, assessment and the educational environment deliver an excellent educational experience for the students at UCO.

Survey questions

1. Do you feel like you learn something from your lessons?

	A great deal	20
	A lot	37
	A moderate amount	22
	A little	3



2. Do you feel as though assessments are fair?

Strongly agree	5
Agree	36
Neither agree nor disagree	33
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	3



3. Do you feel as though you have a good understanding of what is wanted for assessments?

Strongly agree	3
Agree	44
Neither agree nor disagree	26
Disagree	8
Strongly disagree	1



4. Do you feel the teaching, feedback and assessment practices support your learning, progression and attainment?

Strongly agree	5
Agree	43
Neither agree nor disagree	19
Disagree	14
Strongly disagree	1



5. Do you feel the course content and delivery engages you in your learning stretching you to develop your knowledge and skills?

Strongly agree	12
Agree	45
Neither agree not disagree	14
Disagree	11
Strongly Disagree	0



6. Do you feel as though there is a community within uni?

Strongly agree	15
Agree	30
Neither agree nor disagree	24
Disagree	12
Strongly Disagree	1



7. Do you feel as though there are things to do if you wanted to socialise?

Yes	46
No	36



8. Do you feel the pandemic has significantly impacted your learning at UCO?

● A great deal	14
● A lot	14
● A moderate amount	18
● A little	20
● Not at all	16



9. With regards to the learning environment can access the support you need?

● Strongly Agree	16
● Agree	43
● Neither agree nor disagree	15
● Disagree	7
● Strongly disagree	1



10. Do you feel as though you can go to someone from uni for support?

● Strongly agree	21
● Agree	43
● Neither agree nor disagree	12
● Disagree	4
● Strongly disagree	2



11. Do you feel the physical and virtual learning resources support the teaching you receive and your learning?

Strongly agree	14
Agree	40
Neither agree nor disagree	17
Disagree	9
Strongly disagree	2



12. Do you feel UCO engages with you as a student, leading to improvements in your experiences and outcomes?

Strongly agree	11
Agree	37
Neither agree nor disagree	19
Disagree	12
Strongly disagree	3



Student outcomes

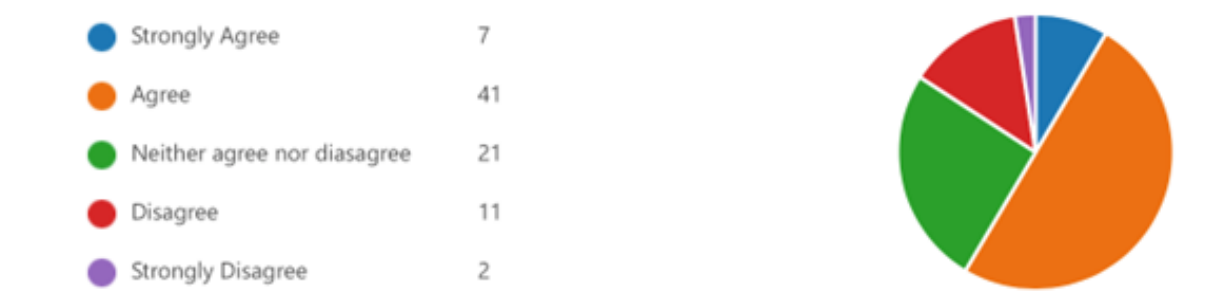
This section focuses on the extent to which students studying at UCO succeed in and beyond their studies and the educational gains delivered. In particular we focused on the "Educational gains" section.

13. In terms of personal development, do you feel UCO has enabled you to make gains in relation to developing your resilience, motivation and confidence?

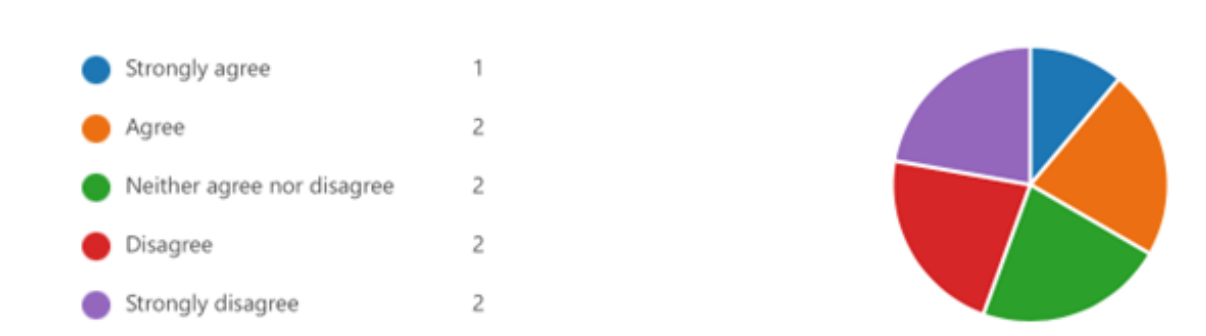
Strongly Agree	9
Agree	39
Neither agree nor disagree	16
Disagree	13
Strongly disagree	5



14. Do you feel the UCO has enabled you to develop your communication, presentation, time management, networking and interpersonal skills?



15. (Final year students) - Do you feel the UCO has developed your employability skills such as teamworking, commercial awareness, leadership and influencing?



Final submission comments

The quantitative responses equate to about 15% of the total UCO students and are largely positive which can be seen in the results above. In all of the answers (excepting numbers 8 and 15) more than 50% of the students responded either "strongly agree" or "agree" and this is testament to the strength of support and development within the UCO. The qualitative comments provide additional depth to the students' answers.

Overall, therefore, there is a positive response to university life and educational achievement. This can be seen in the feedback from students in the additional comments section of the survey. As shown in the charts the student life is seen as desirable for most. "UCO helped with a diagnosis of dyslexia" which would allow this student more support within their studies and further into their careers. Another said "The content of information is great. Very informative."

However, there is a notable number of additional comments which suggested there needs to be an increase in recorded lectures "I do however think the current levels video recording of lectures and live streaming of non-technique classes should be reviewed. The fact we have had this luxury and then had it taken away is making it all the more noticeable." Although the material on Bone (internal university intranet/learning platform) is what caused question 11 to lean more to the positive side.