

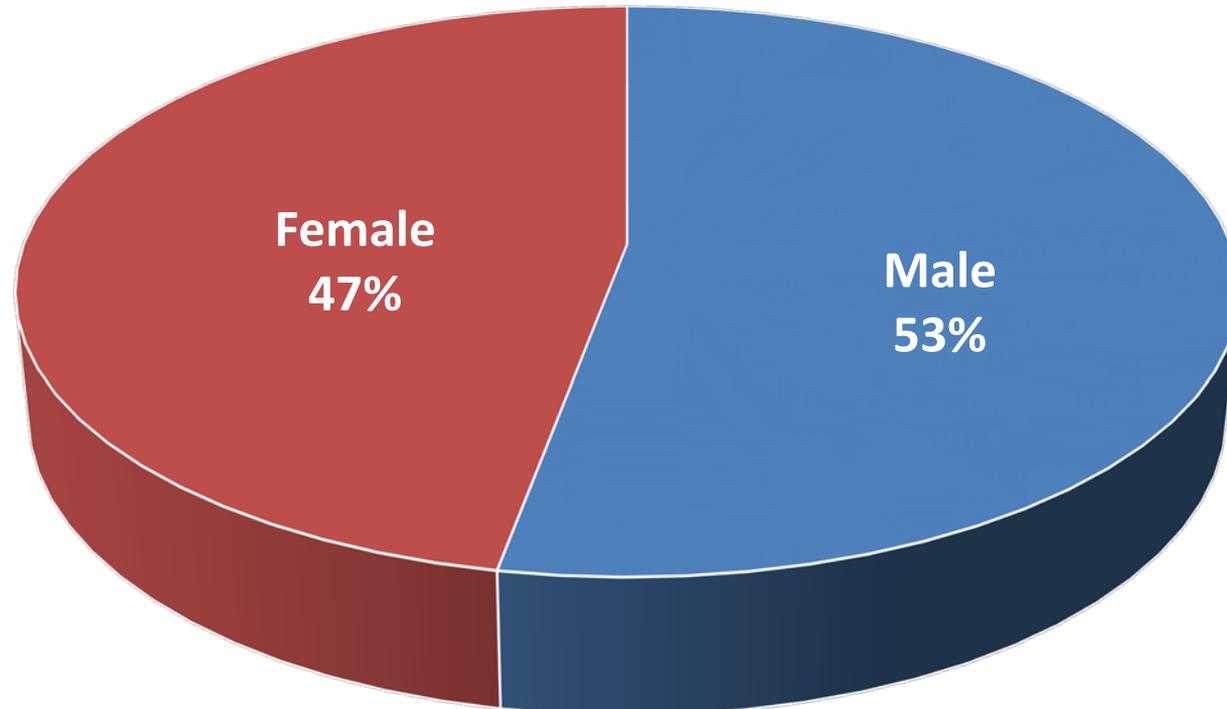
Fall 2014

International Students' Pre-Arrival Assessment

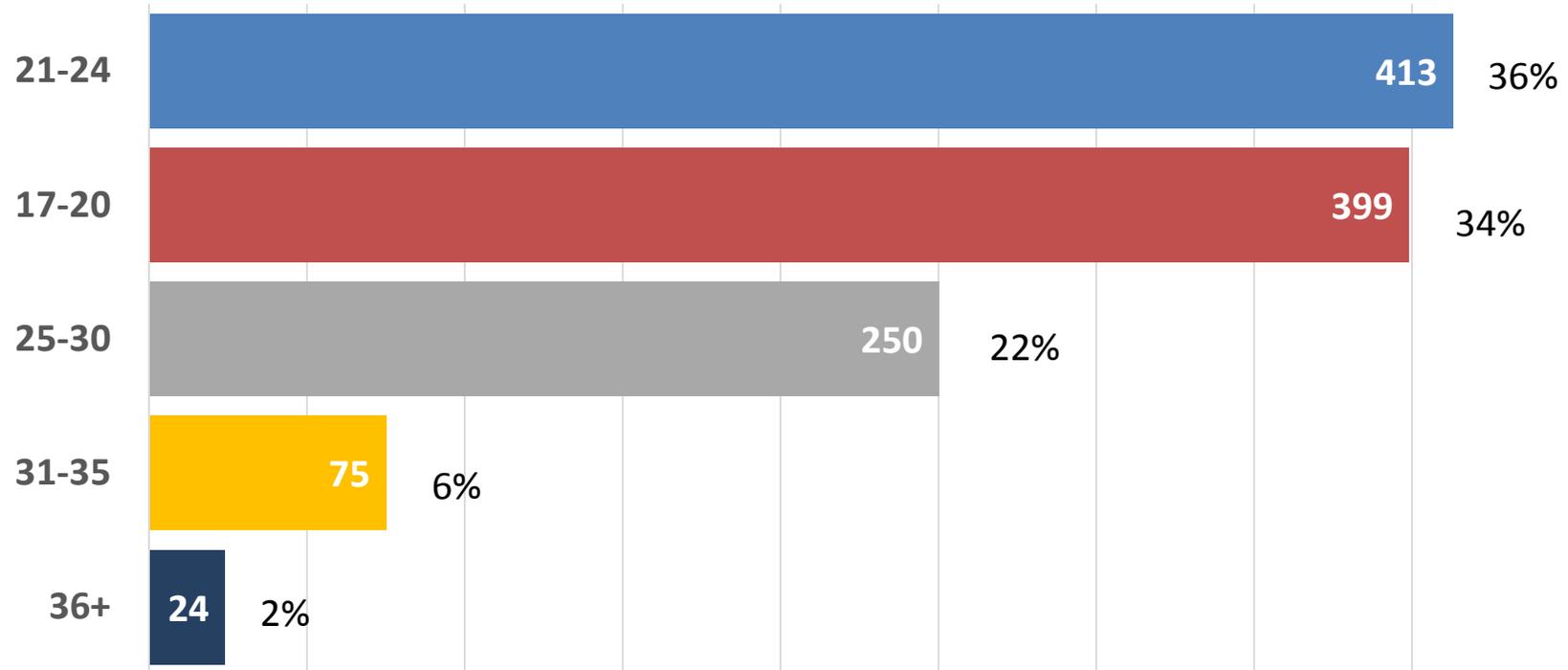
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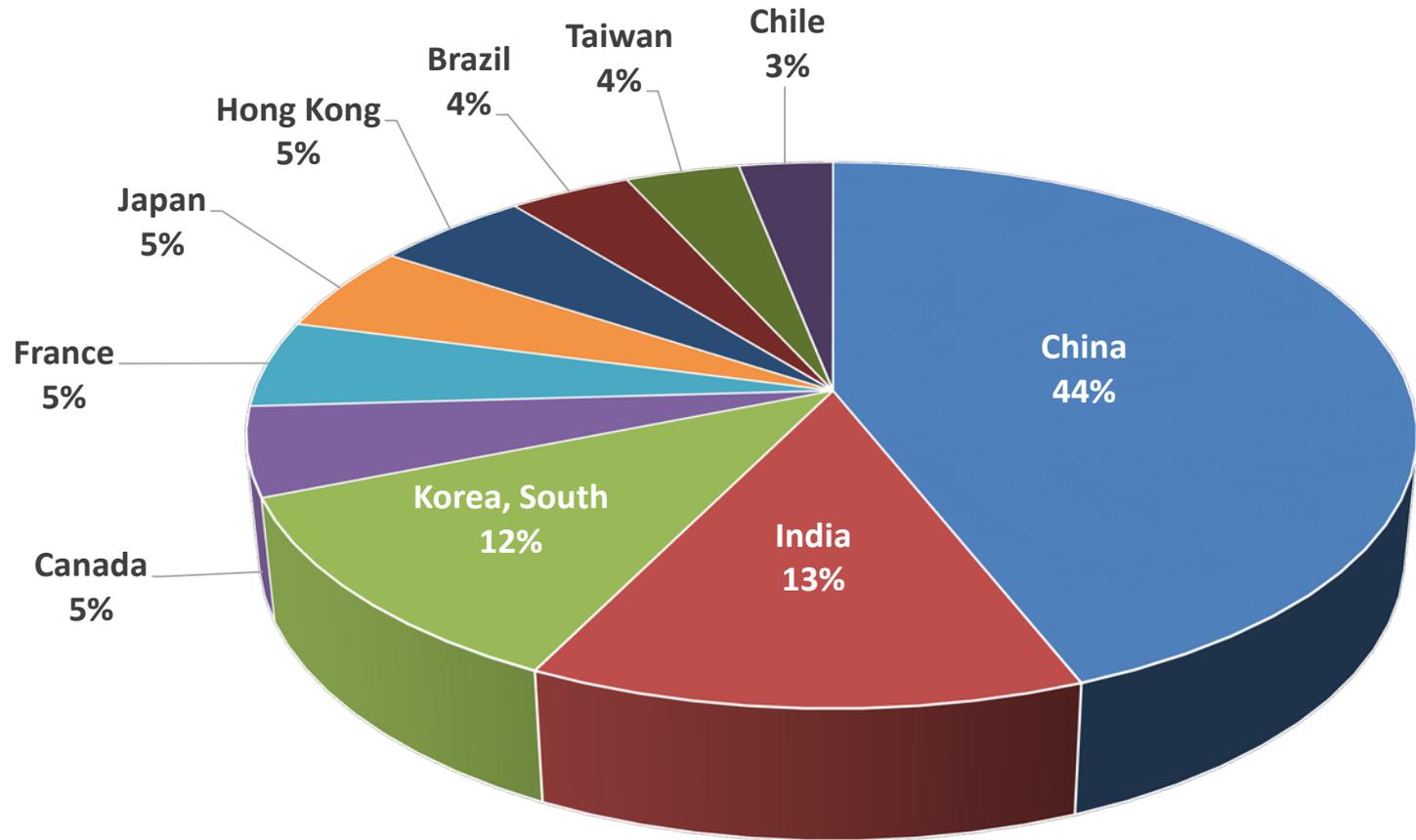
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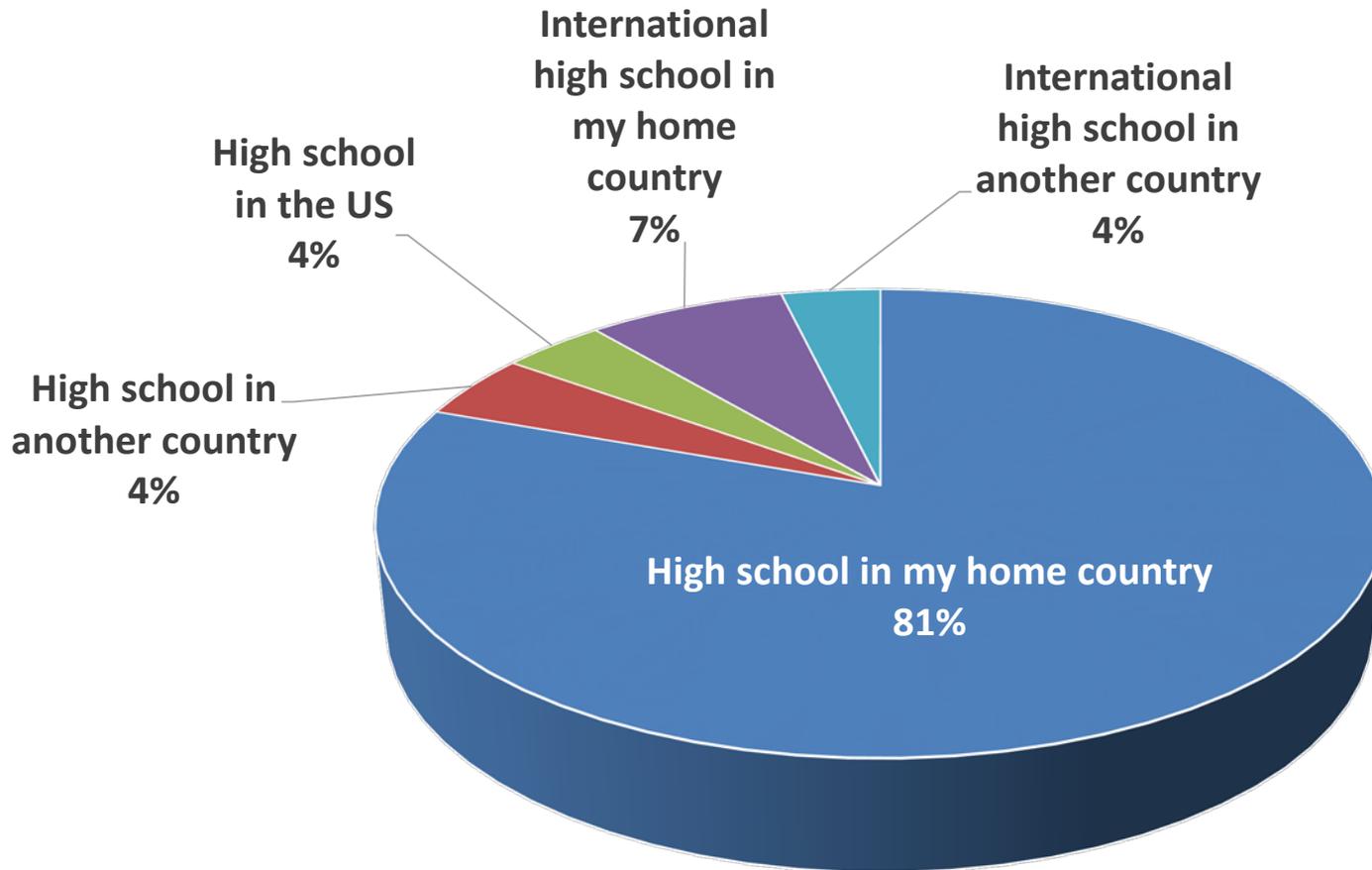
UCB College or School

College of Letters & Science	38%	448
College of Engineering	19%	225
Berkeley Law School	13%	151
Haas School of Business	8%	91
Other	6%	67
College of Environmental Design	5%	64
College of Chemistry	4%	54
College of Natural Resources	4%	43
School of Public Health	1%	14
Goldman School of Public Policy	1%	12
School of Information	1%	11
School of Education	0.7%	7
School of Optometry	0.2%	2

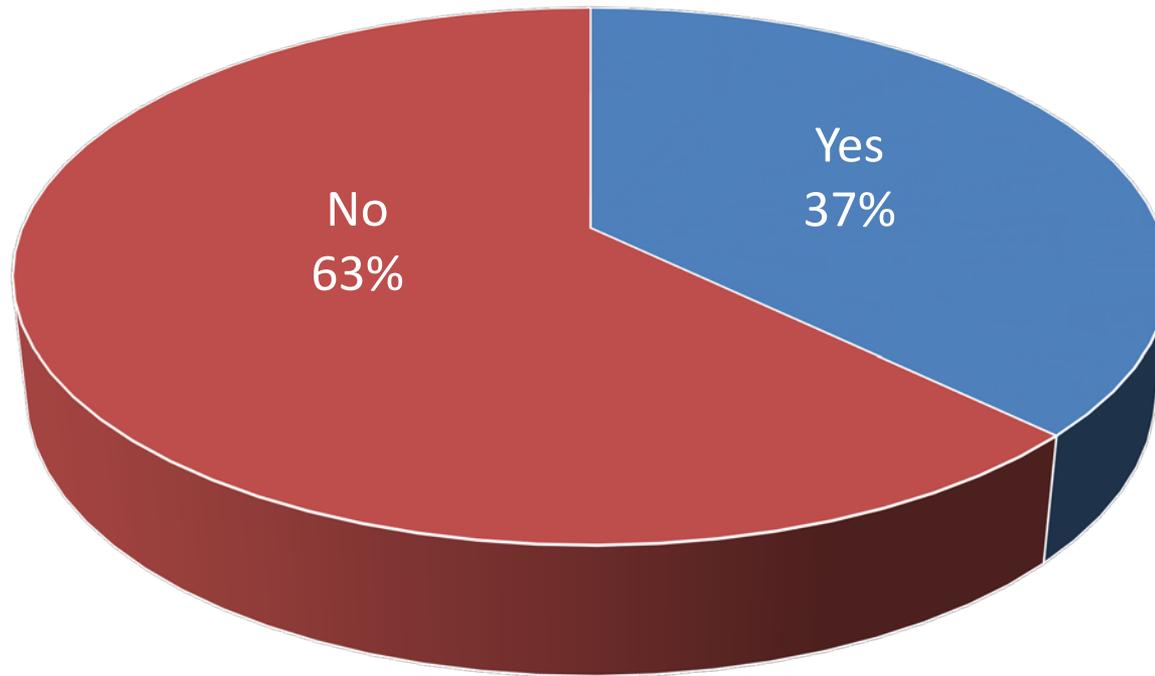
Country of Origin (Top 10)



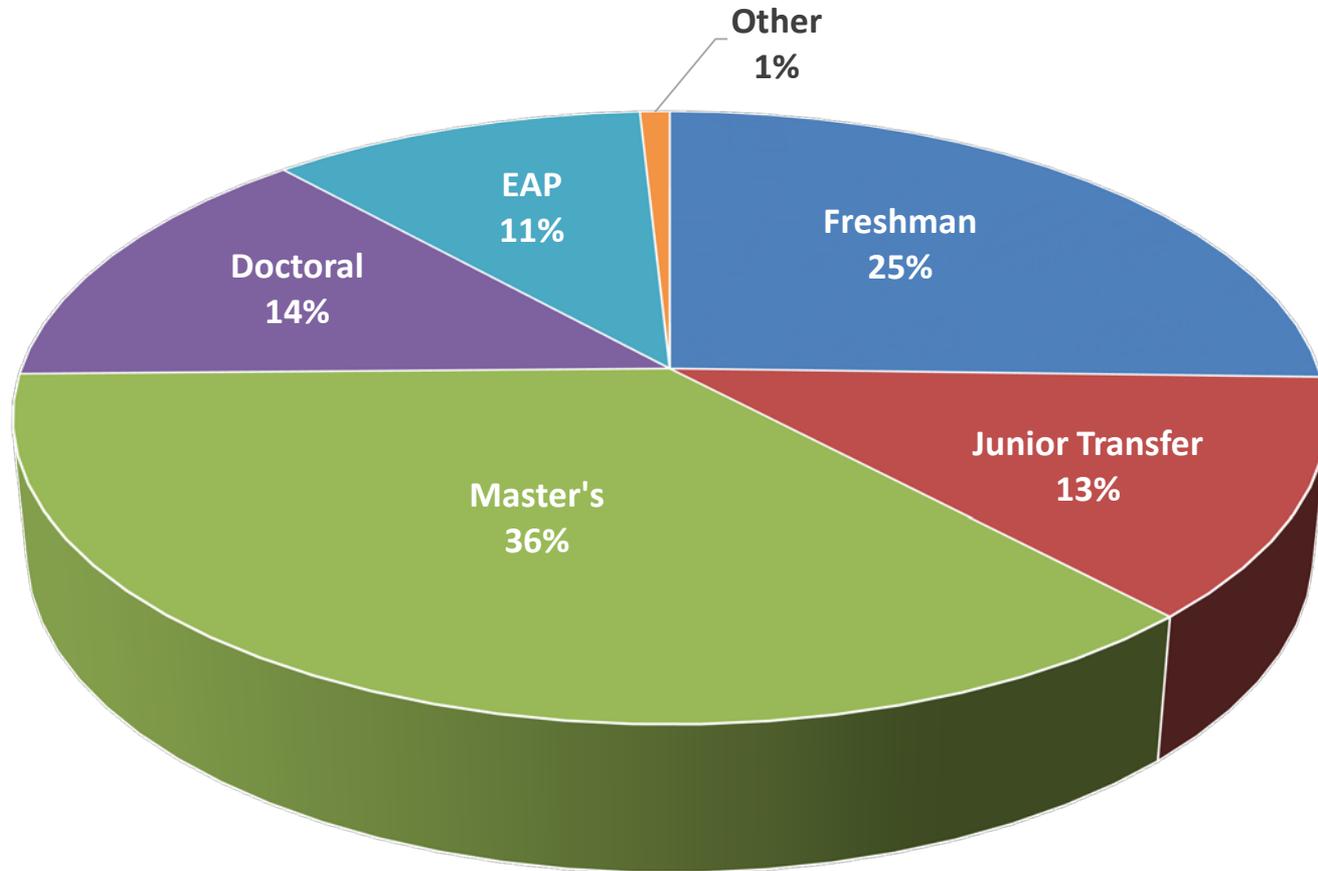
Secondary/ High School Education



English as Primary Language of Instruction in High School



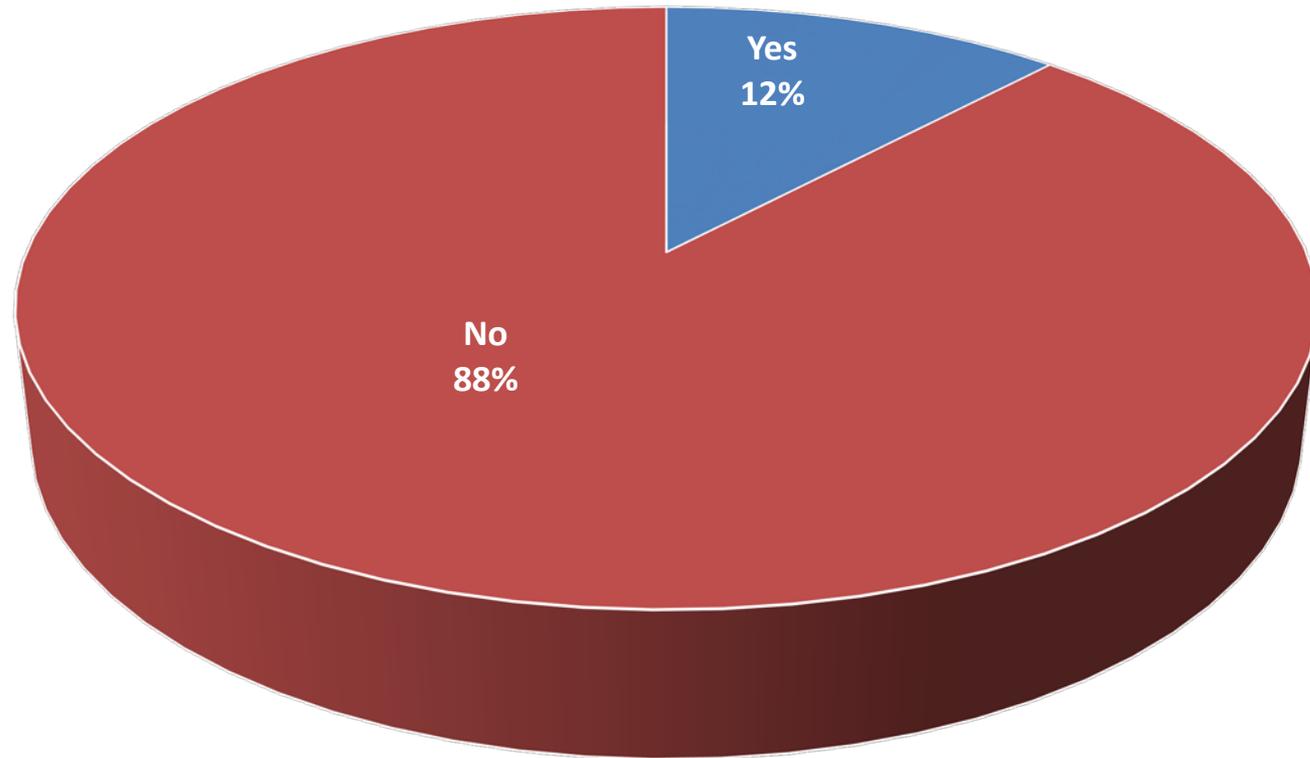
Academic Level



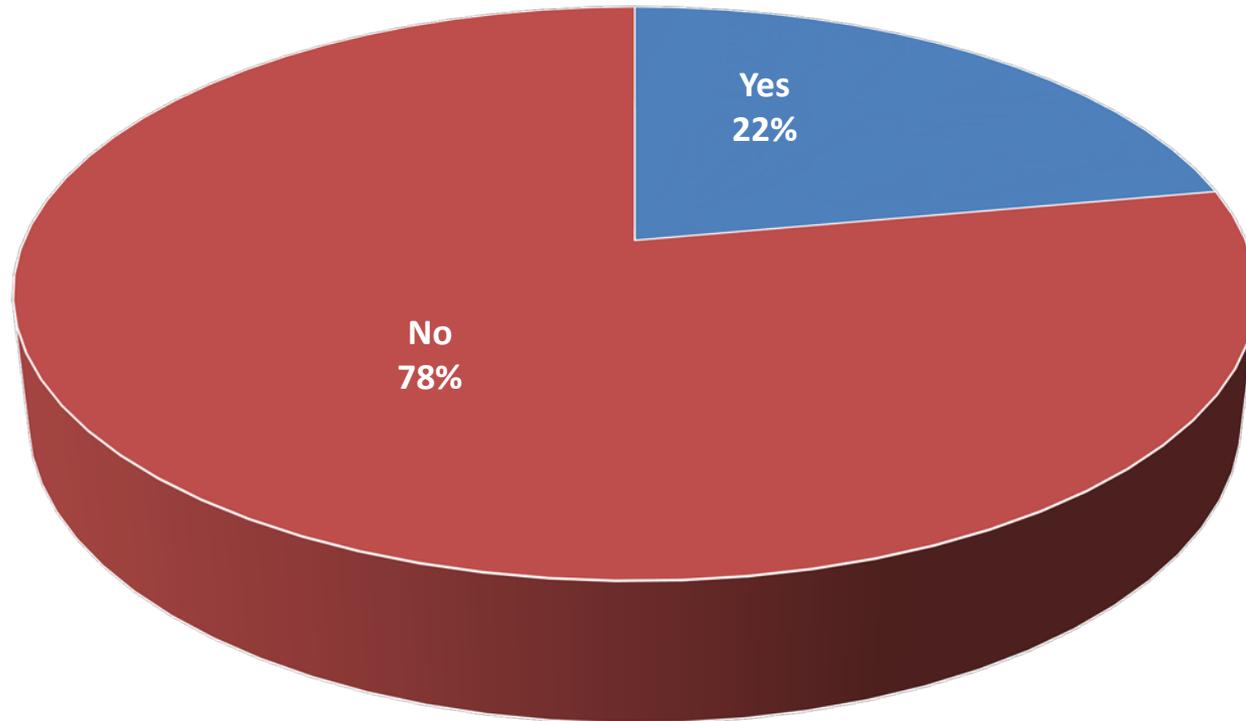
Top 10 Transfer Schools

Diablo Valley College	24
De Anza College	20
Foothill College	11
City College of San Francisco	8
Pasadena City College	7
Santa Monica College, California	7
Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa	6
Berkeley City College	4
East Los Angeles College	4
Santa Barbara City College	4

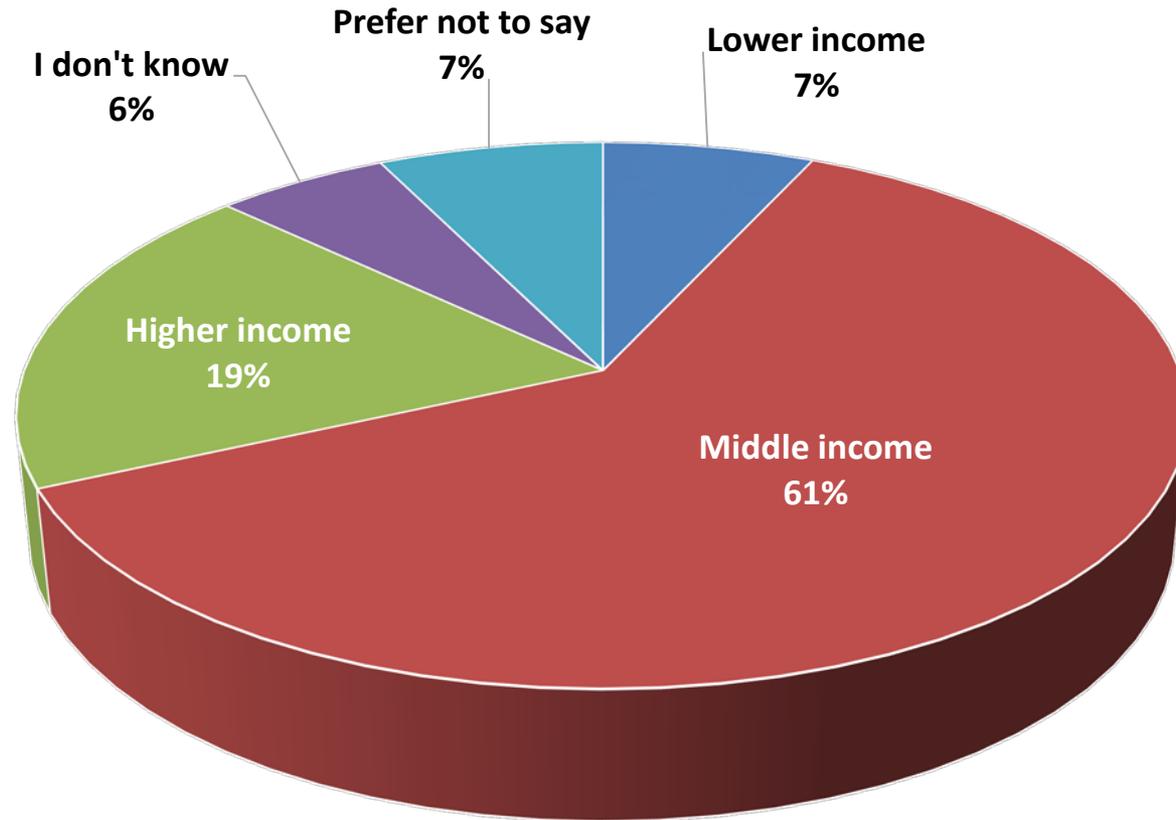
Previous Degree from a College or University in the U.S.



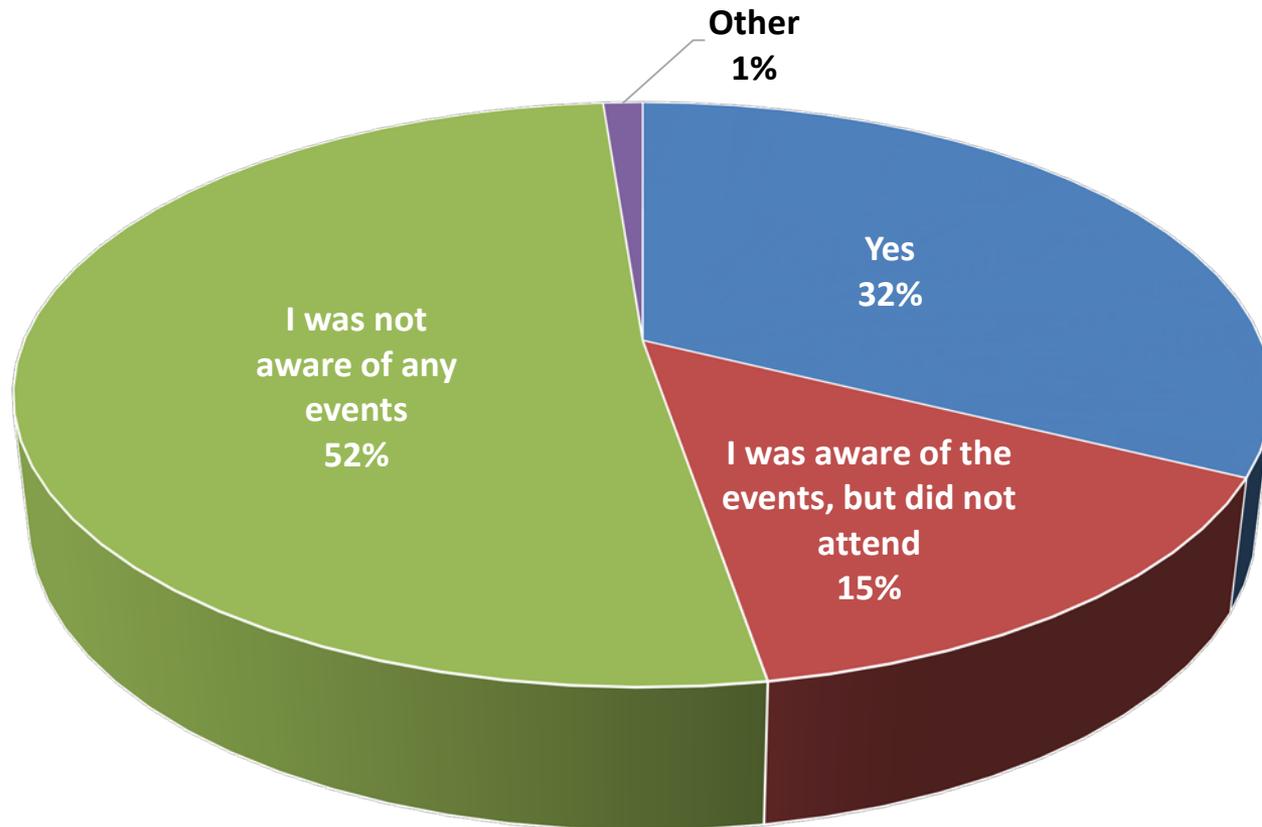
Family Who Studied at a U.S. University/College



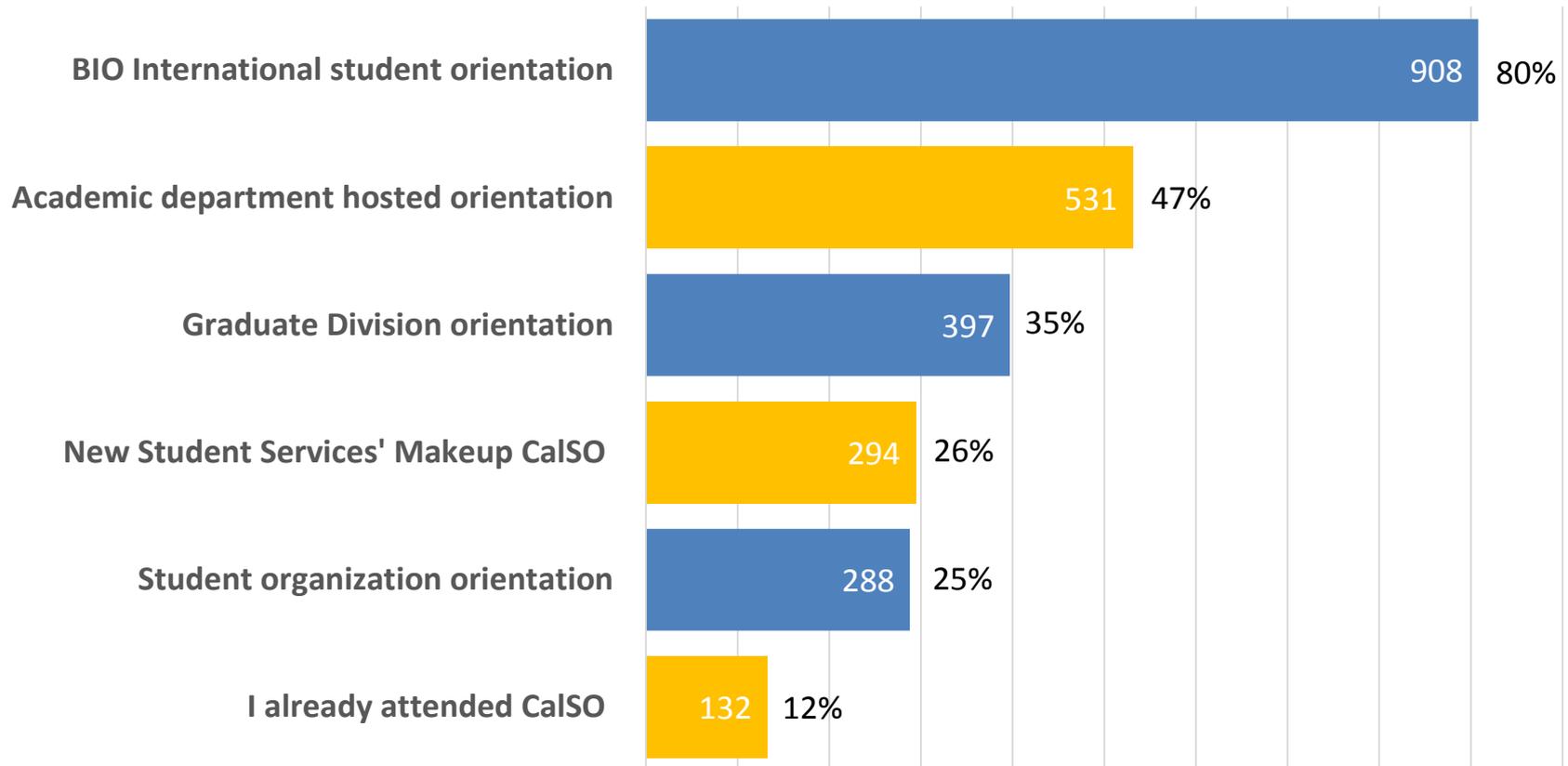
Family Income Level



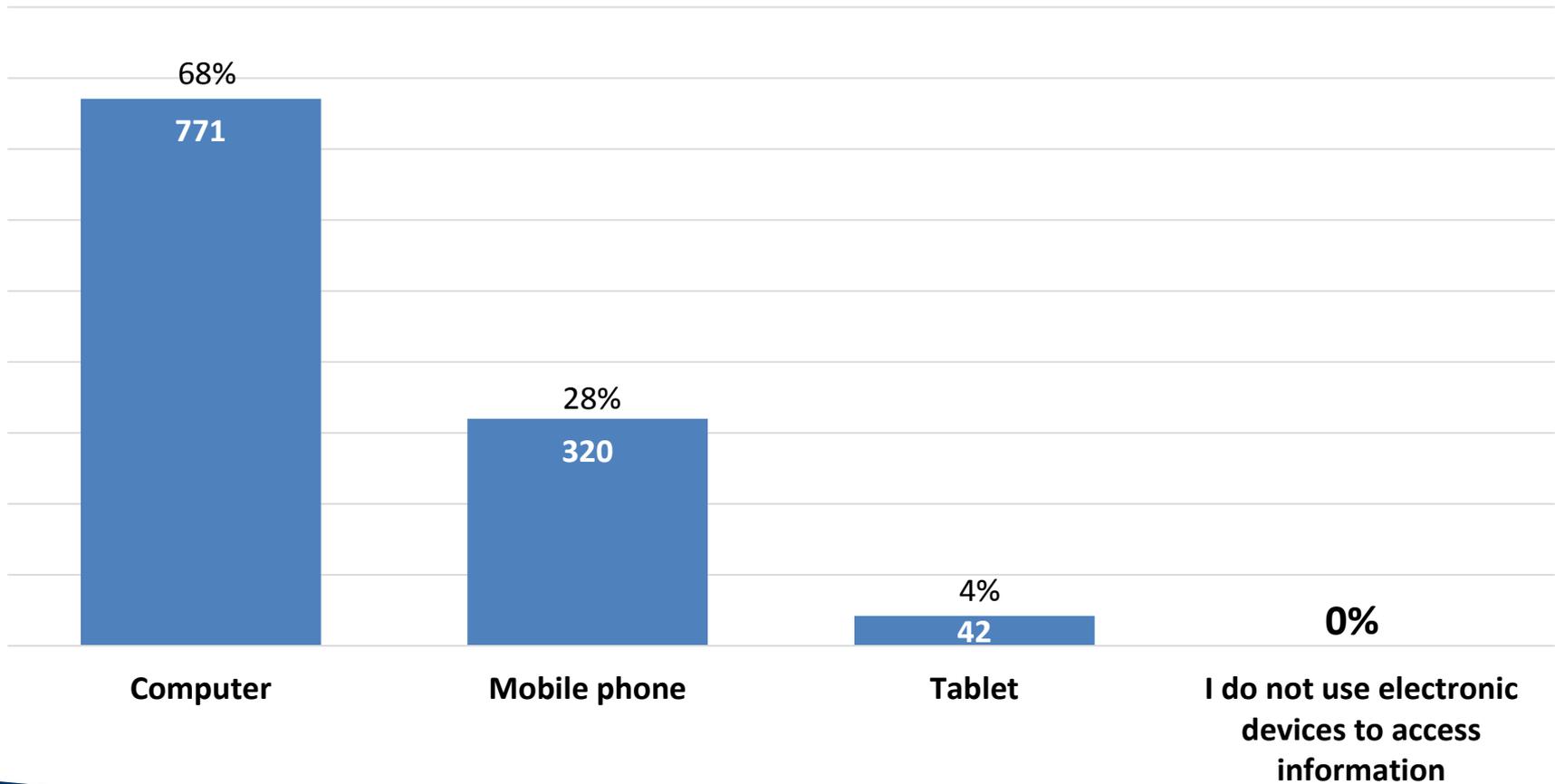
Attended UCB-affiliated Orientation/Welcome Event in Home Country



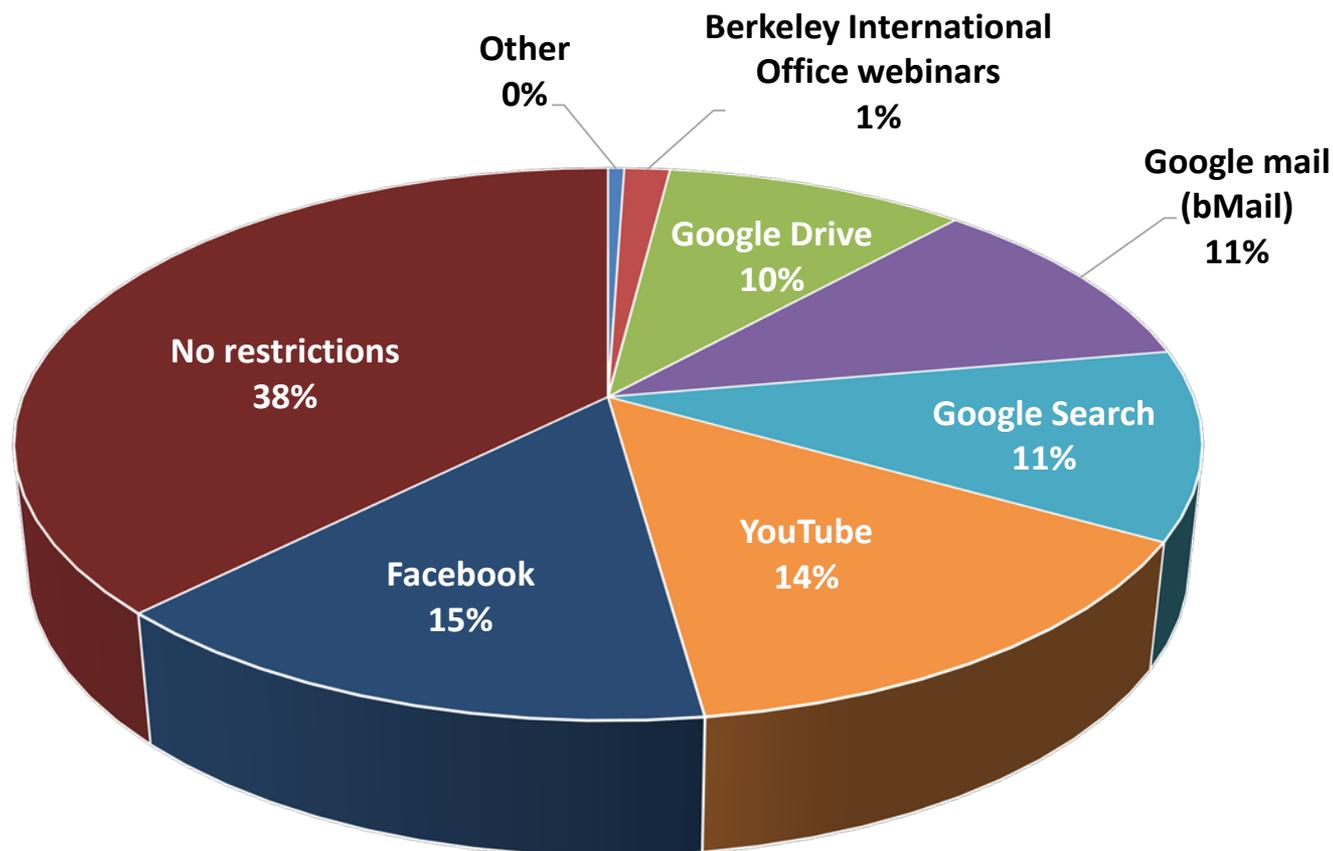
UCB Orientation Programs Planning to Attend



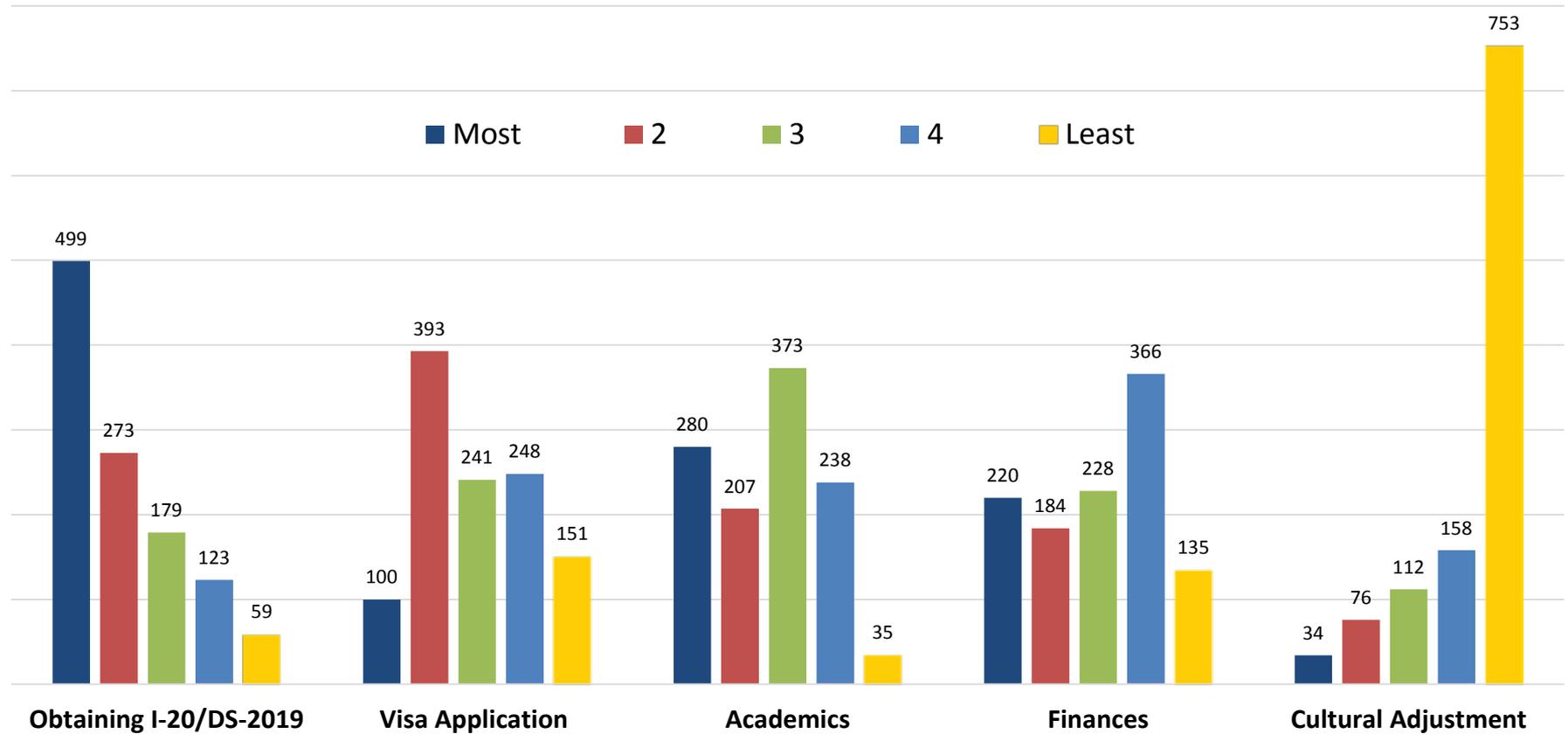
Electronic Devices Primarily Used



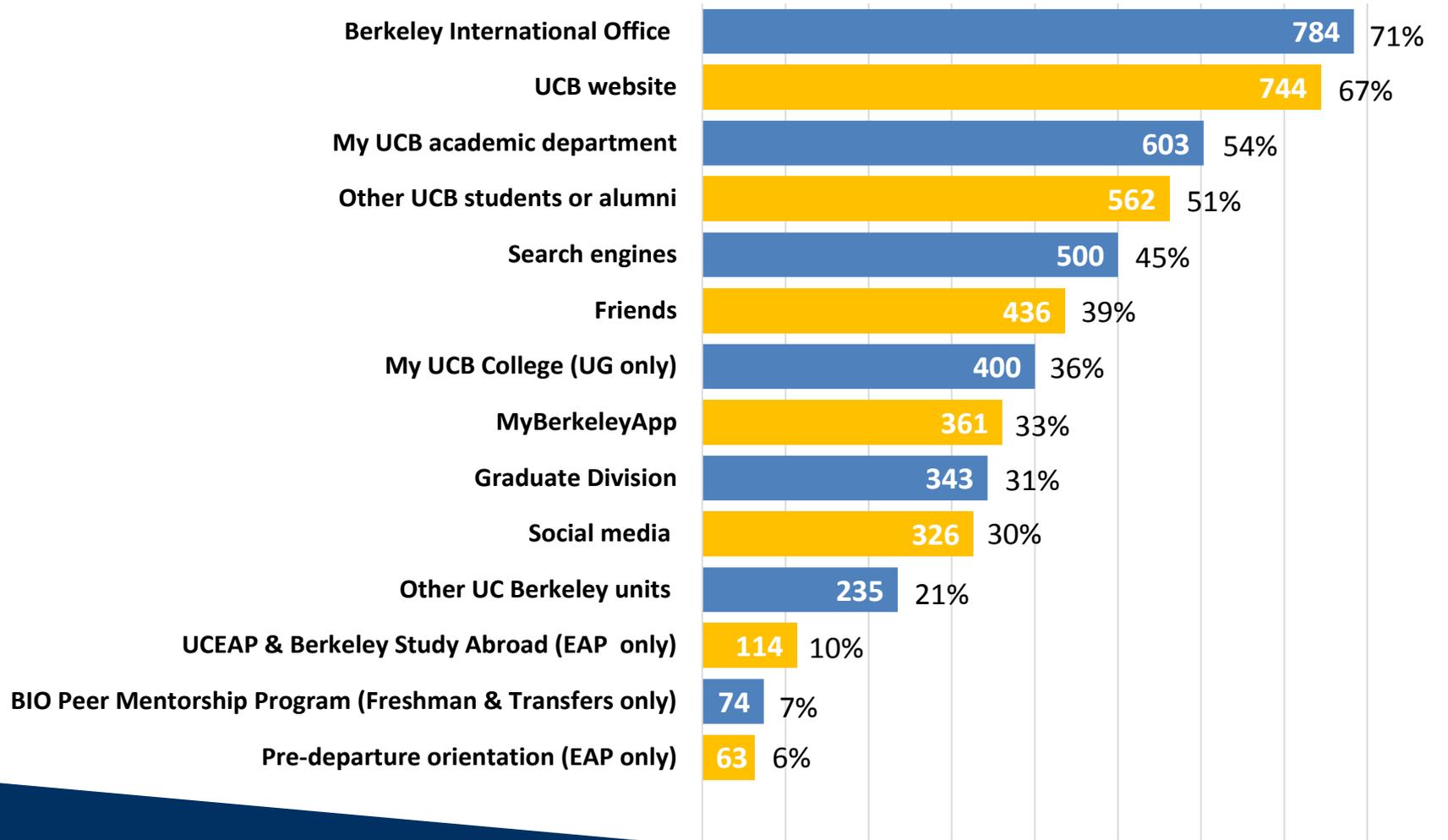
Online Access Restrictions in Home Country



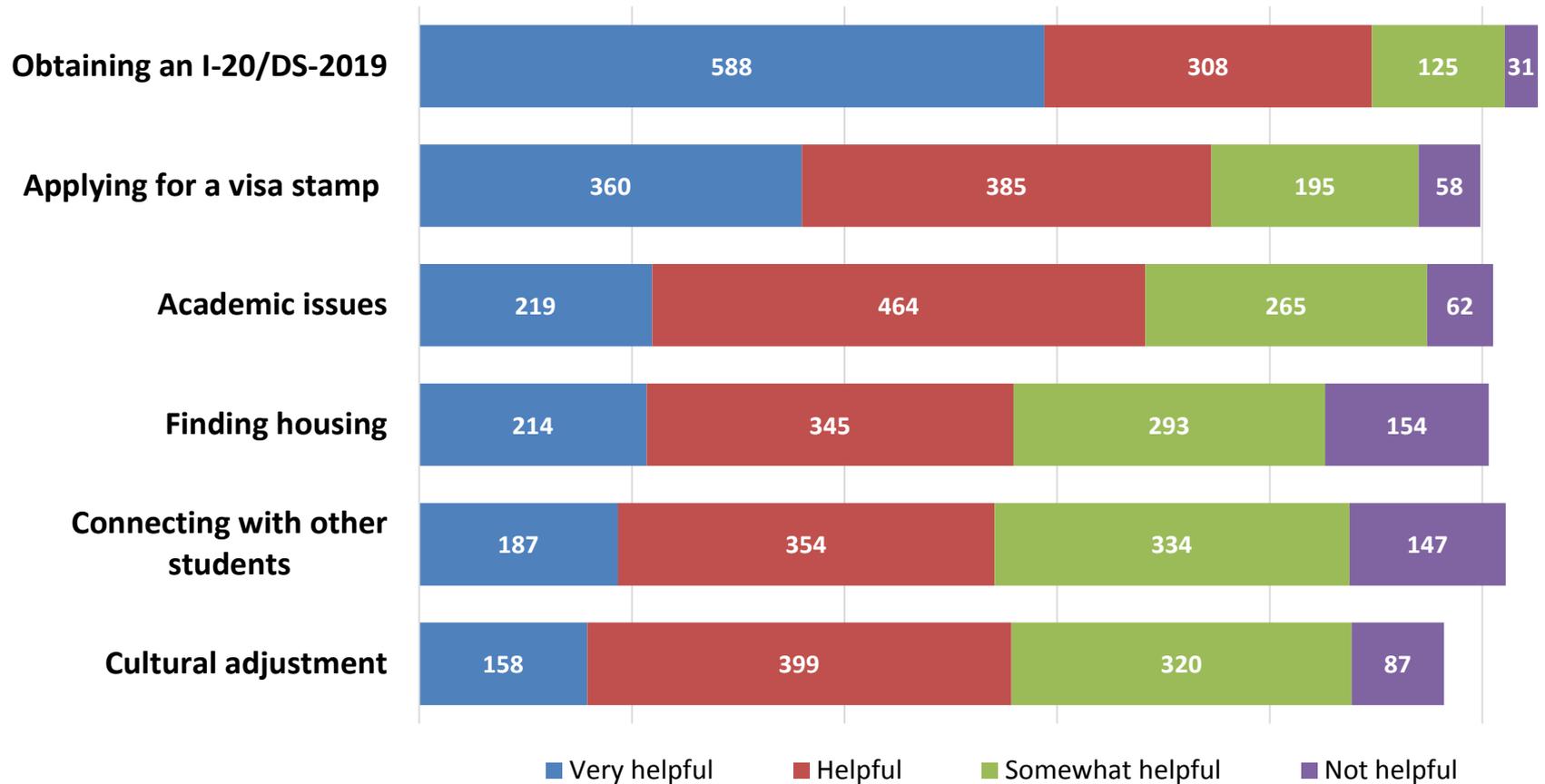
Most Helpful Information After Being Admitted (Rank 1-5)



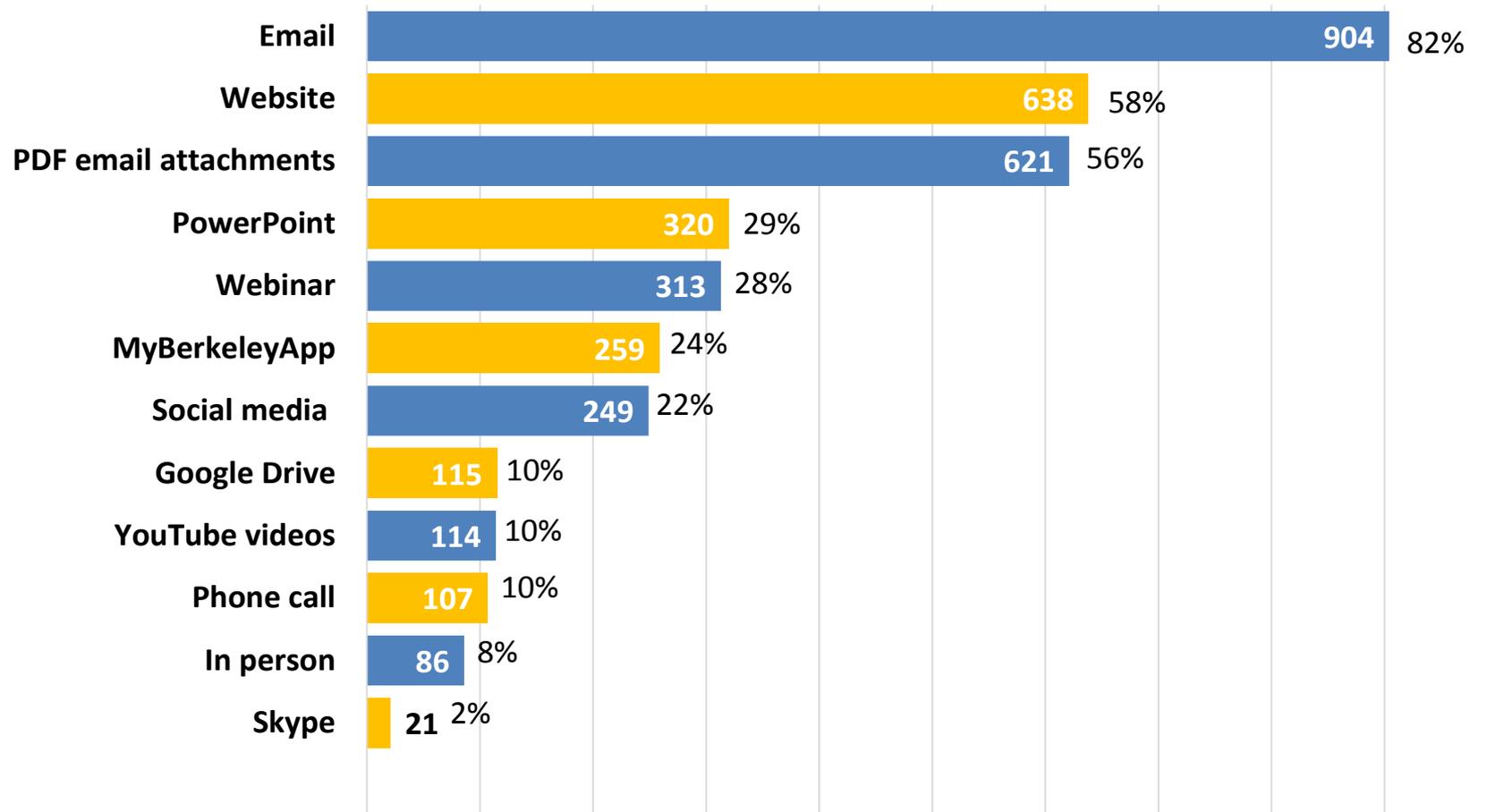
Information Sources of Preference to Prepare for UCB (top five)



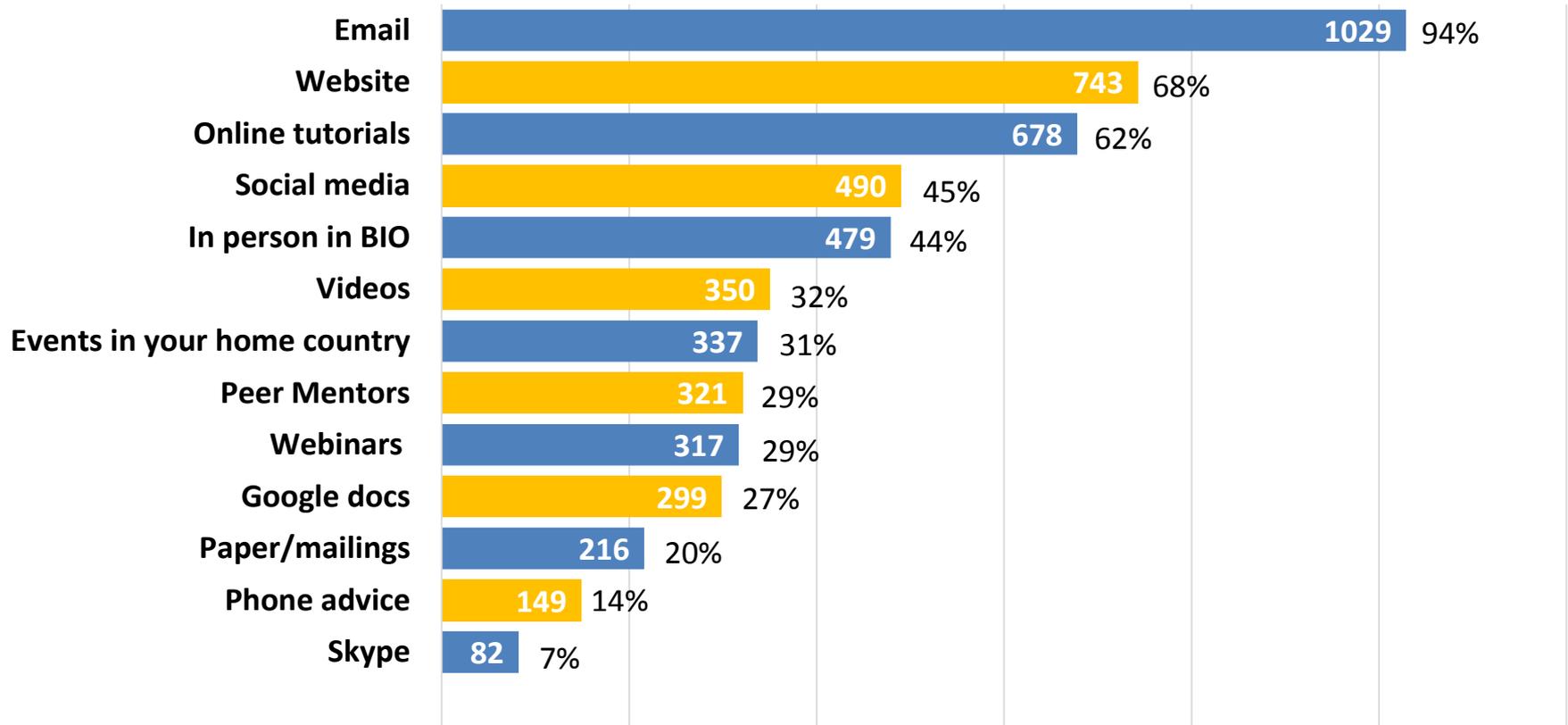
Ranking of Information from Berkeley International Office



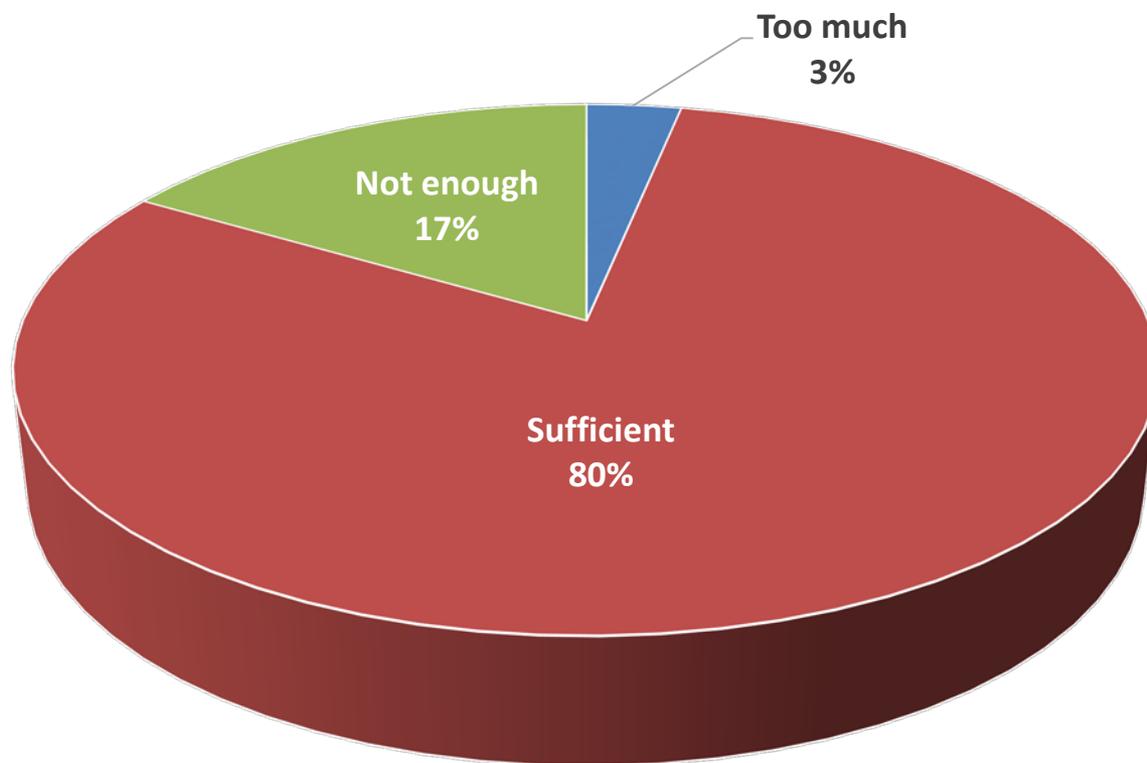
Tools Used to Access information from Berkeley International Office



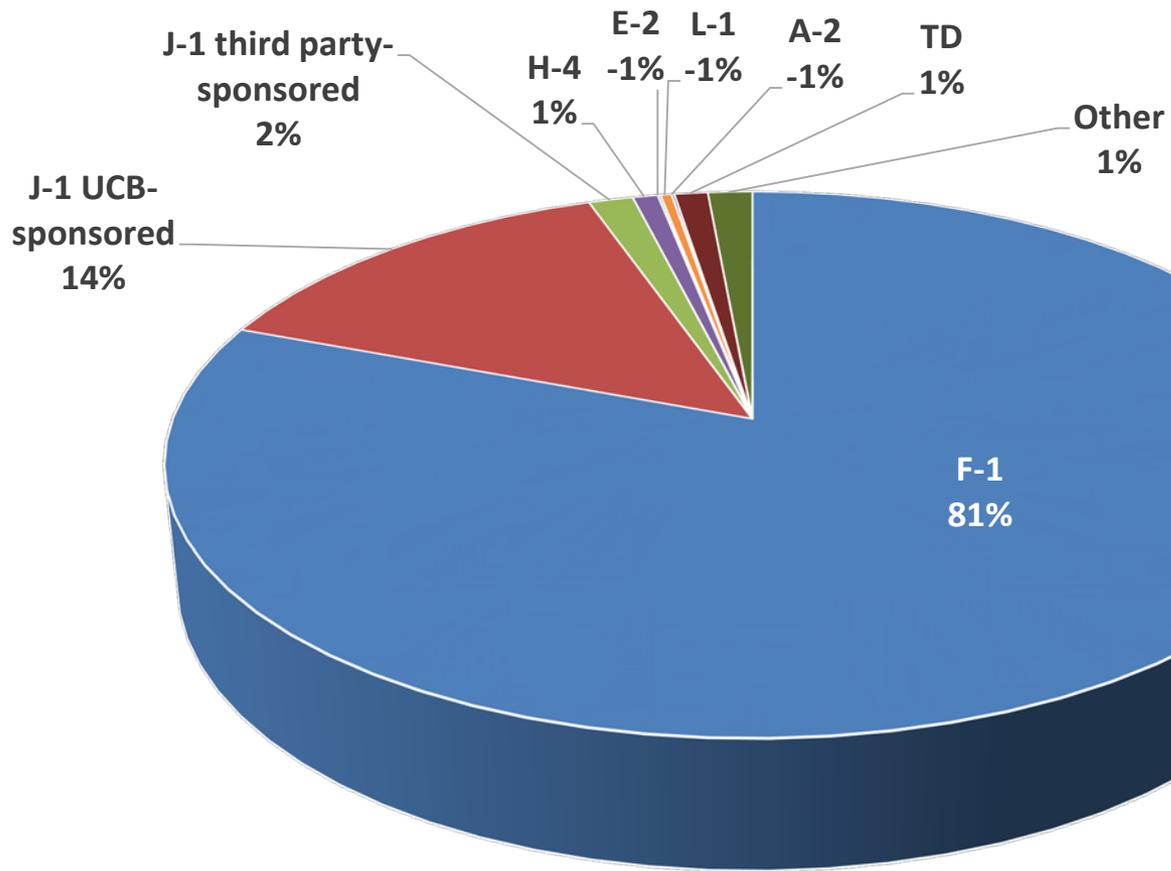
Preferred Methods to Access Information from Berkeley International Office



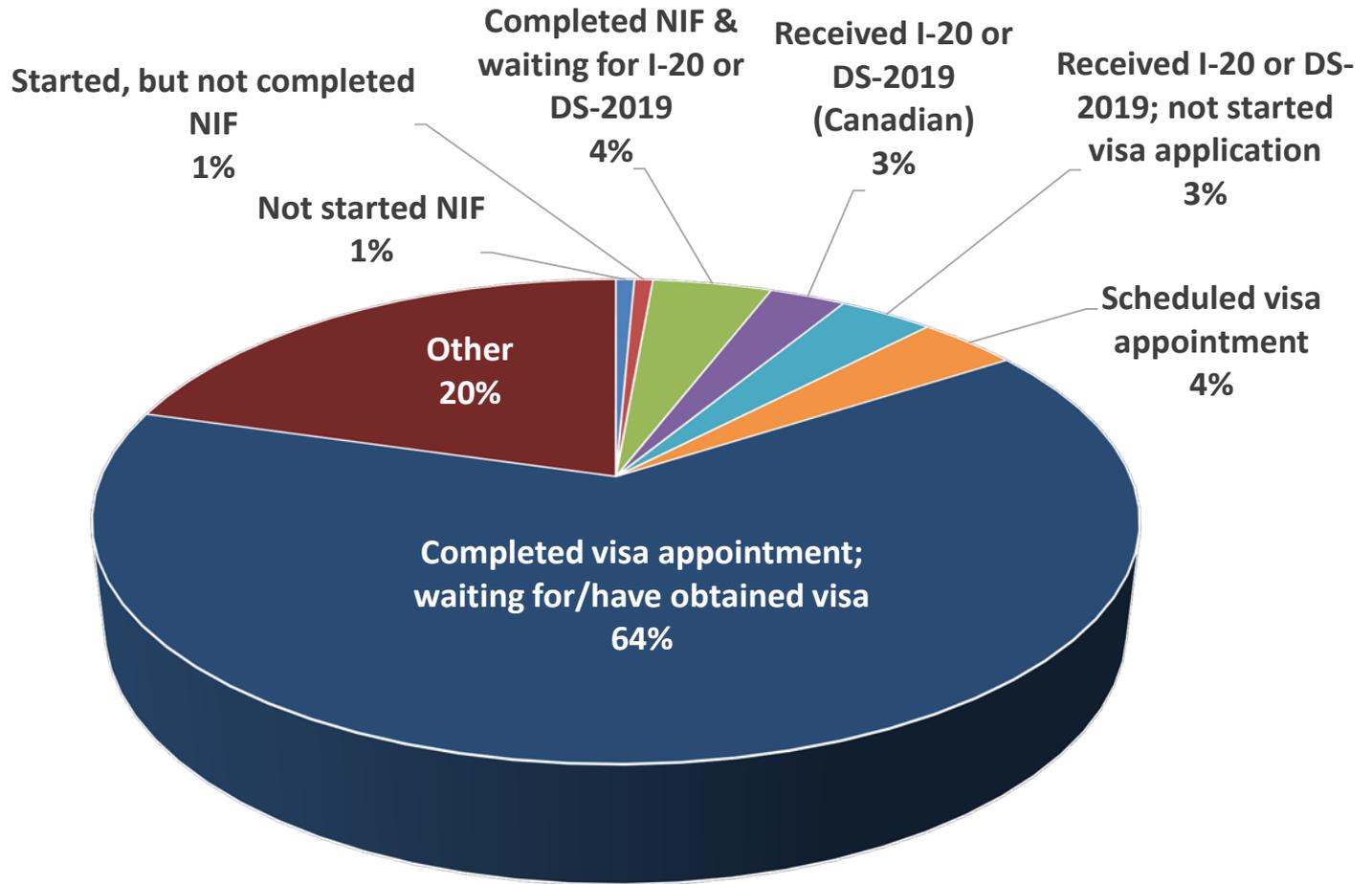
Rating on the Amount of Information Received from Berkeley International Office



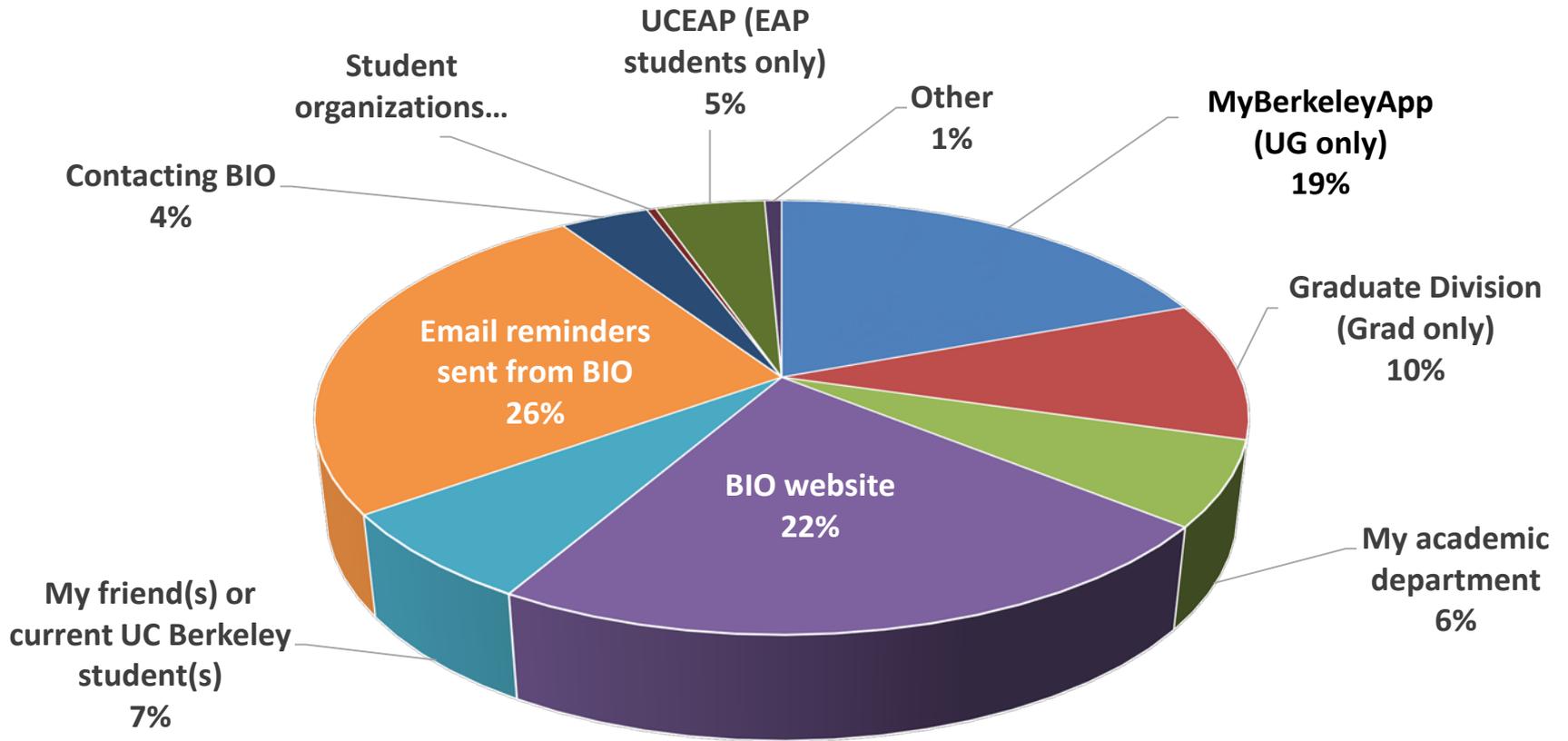
Visa Status at UC Berkeley



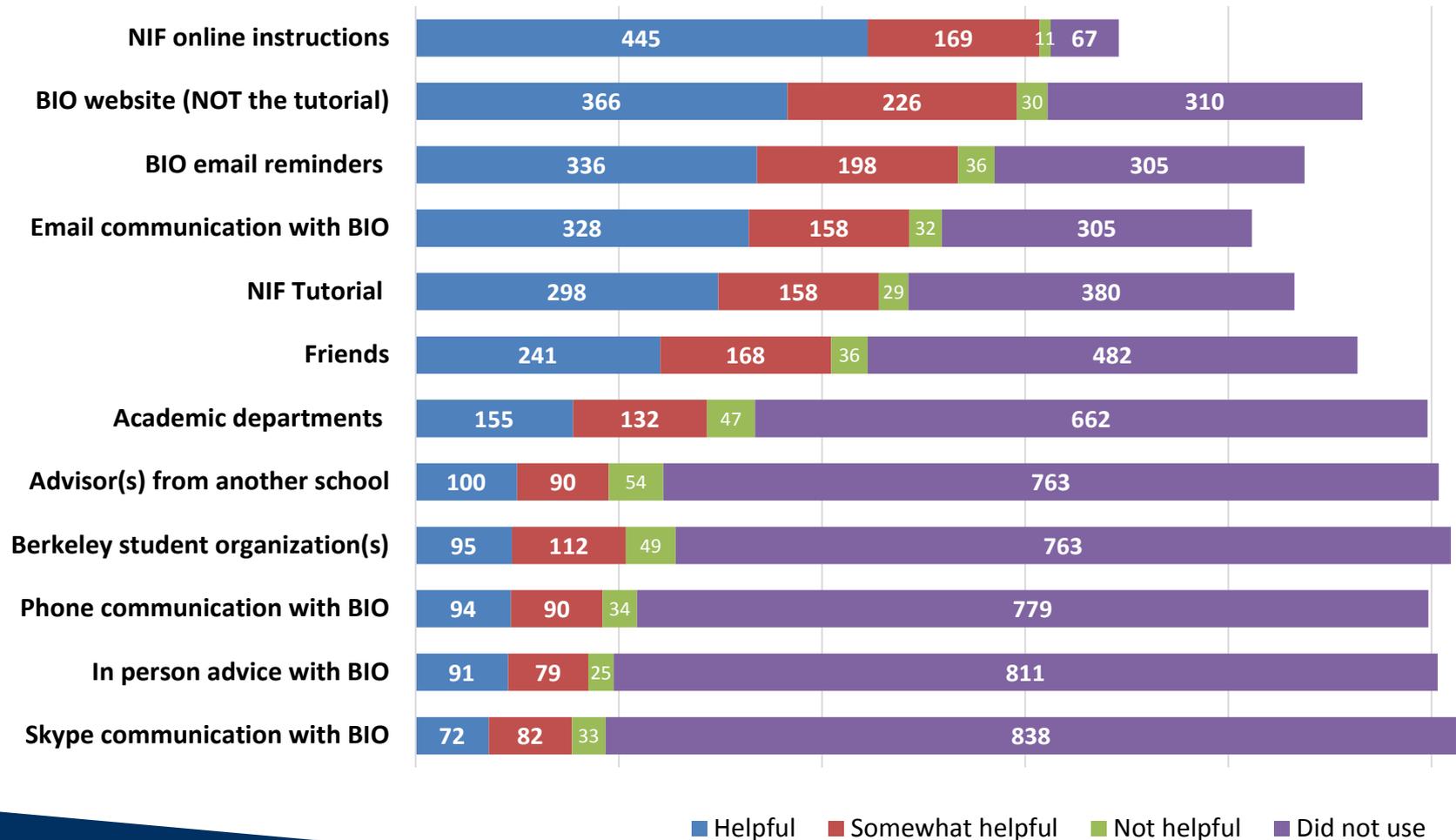
NIF and Visa Application Stage



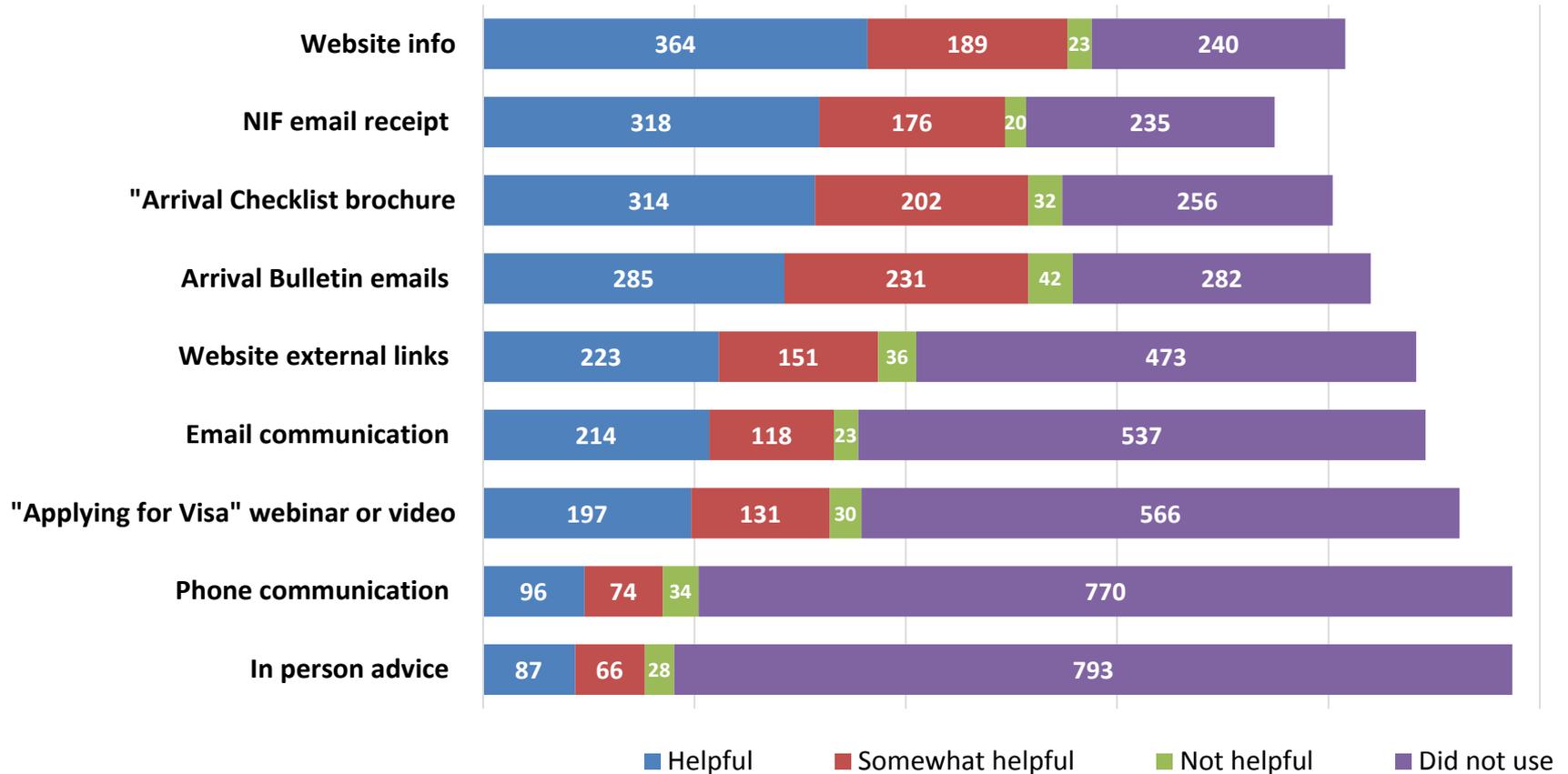
Learned about NIF Requirement from:



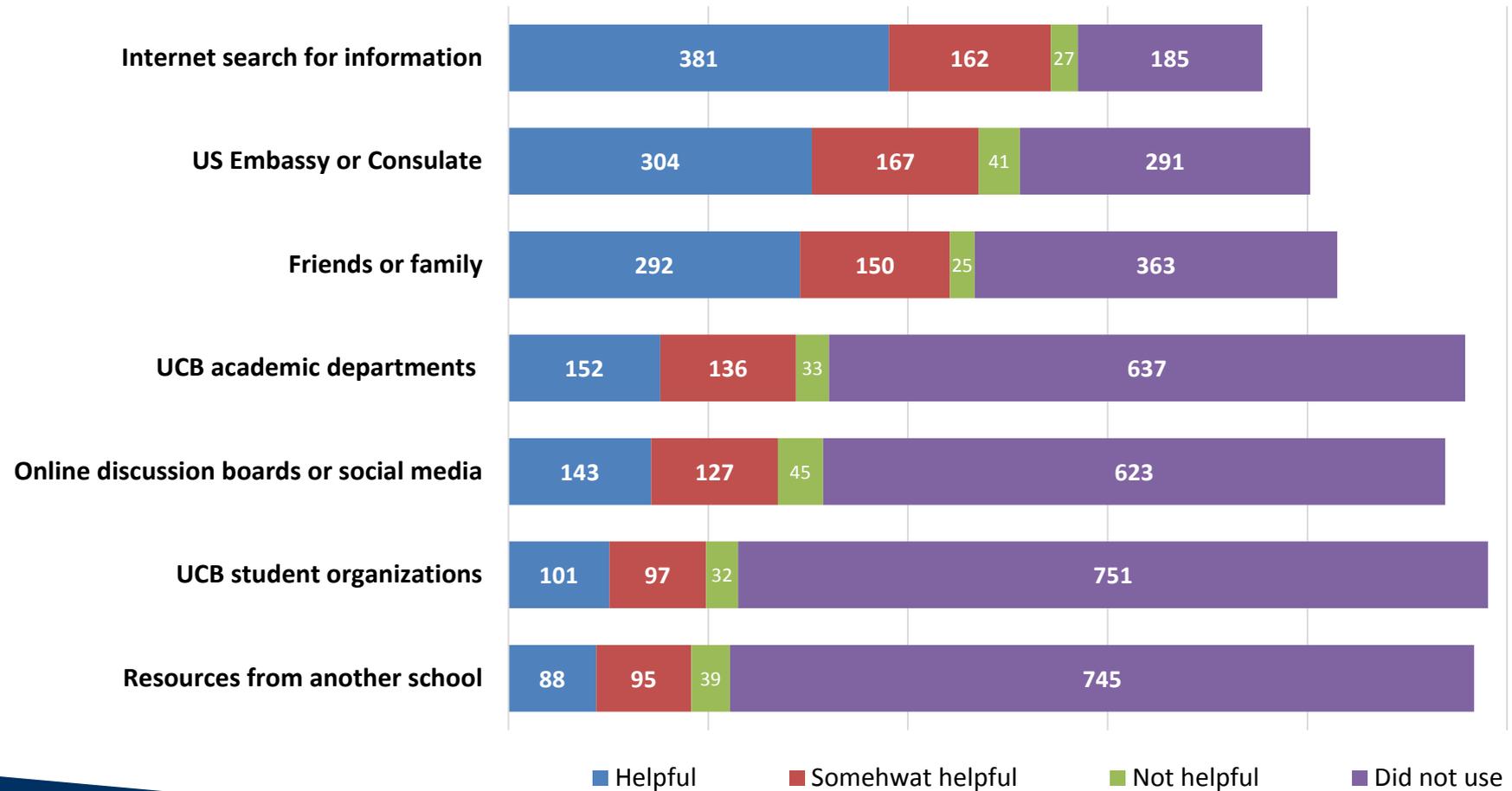
Ranking of Resources for Completing the NIF



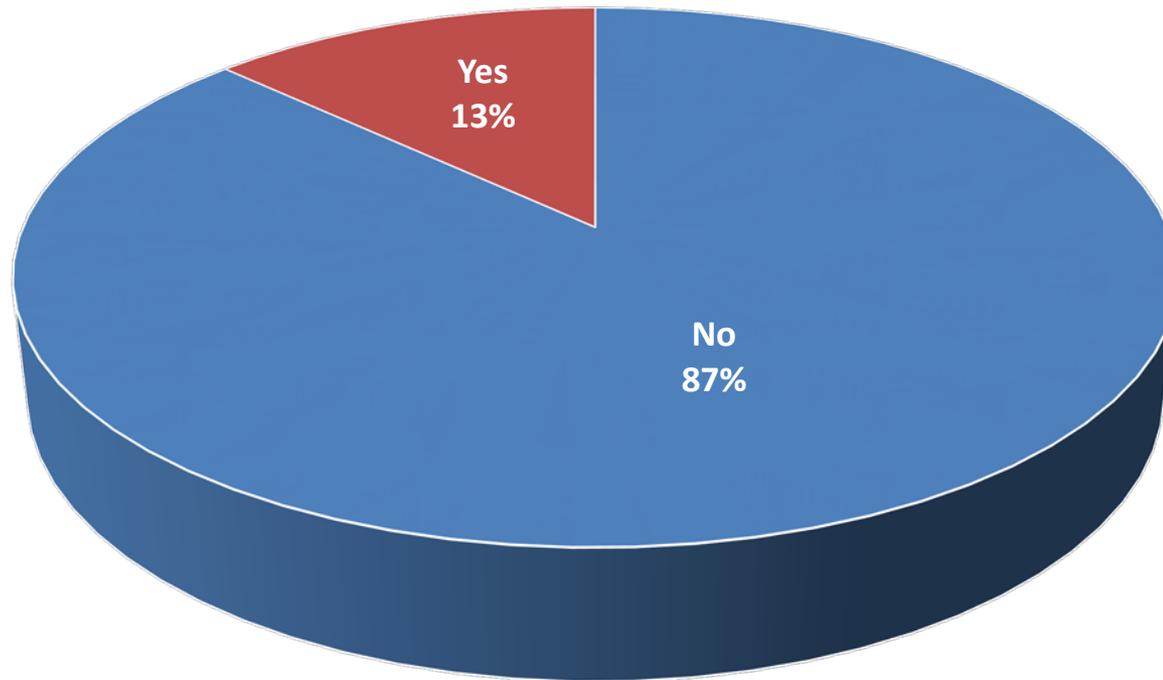
Ranking of Information from BIO for Visa Application



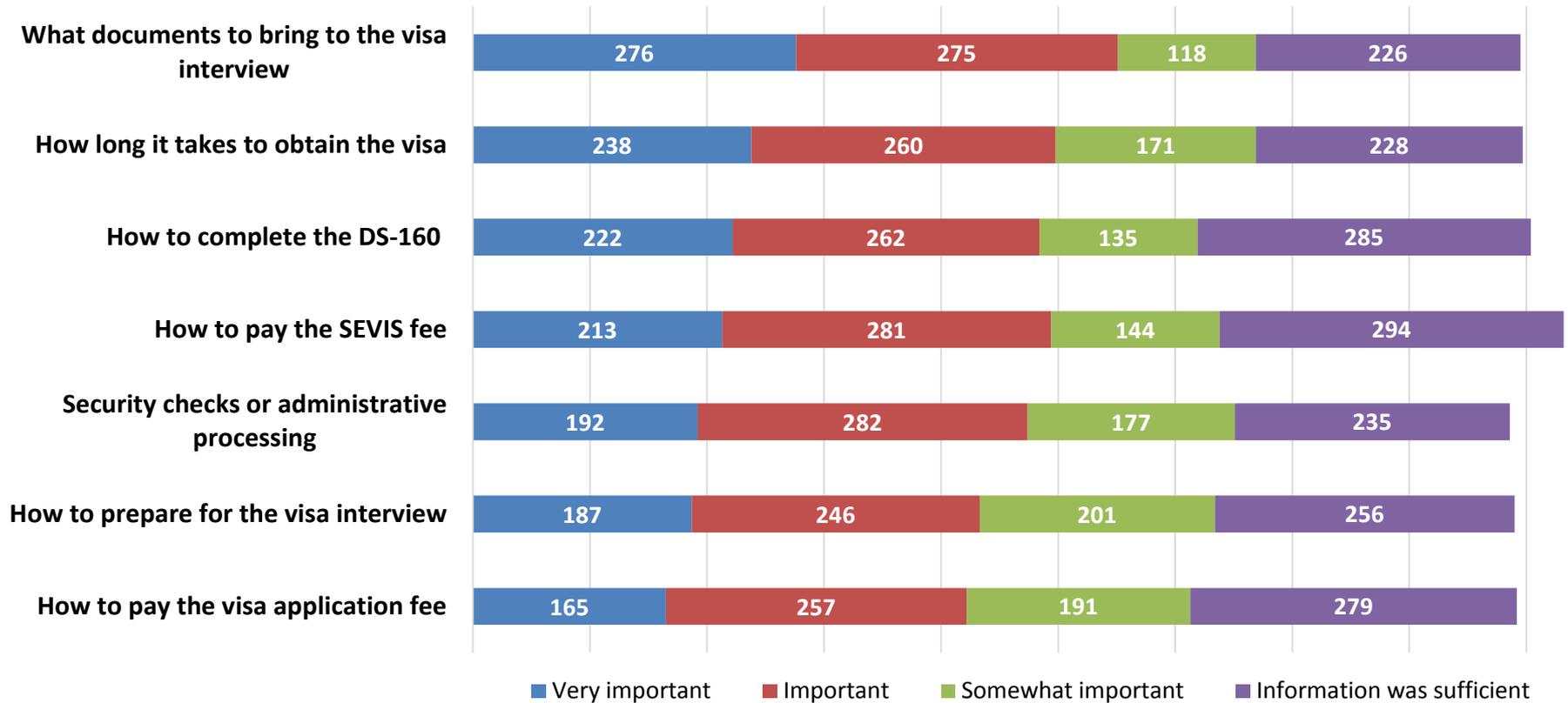
Ranking of Information from Various Sources for Visa Application



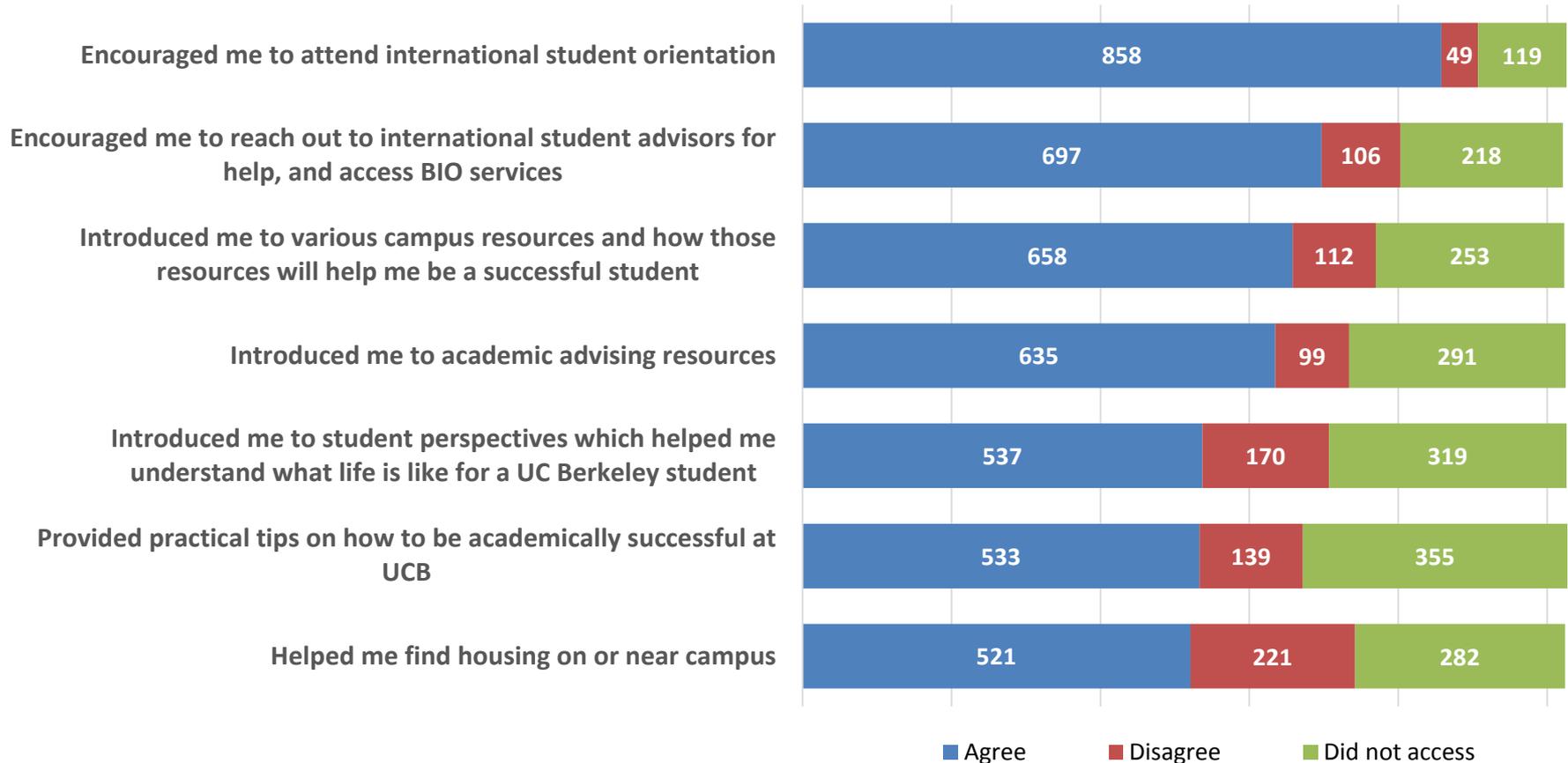
Was it challenging to find information about applying for a visa?



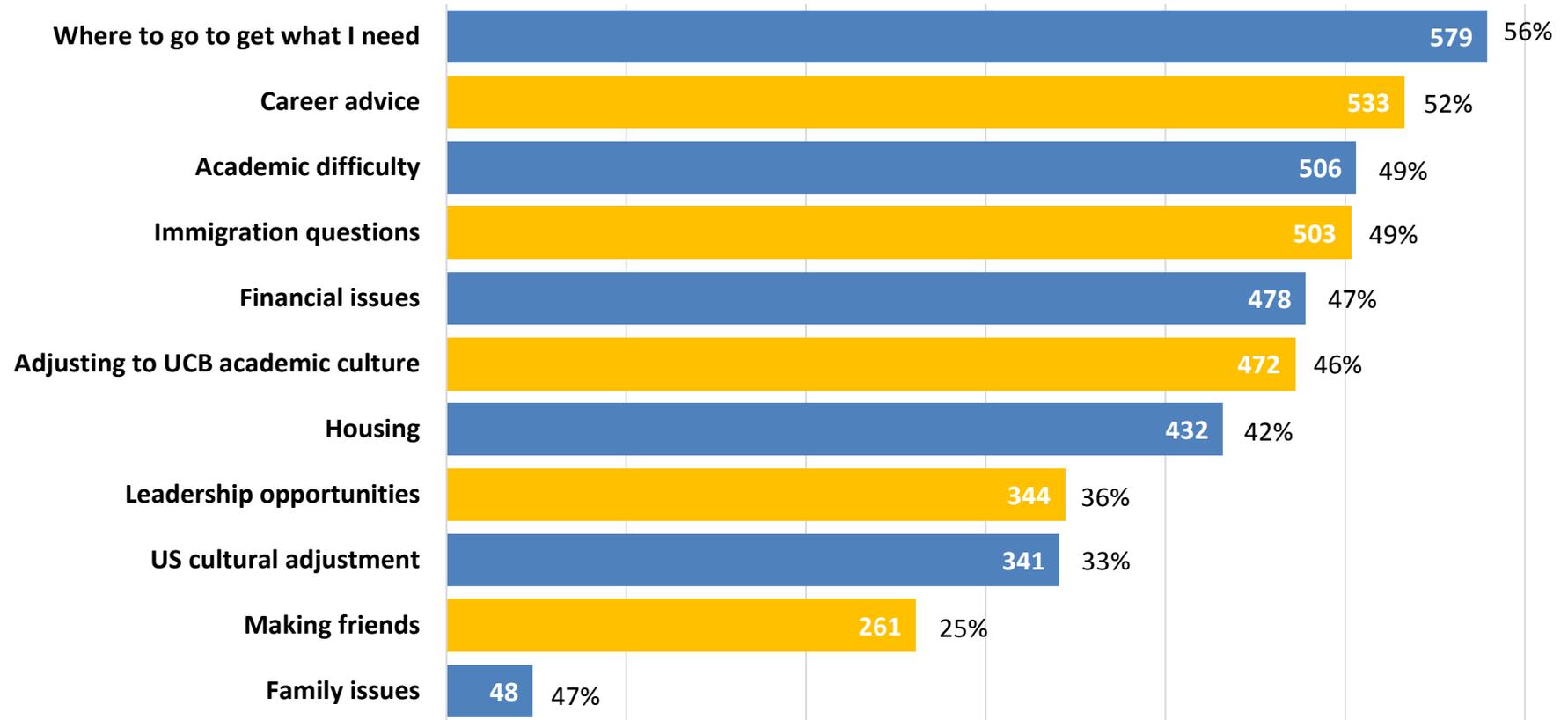
How important would it be for BIO to provide additional information on the following topics (rank)?



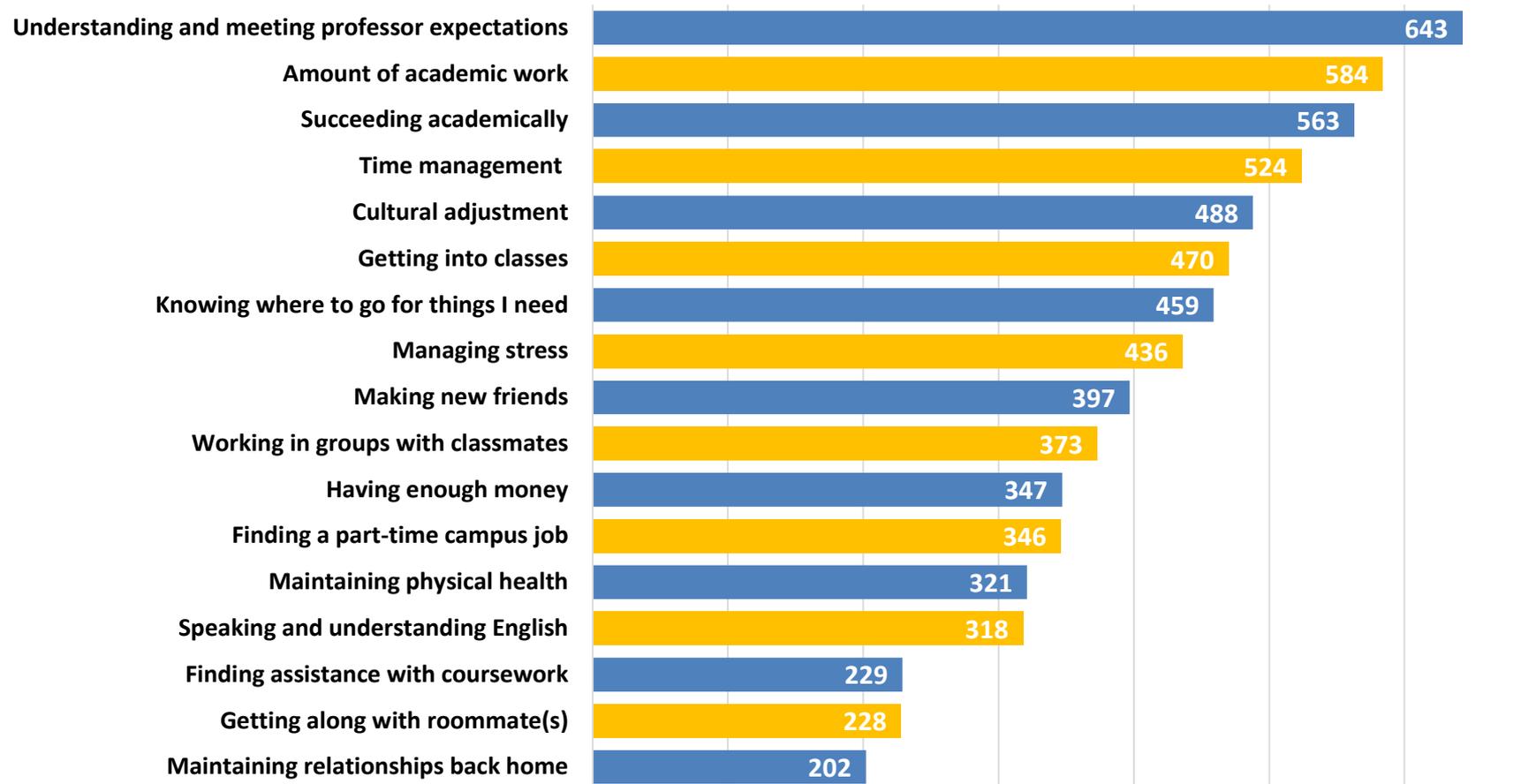
Ranking of Specific Information from Berkeley International Office



Advice Students Would Seek from Berkeley International Office



Challenges Students Expect During First Year at UCB



Other Information Desired to Prepare for UCB

Adjustment	77
Other	71
Adjusting to Local Area	56
U.S. Academic Culture	51
Choosing Classes	48
Housing	40
Finances	33
Working/Career	33
Immigration	29
Academic Requirements	24
Clubs/Leadership	15

Comments

"I hoped to get more knowledge such as signing up for classes (CalSo and Tele-bears) and moving in. I was not sure what to do half of the time, and had to email constantly to ask questions."

"I would like to know which part of campus/town should try to avoid after dark, what do pot/drug dealers/sketchy people look like, where they usually gather, what to expect from/should beware of by going to parties, rape seminars, social etiquette/dress codes for different situations."

"More first-hand advising is needed. Many international students do not arrive until mid August, and thus will miss CalSo, which is the best opportunity to get advice on classes and social experiences. It would be great if international students can hear advice and experience from students on campus, not just "official website information," which is comparably abundant."

"More targeted information on how to transfer money/pay CARS (this was very difficult and confusing, especially considering the fact that it's rather large sums of money one has to pay I'd rather have more information on how to, safely, do this)!"

"More resources on academic advising. Facilitated interaction with current peers--maybe an open forum where past and current students can post questions about academics, getting into classes."

"It would be great if BIO can arrange for someone in a student's home country to meet up with a couple students there before they leave for Berkeley. One of my greatest concerns is not being able to make a lot of friends at school because I'm quiet. Although I have already met a couple other freshmen from activities by student organizations, it would still be nice to get to know a returning student well before beginning my studies at Berkeley."