

SORBONNE UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI

INSTITUTIONAL FACT BOOK

AY 2023/2024

MESSAGE FROM THE

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

I am delighted to present Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi's fifth Institutional Fact Book for the Academic Year 2023/24. This publication captures the evolution of our university since its establishment in 2006, showcasing the milestones and achievements that have shaped our identity as we draw close to celebrating two decades of building the bridge between civilizations here in the UAE.

This Fact Book is more than a statistical report; it offers a comprehensive perspective of our strengths, challenges, and opportunities within the UAE higher education ecosystem. It provides insights into our academic and research profile, student and faculty demographics, campus facilities and activities, and strategic partners, all of which provide a deeper understanding of what makes our institution unique.

This resource has been designed to support strategic decision-making, inspire innovation, and reinforce our commitment to excellence. I encourage you to explore within to get an understanding of our trajectory and commitment to deliver on our mission and vision.

Thanks to all who contributed to this Fact Book, in particular Institutional Research whose dedication to enhancing Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi's data management and reporting allows us to project this testimony of a firm commitment by all at SUAD to building a legacy of success.



Ms Gweneth O'Gorman
Director of Corporate Services Division
Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

INSTITUTIONAL FACT BOOK

Academic Year (AY) 2023/24

This publication marks the fifth official edition of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi's Institutional Fact Book, which provides a comprehensive look at the university's journey since its founding in 2006. It offers a detailed account of institutional performance and achievements for the academic year 2023/24, serving as a valuable resource for both internal and external audiences.

Prepared by the Institutional Research within the Institutional Planning and Effectiveness Department, in close collaboration with SUAD's academic and administrative departments, this Fact Book presents a thorough analysis of the university's strengths, challenges, and growth opportunities within the UAE higher education sector.

The Fact Book includes a comprehensive collection of tables and graphs, offering comparative data on academic programmes, student demographics, faculty and staff profiles, university events, and campus facilities.

The information presented is drawn from SUAD's Student Information System (Ellucian Banner), the web portal, and other institutional databases, ensuring an accurate snapshot of the university's operational performance.

SUAD IN CONTEXT

Academic Year 2023/24

VISION

Fostering intellectual excellence, cutting-edge, multidisciplinary research and innovation, critical thinking, cultural harmony and tolerance for the benefit of society.

MISSION

Building the bridge between civilizations through excellence in education and research, uniting the renowned French model of learning and knowledge development with the vision of the UAE.

- VALUES**
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|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| • Respect | • Commitment | • Integrity |
| • Tolerance | • Ethics | • Innovation |



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Academic Year 2023/24



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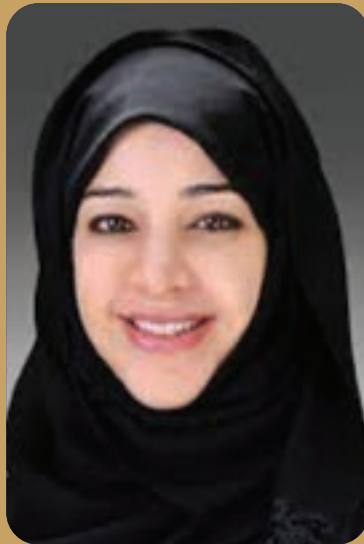
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QUICK FACTS

DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT

30 May 2006

MOTTO

"A bridge
between
civilisations"

TEACHING LANGUAGE

French, English

FACILITIES

State-of-the art teaching and recreational facilities, and on-campus accommodation across 93,000 m²

SPECIALISATIONS

Humanities, Sciences, Arts, Languages, Economy, Law, French Literature

ACADEMIC SYSTEM

European Credits Transfer System

AFFILIATIONS

Sorbonne Université and
Université Paris Cité

PATRONAGE

H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed
Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab
Emirates



QUICK FACTS

LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI)
UAE Ministry of Education (MoE)
UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA)
High Council for Evaluation of
Research and High Education (Hcéres)

LIBRARY

The University library currently has around 115,000 print books and more than 506,000 e-resources comprising books, articles and publications.

THE NEW 2024-28 STRATEGIC PLAN

The University developed a new five year plan in 2024 outlining its goals and ambitions that embody a dream to build a future where education, research and innovation drive success, cultural harmony and mutual respect.

**SUAD
STRATEGIC
PILLARS**
2024 - 2028



SUAD CURRICULUM

Academic Year 2023/24

All undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered at SUAD follow the academic curricula defined in Paris and comply with European academic standards. Each programme is overseen by a Head of Department and Head of Programme at SUAD, in addition to the Conseil d'UFR of the respective academic department at Sorbonne Université (Humanities and Sciences) and Université Paris Cité (Law, Economics, and Management), and graduates receive their final degree award from Paris.

Undergraduate degree programmes are delivered across six semesters over three years with thirty credits per semester and a total of 180 credits awarded. All undergraduate programmes are taught in French, with the exception of the Bachelor in Physics, Bachelor in Mathematics with specialisation in Data Science for Artificial Intelligence, and the Bachelor in Records Management and Archival Sciences.

For all bachelor's and master's programmes taught in English, students must provide proof of proficiency in the language (IELTS).



SUAD CURRICULUM

Academic Year 2023/24

Foundation Year

To support student’s transition to university education, SUAD offers a number of Foundation Year programmes, the duration of which is a minimum of one academic year.

- For entry to all bachelor’s programmes taught in French, students who are not fluent in French must register for the Foundation Year in Intensive French.
- For the bachelor’s programmes offered by the Department of Science and Engineering (Physics and Mathematics), students must register for the Foundation Year in Sciences.
- For the Bachelor in Records Management and Archival Sciences, students must register for the Foundation Year in Records Management and Archival Sciences, depending on their level.

Postgraduate master programmes are delivered across four semesters over two years with a maximum of 120 ECTS credits awarded. All postgraduate programmes are taught in English with the exception of the Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language.

SUAD’s Continuing Education Center (CEC) provides niche, high quality and lifelong learning programmes to empower working professionals and advance their professional goals and career prospects. CEC offers various certificate and diploma courses, such as Sorbonne French Language Courses (SELFEE), Professional certificate in Archives and Records Management, and International Programme in Sports Management.

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Department of Applied Foreign Languages	Bachelor in Applied Foreign Languages	French	6	180	3
	Master in Applied Foreign Languages: Specialty Management and International Business	English	4	120	2

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Department of Archaeology and History of Art	Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology	French	6	180	3
	Master in History of Art and Museum Studies	English	4	120	2
	Master in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	English	4	120	2

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Department of French as a Foreign Language	Foundation Year in Intensive French	French	2	0	1
	Bachelor in French Literature	French	6	180	3
Department of French Studies	Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language	French	4	120	2

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Department of Geography and Planning	Bachelor of Geography and Planning	French	6	180	3
	Master in Environment: Dynamics of Territories and Societies*	English	4	120	2
	Master in Urban Planning and Development	English	4	120	2

*The Master in Environment: Dynamics of Territories and Societies programme was discontinued in AY 2023/24

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Department of History	Foundation Year in Records Management and Archival Science	English	2	0	1
	Bachelor in History	French	6	180	3
	Bachelor in Records Management and Archival Science	English	6	180	3
	Master in Records Management and Archival Studies	English	4	120	2

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Department of Law, Economics and Management	Bachelor in Economics and Management	French	6	180	3
	Bachelor in Law	French	6	180	3
	Master in Banking and Finance	English	4	120	2
	Master in Environmental Sustainability: Law and Policies	English	4	120	2
	Master in Health Economics	English	4	120	2
	Master in International Business Law	English	4	120	2
	Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy	English	4	120	2

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Marketing, Management, Communication and Media (MMCM)	Master in Marketing, Management, Communication, Media	English	3	120	1.5

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Department of Philosophy and Sociology	Double Bachelor in Philosophy and Sociology	French	6	180	3
	Master in Applied Sociological Research	English	4	120	2

Department	Programme Title	Language	Semesters	Credit (ECTS)	Duration (# years)
Department of Sciences and Engineering	Foundation Year in Sciences	English	2	0	1
	Bachelor in Mathematics Specialisation in Data Science for Artificial Intelligence	English	6	180	3
	Bachelor in Physics	English	6	180	3
	Master in Physics Specialisation in Non-Destructive Characterisation with Applications for Cultural Heritage	English	4	120	2

ACCREDITATION

Academic Year 2023/24

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi operates under the administration of the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) and the academic leadership of Sorbonne Université.

The degrees offered by SUAD are issued in France and accredited by the French Higher Council for Research and High Education (Hcéres) in France every 4 years.

The Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the UAE Ministry of Education also accredits SUAD programmes. As of November 2023, all twenty-six academic programmes delivered at SUAD were accredited by the CAA.

SUAD programmes have the added advantage of worldwide recognition thanks to the fact that they follow the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System and are therefore recognised under the Bologna Accord.

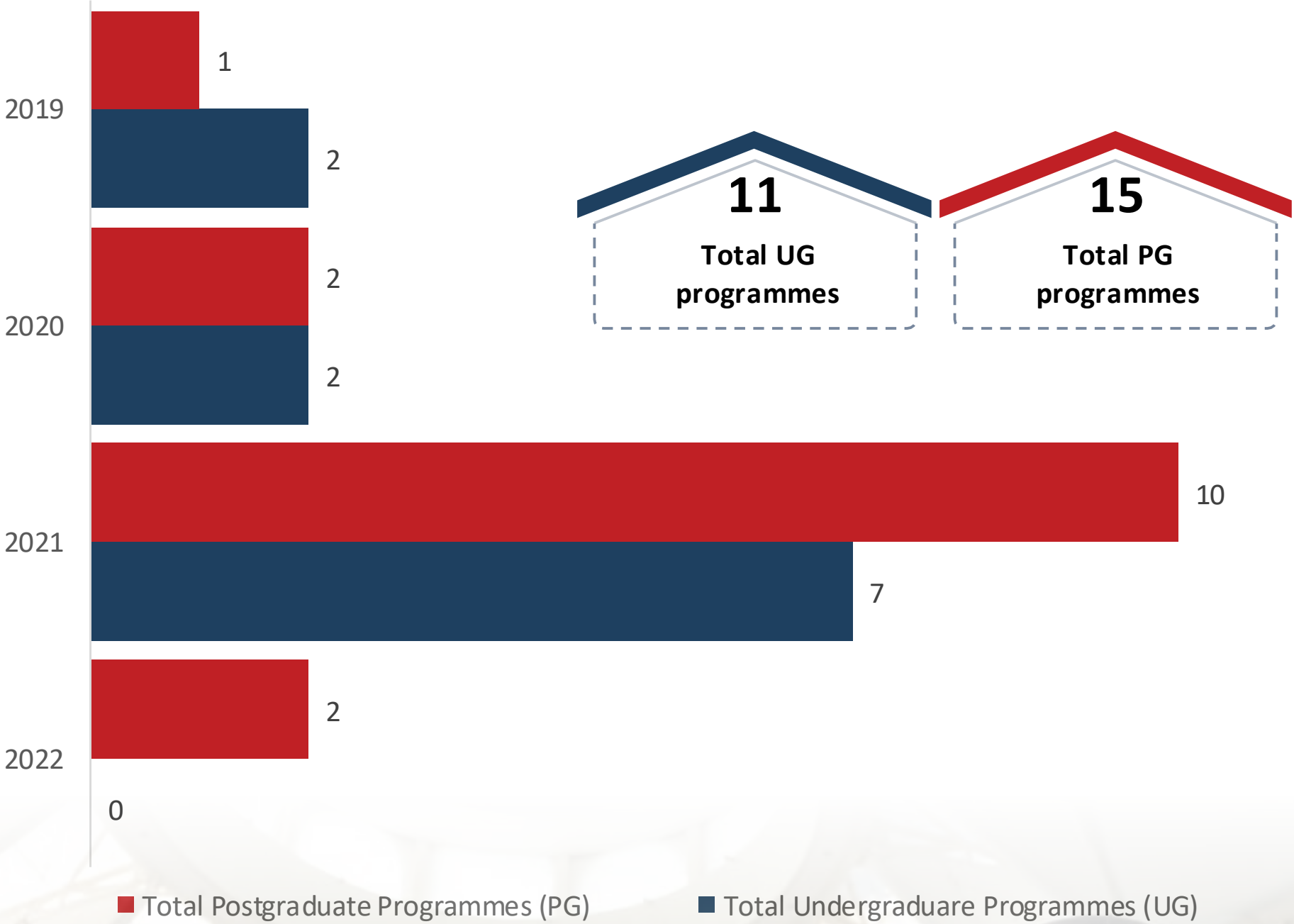


ACCREDITATION

Academic Year 2023/24

Accreditation Date	Programme Title
04/04/2019	BACHELOR OF PHYSICS
08/04/2019	DOUBLE BACHELOR IN PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY
08/04/2019	MASTER IN APPLIED SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH
04/29/2020	BACHELOR IN ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
04/29/2020	MASTER IN BANKING AND FINANCE
04/29/2020	MASTER IN HEALTH ECONOMICS
08/18/2020	BACHELOR IN RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVAL SCIENCE
01/06/2021	BACHELOR IN APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES
01/06/2021	BACHELOR IN FRENCH LITERATURE
01/06/2021	BACHELOR IN HISTORY
01/06/2021	BACHELOR IN HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY
01/06/2021	MASTER IN APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES: SPECIALTY MANAGEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
01/06/2021	MASTER IN HISTORY OF ART AND MUSEUM STUDIES
01/06/2021	MASTER IN MARKETING MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION MEDIA
01/06/2021	MASTER IN TEACHING FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE
04/15/2021	BACHELOR IN MATHEMATICS SPECIALISATION IN DATA SCIENCE FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
09/09/2021	BACHELOR IN LAW
09/09/2021	MASTER IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: LAW AND POLICIES
09/09/2021	MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW
09/09/2021	MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL LAW INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY
10/28/2021	BACHELOR OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING
10/28/2021	MASTER IN ENVIRONMENT: DYNAMICS OF TERRITORIES AND SOCIETIES
10/28/2021	MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
12/16/2021	MASTER IN RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVAL STUDIES
04/29/2022	MASTER IN PHYSICS SPECIALIZATION IN NON-DESTRUCTIVE CHARACTERIZATION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE
06/17/2022	MASTER IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

CAA Accreditation of programmes

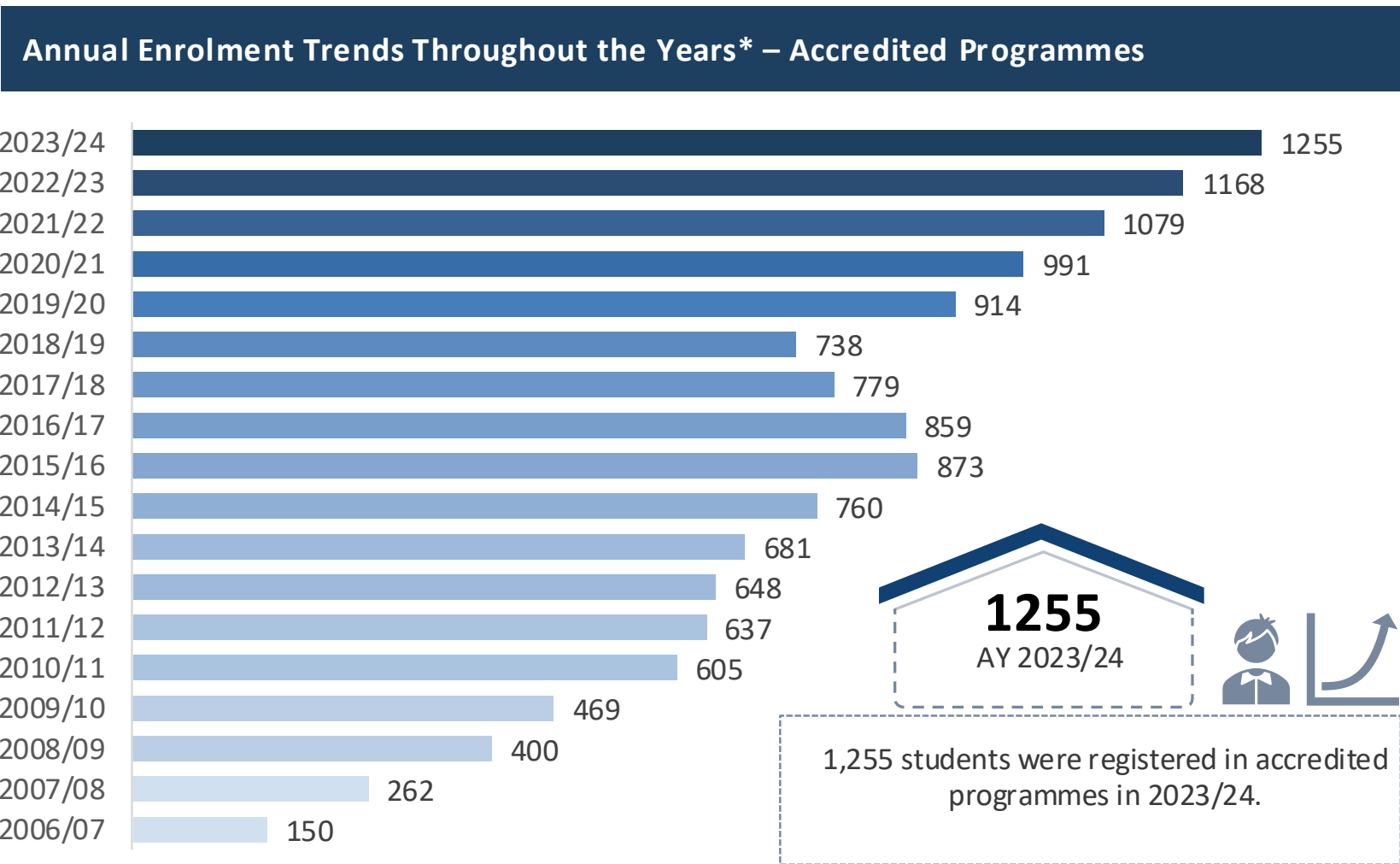


STUDENTS AND STUDENTS SUPPORT

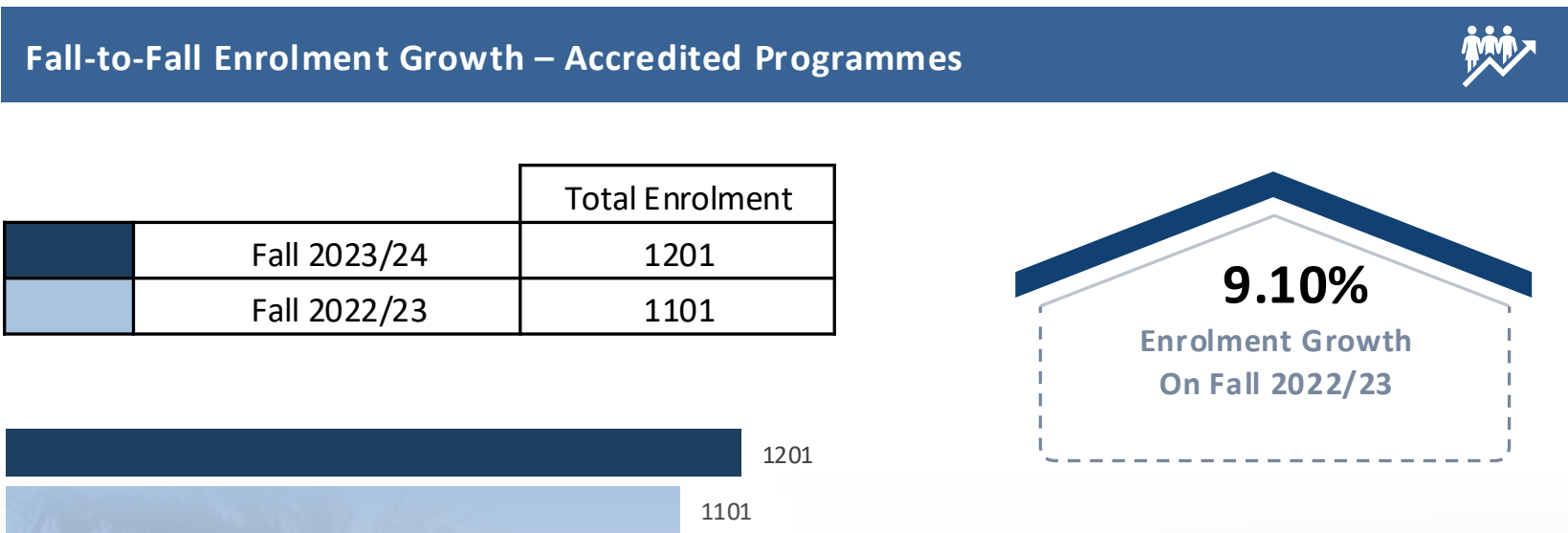


CAA Accredited Programmes

Annual statistics show a consistent increase in student enrolment, from 150 students in the 2006/07 academic year to 1,255 students in CAA-accredited programmes for 2023/24. This growth highlights the continued expansion and success of the institution.



*This figure includes both Fall and Spring intakes

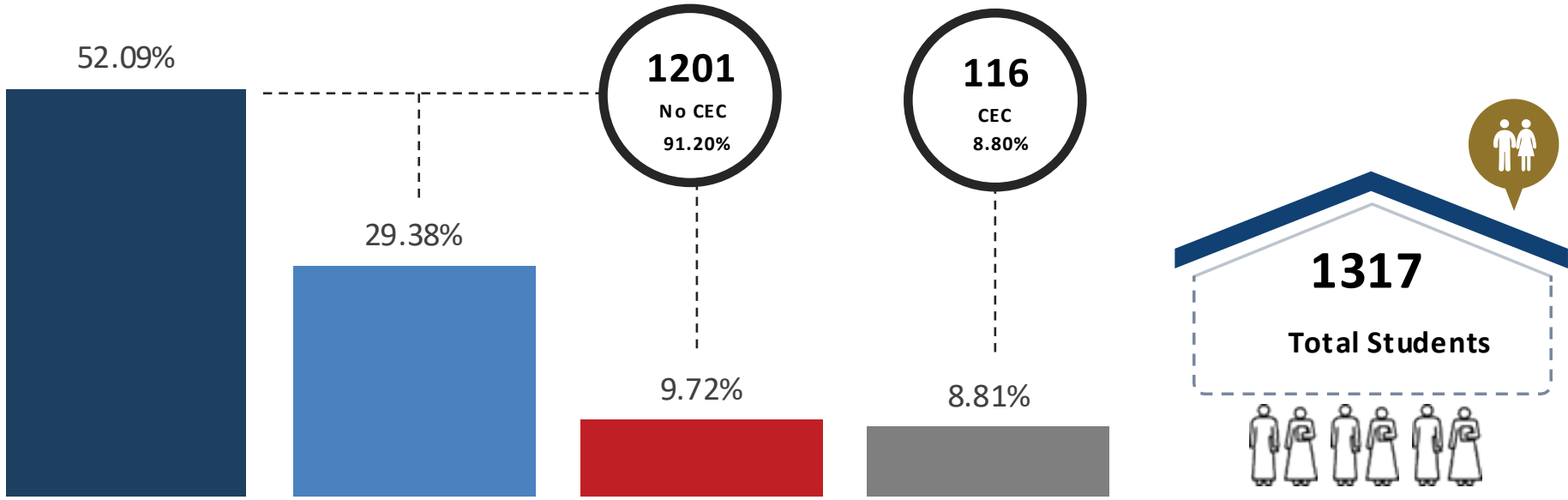


Enrolment by Degree
Fall 2023/24

The figures below include lifelong learning programmes.

	Number of Students
BACHELOR	686
FOUNDATION (FN)	387
MASTER	128
TOTAL	1201

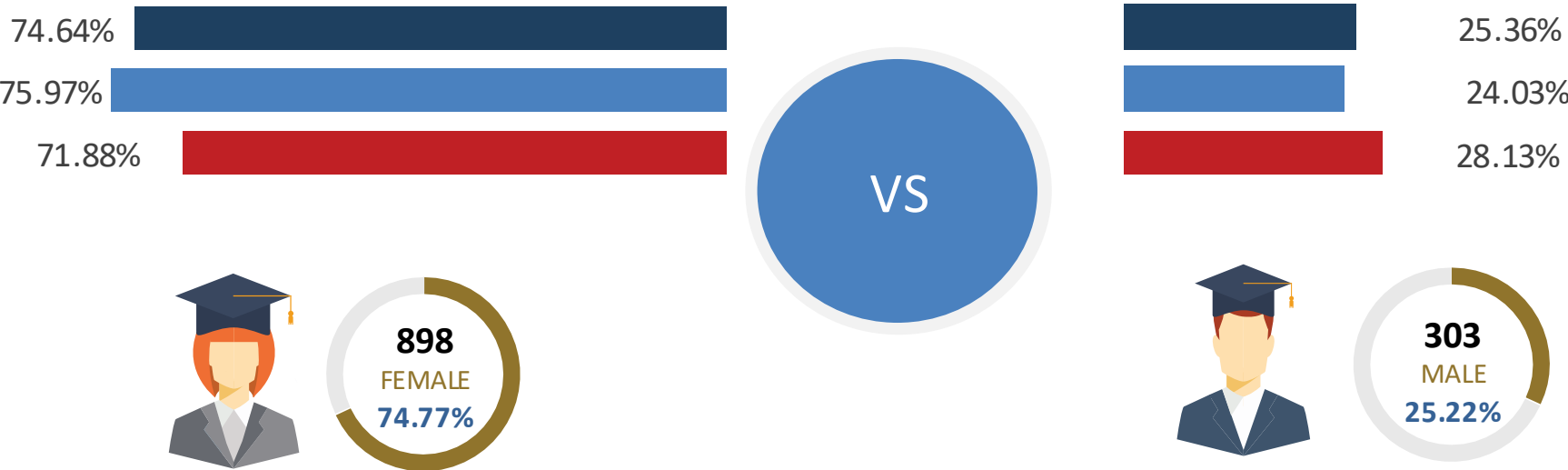
CEC *Including Sports and Intensive French Diploma	116
TOTAL	1317



Enrolment by Gender

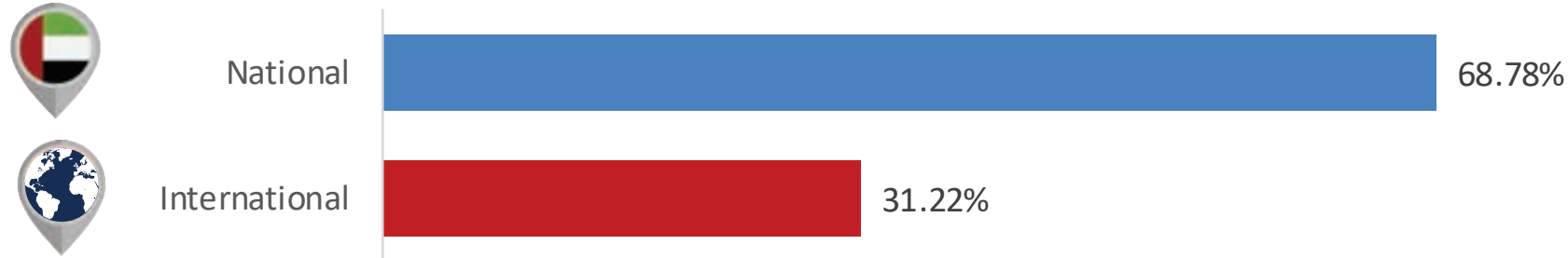
This figure excludes lifelong learning programmes.

	Total Female	Total Male
BACHELOR	512	174
FOUNDATION (FN)	294	93
MASTER	92	36
TOTAL	898	303



Enrolment by Nationality
Fall 2023/24

	Nationality	Number of Students	Percentage
	National Students	826	68.78%
	International Students	375	31.22%
	Total	1201	100%



2023/24 Total Nationalities	65
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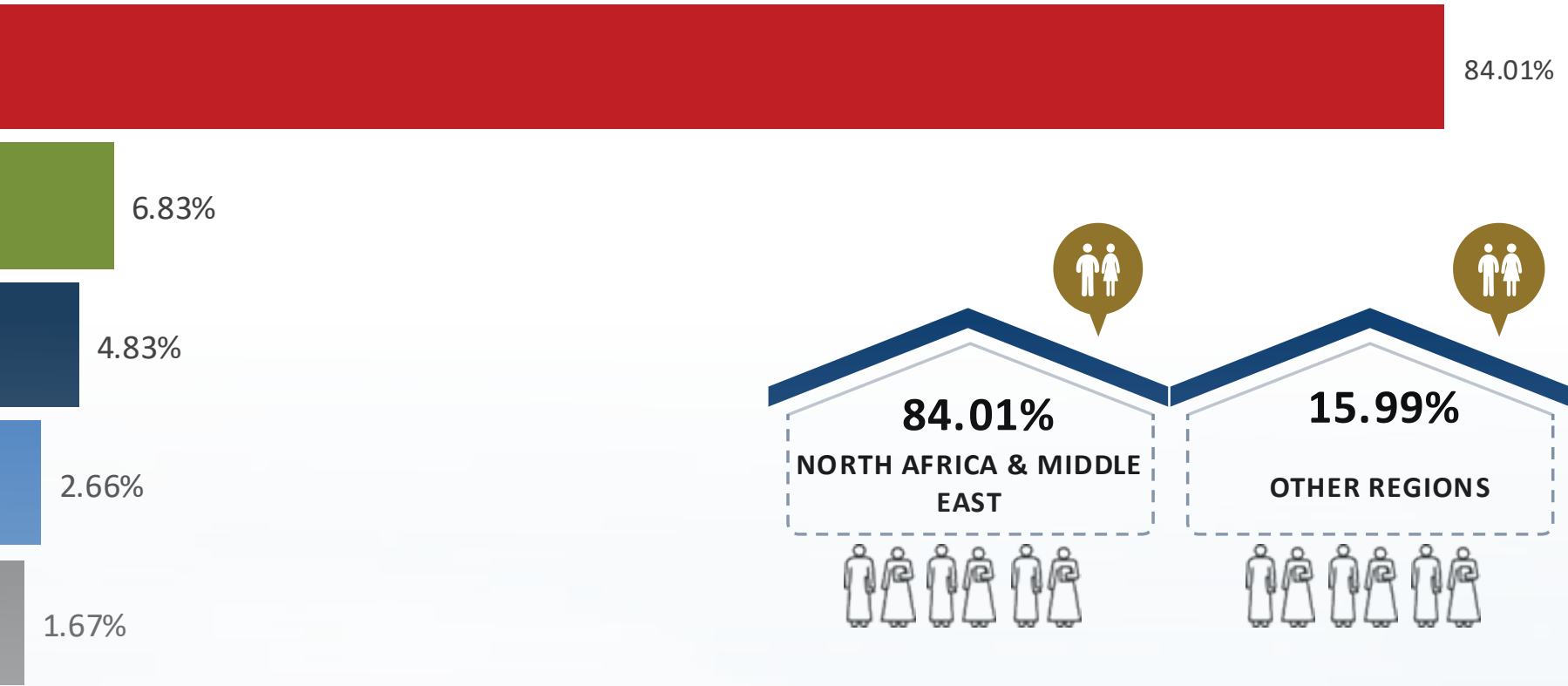
Top 5 Nationalities of Enrolled Students



Enrolment by Region

Fall 2023/24

	Number of Students
NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	1009
EUROPE	82
AFRICA	58
ASIA & OCEANIA	32
AMERICAS	20
TOTAL	1201



Undergraduates by Region

Fall 2023/24

	Number of Students
NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	915
EUROPE	67
AFRICA	50
ASIA & OCEANIA	27
AMERICAS	14
TOTAL	1073



Postgraduates by Region

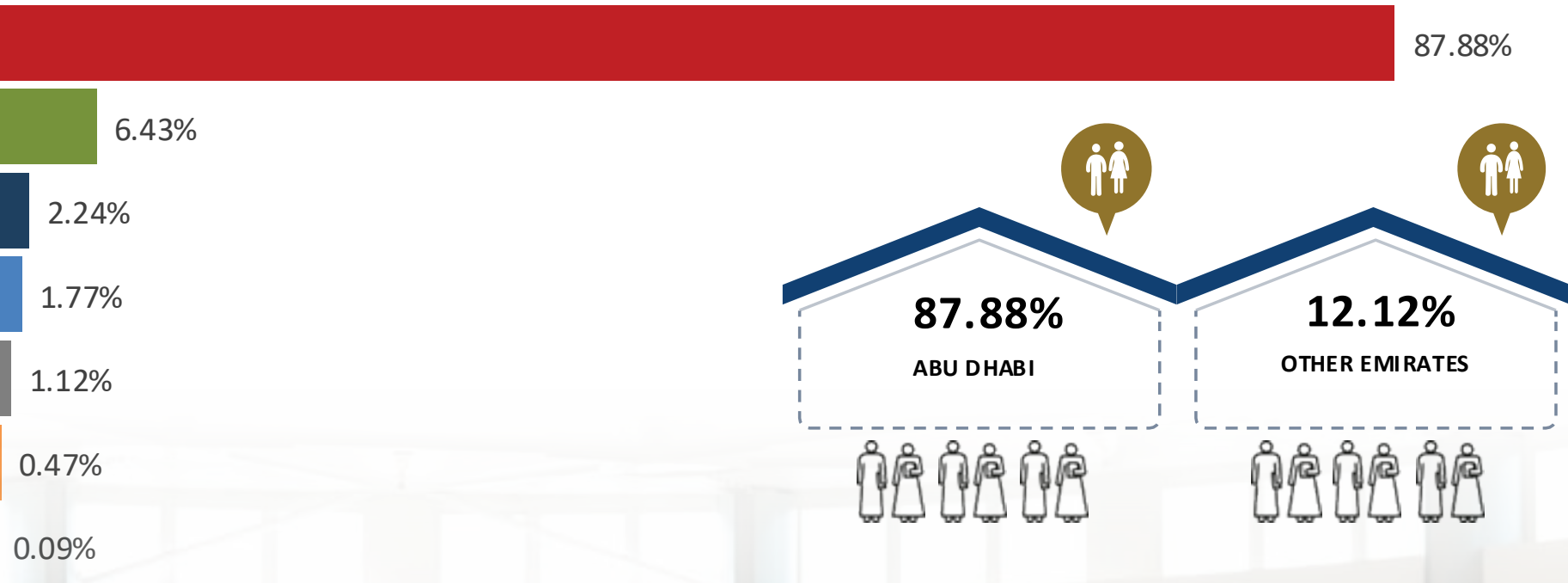
Fall 2023/24

	Number of Students
NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	94
EUROPE	15
AFRICA	8
ASIA & OCEANIA	5
AMERICAS	6
TOTAL	128



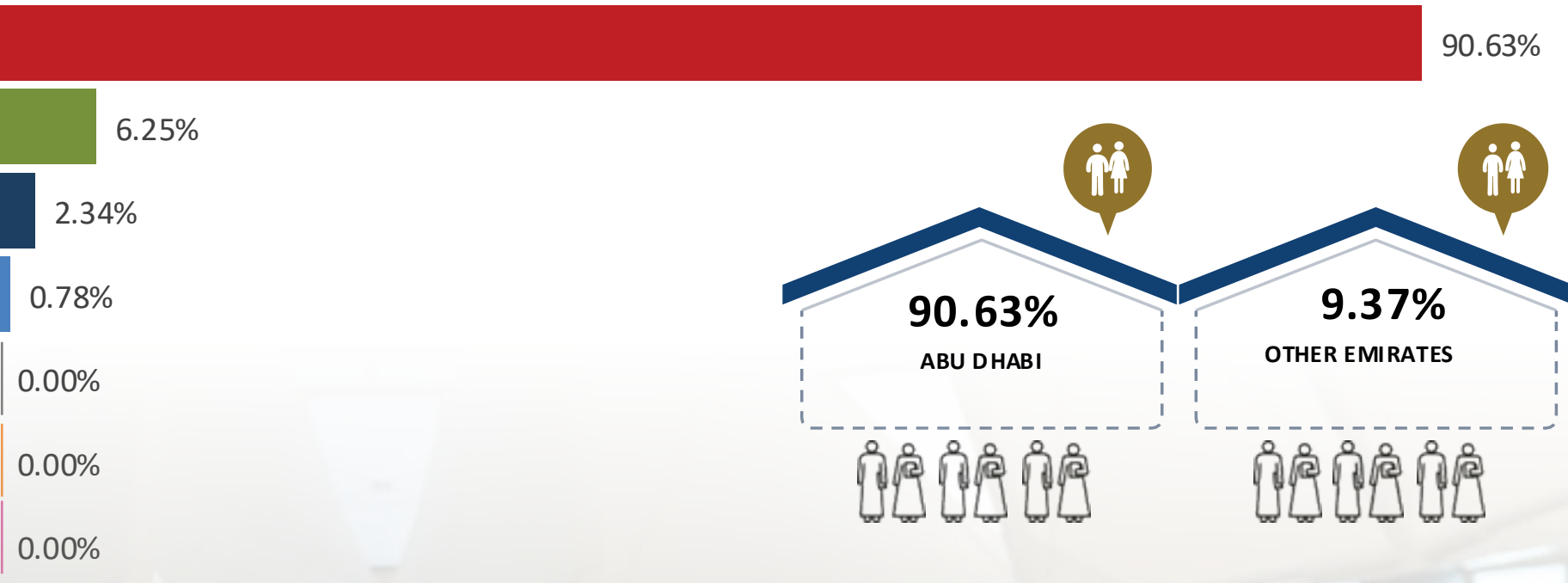
Undergraduates Enrolment by Home Emirate
Fall 2023/24

	Number of Students
ABU DHABI	943
DUBAI	69
SHARJAH	24
RAS AL KHAIMAH	19
FUJAIRAH	12
AJMAN	5
UMM AL QUWAIN	1
TOTAL	1073



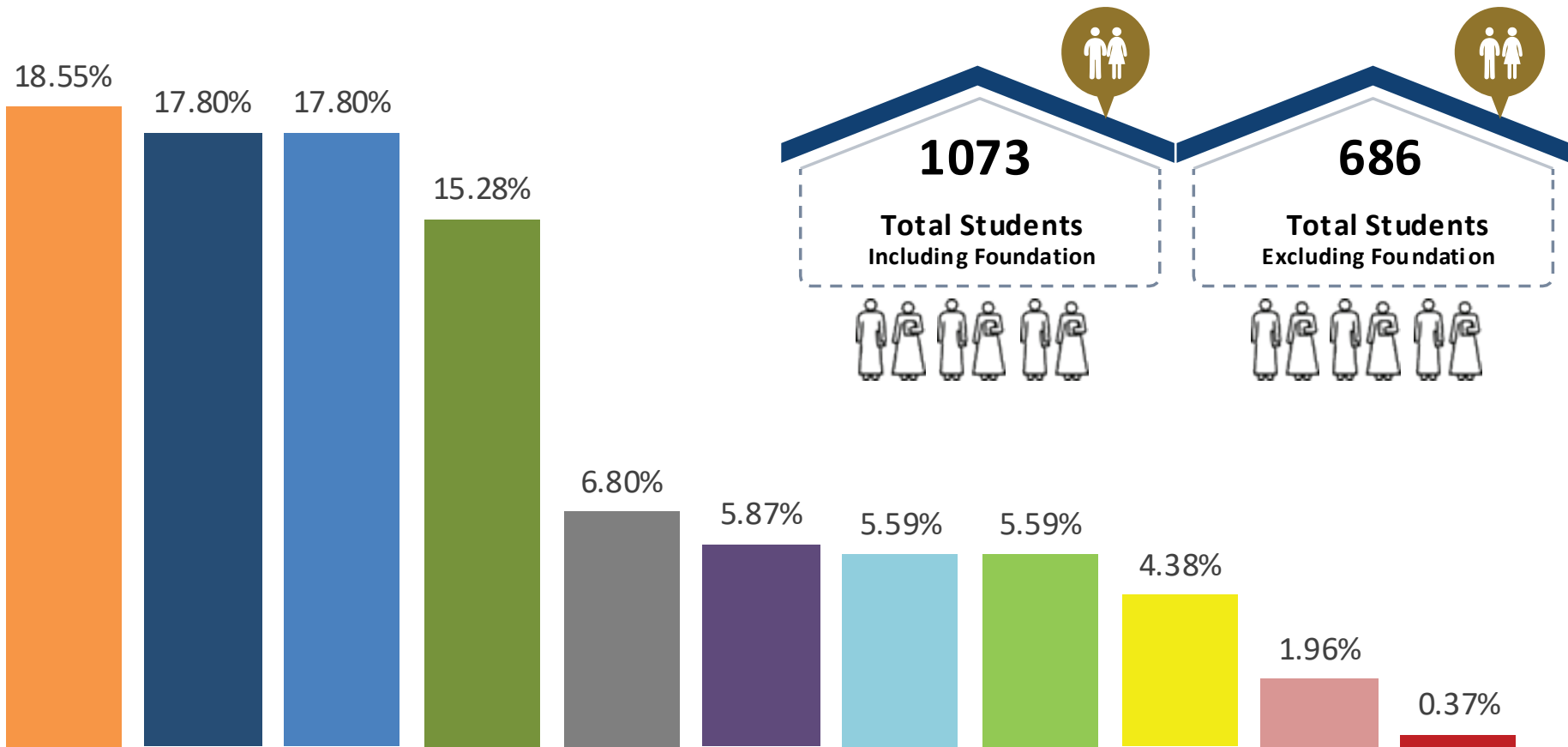
Postgraduates Enrolment by Home Emirate
Fall 2023/24

	Number of Students
ABU DHABI	116
DUBAI	8
SHARJAH	3
RAS AL KHAIMAH	1
FUJAIRAH	0
AJMAN	0
UMM AL QUWAIN	0
TOTAL	128



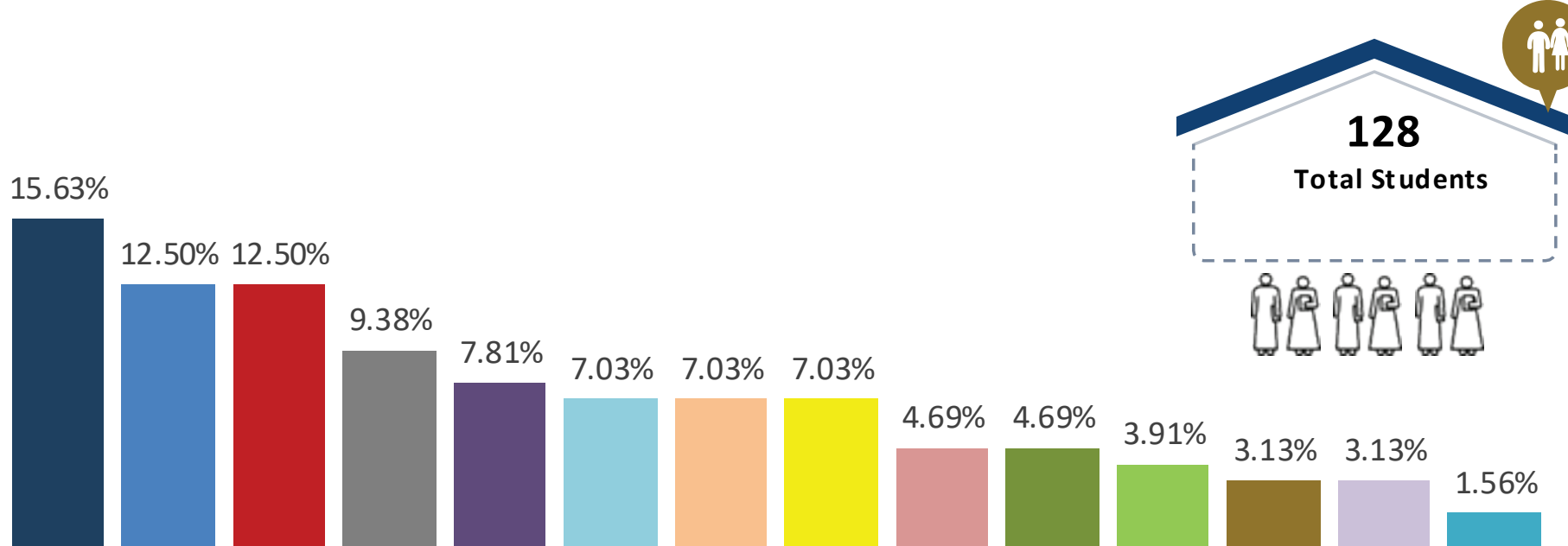
Undergraduates by Programme
Fall 2023/24

		Number of Students	
		All	Excluding FN
	BACHELOR IN LAW	199	131
	BACHELOR IN APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES	191	128
	BACHELOR IN RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVAL SCIENCE	191	130
	BACHELOR IN ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT	164	105
	BACHELOR IN MATHEMATICS, SPECIALISATION IN DATA SCIENCE FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	73	27
	BACHELOR OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING	63	42
	BACHELOR IN HISTORY	60	44
	DOUBLE BACHELOR IN PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY	60	34
	BACHELOR IN HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY	47	27
	BACHELOR OF PHYSICS	21	15
	BACHELOR IN FRENCH LITERATURE	4	3
	TOTAL	1073	686



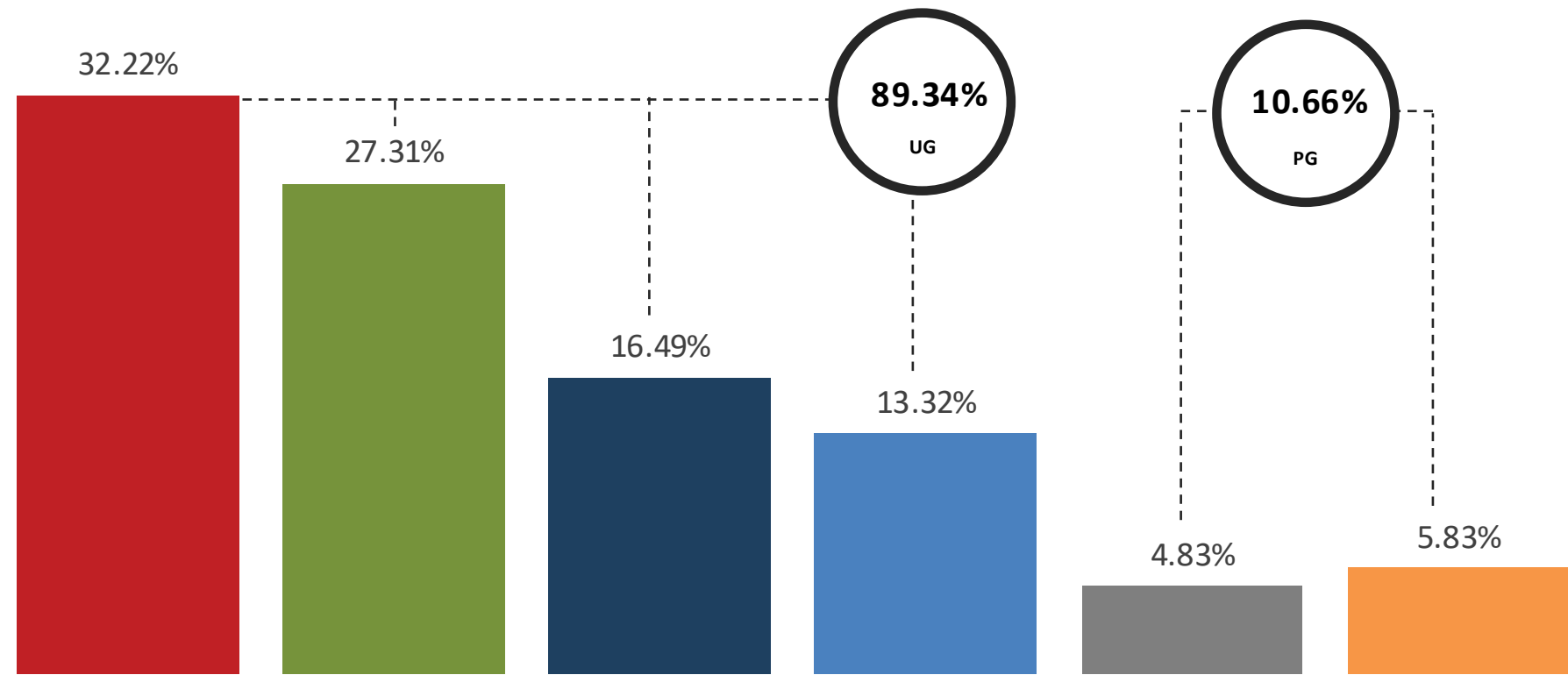
Postgraduates by Programme
Fall 2023/24

		Number of Students
	MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY	20
	MASTER IN APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES: SPECIALTY MANAGEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	16
	MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW	16
	MASTER IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: LAW AND POLICIES	12
	MASTER IN HISTORY OF ART AND MUSEUM STUDIES	10
	MASTER IN BANKING AND FINANCE	9
	MASTER IN APPLIED SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH	9
	MASTER IN HEALTH ECONOMICS	9
	MASTER IN MARKETING, MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION, MEDIA	6
	MASTER IN TEACHING FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE	6
	MASTER IN RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVAL STUDIES	5
	MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	4
	MASTER IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE	4
	MASTER IN ENVIRONMENT: DYNAMICS OF TERRITORIES AND SOCIETIES	2
	TOTAL	128



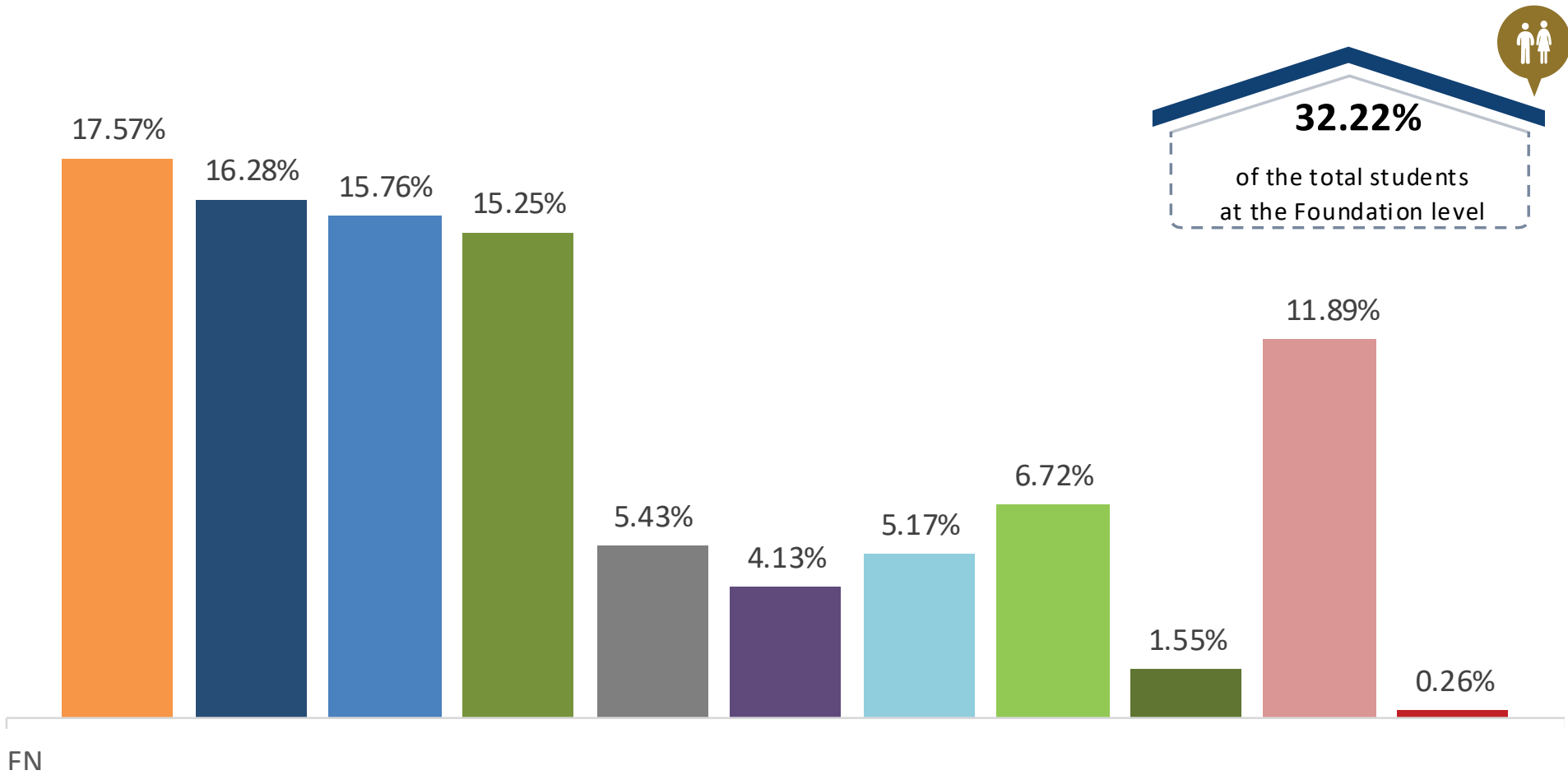
Students by Level
Fall 2023/24

	Number of Students
Foundation (FN)	387
Undergraduates (UG) - Level 1 (L1)	328
Undergraduates - Level 2 (L2)	198
Undergraduates - Level 3 (L3)	160
Postgraduates (PG) - Year 1 (M1)	58
Postgraduates - Year 2 (M2)	70
TOTAL	1201

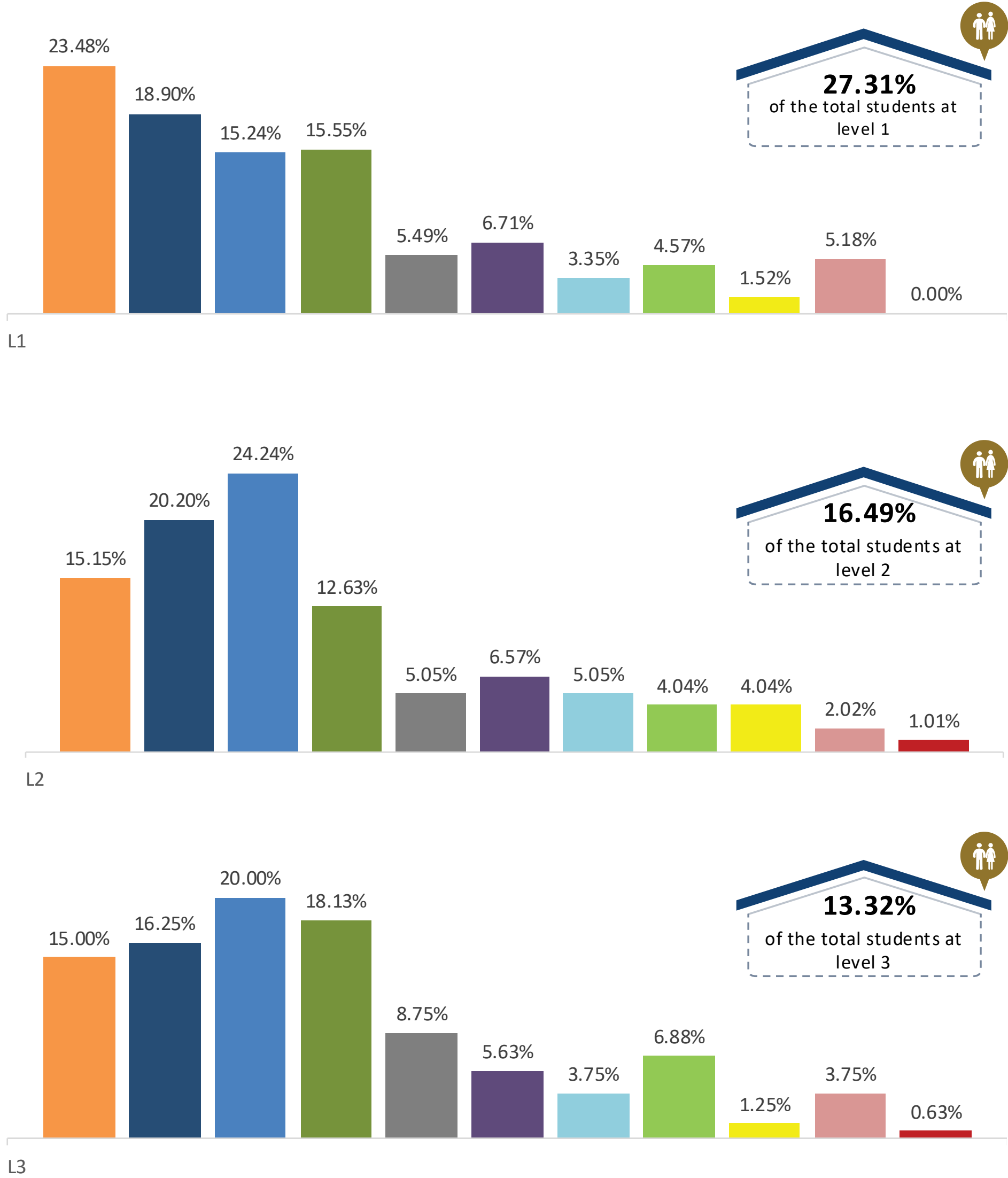


Undergraduates by Level
Fall 2023/24

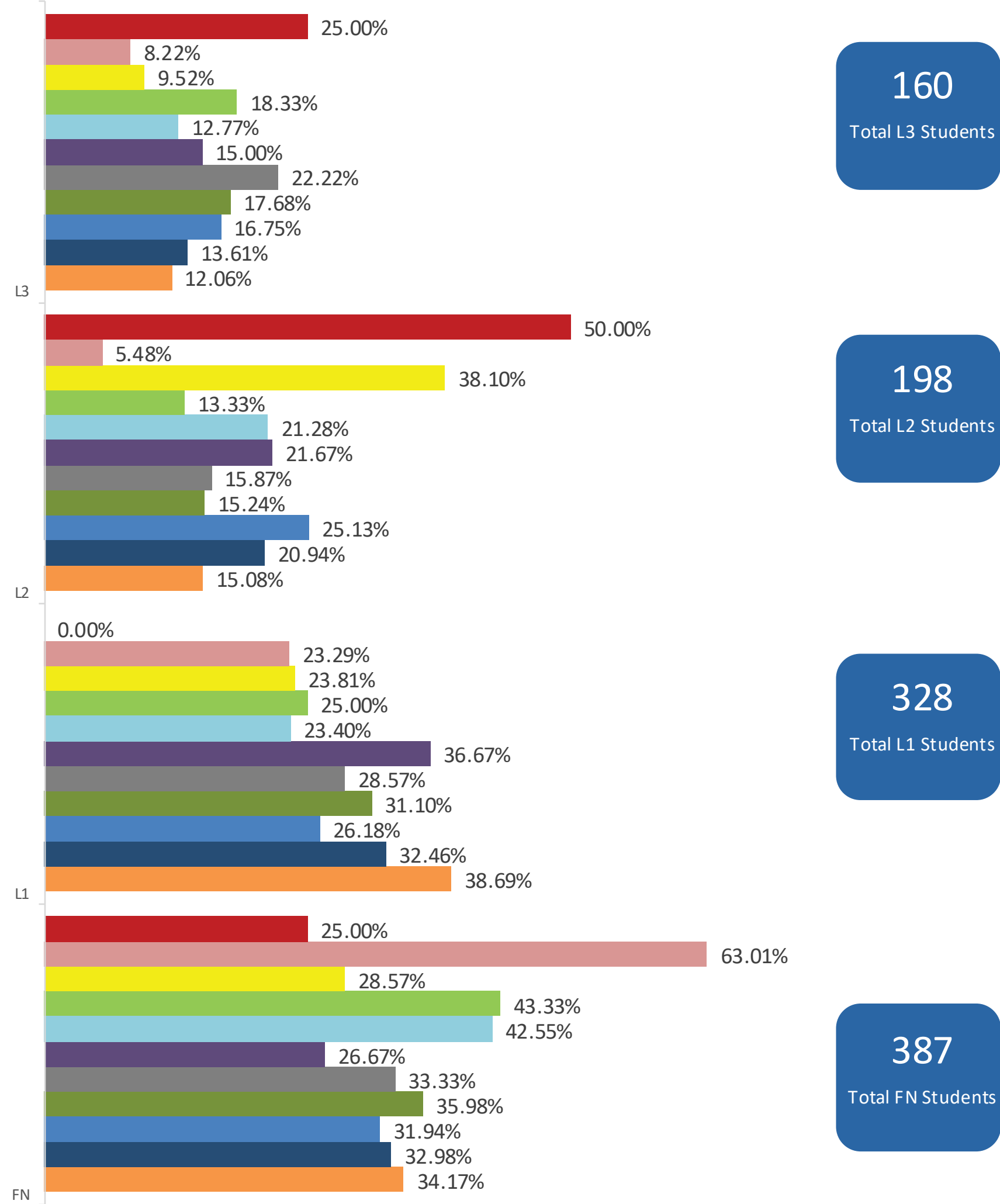
	FN	L1	L2	L3
BACHELOR IN LAW	68	77	30	24
BACHELOR IN APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES	63	62	40	26
BACHELOR IN RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVAL SCIENCE	61	50	48	32
BACHELOR IN ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT	59	51	25	29
BACHELOR OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING	21	18	10	14
BACHELOR IN HISTORY	16	22	13	9
BACHELOR IN HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY	20	11	10	6
DOUBLE BACHELOR IN PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY	26	15	8	11
BACHELOR OF PHYSICS	6	5	8	2
BACHELOR IN MATHEMATICS, SPECIALISATION IN DATA SCIENCE FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	46	17	4	6
BACHELOR IN FRENCH LITERATURE	1	0	2	1
TOTAL	387	328	198	160



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Fall 2023/24

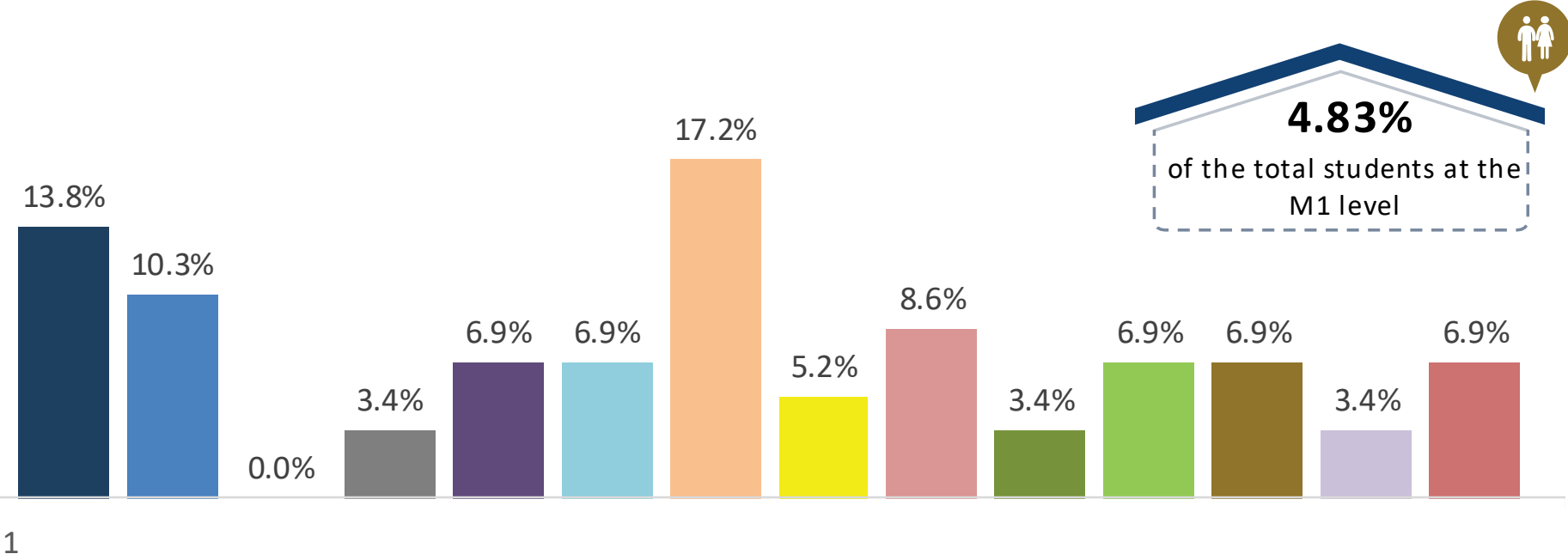


Programme by Level
Fall 2023/24

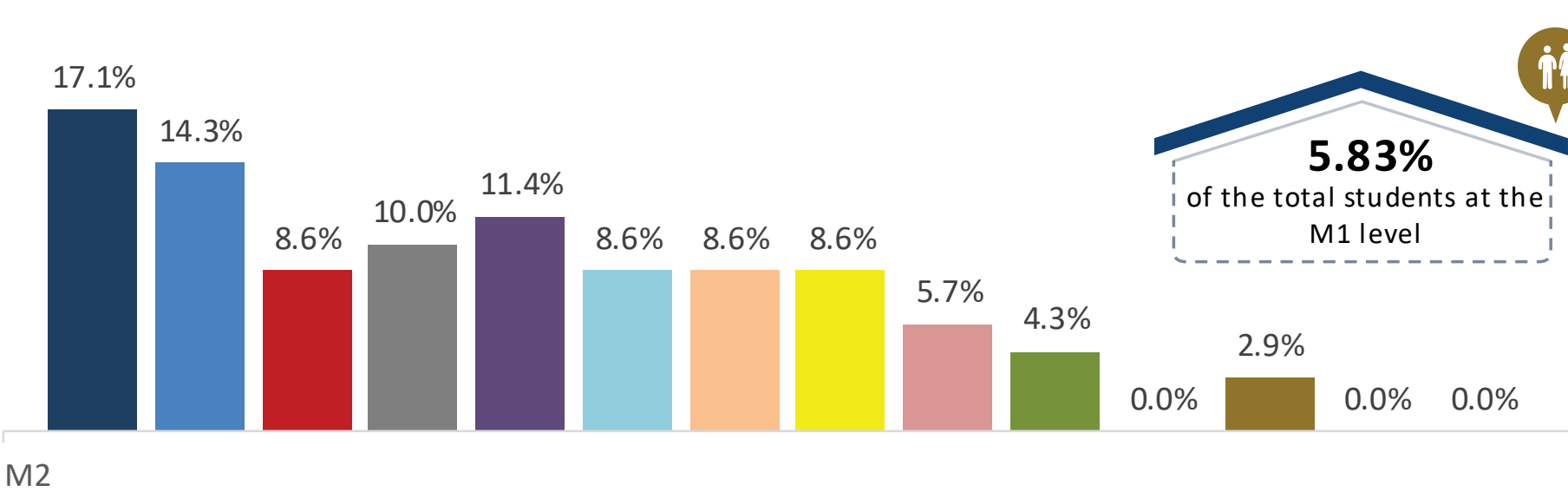


Postgraduates by Level
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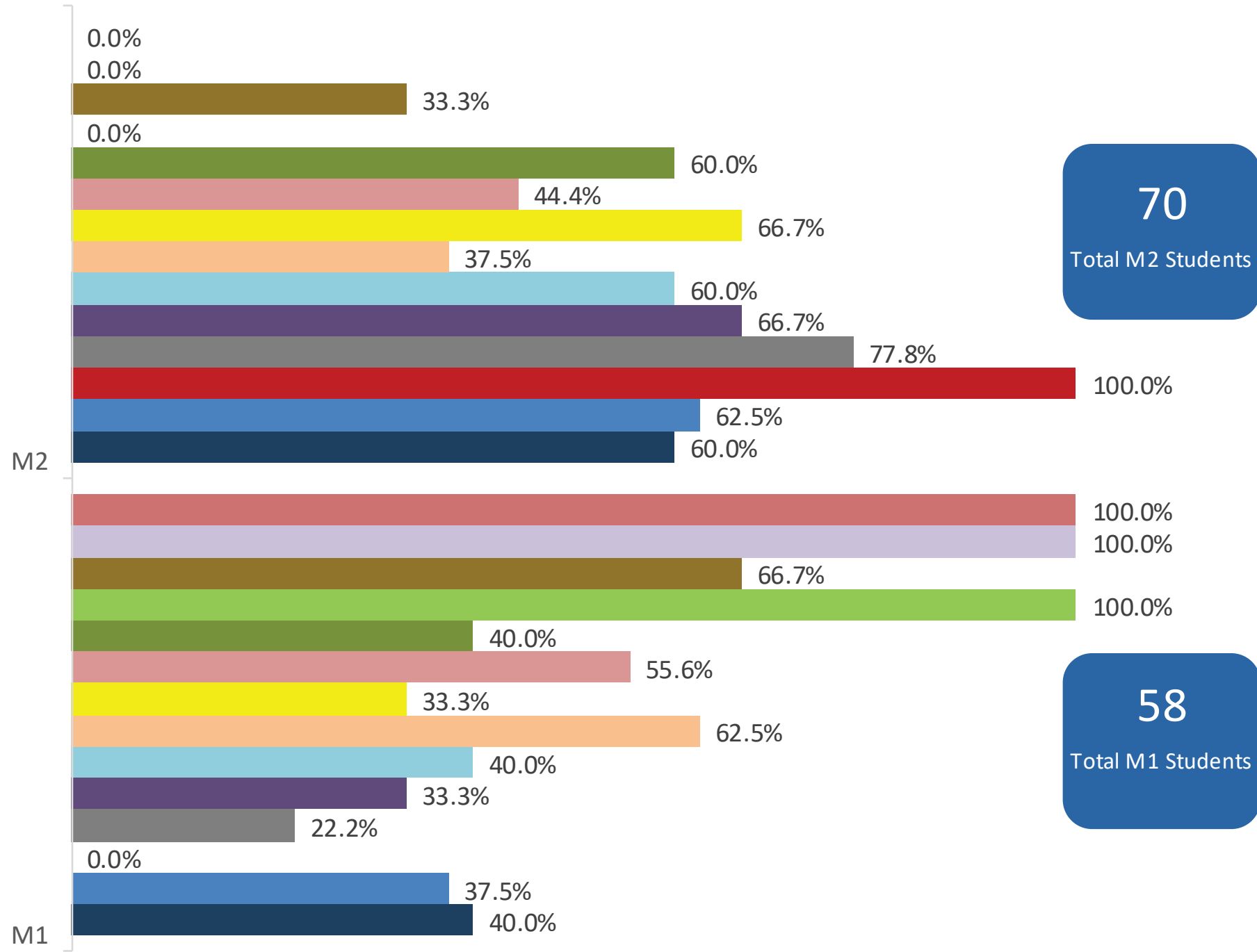
	M1	M2
MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY	8	12
MASTER IN APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES: SPECIALTY MANAGEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	6	10
MASTER IN MARKETING, MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION, MEDIA -MMCM	0	6
MASTER IN BANKING AND FINANCE	2	7
MASTER IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: LAW AND POLICIES	4	8
MASTER IN HISTORY OF ART AND MUSEUM STUDIES	4	6
MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW	10	6
MASTER IN APPLIED SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH	3	6
MASTER IN HEALTH ECONOMICS	5	4
MASTER IN RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVAL STUDIES	2	3
MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	4	0
MASTER IN TEACHING FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE	4	2
MASTER IN ENVIRONMENT: DYNAMICS OF TERRITORIES AND SOCIETIES	2	0
MASTER IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE	4	0
TOTAL	58	70



Postgraduates by Level
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Programme by Level
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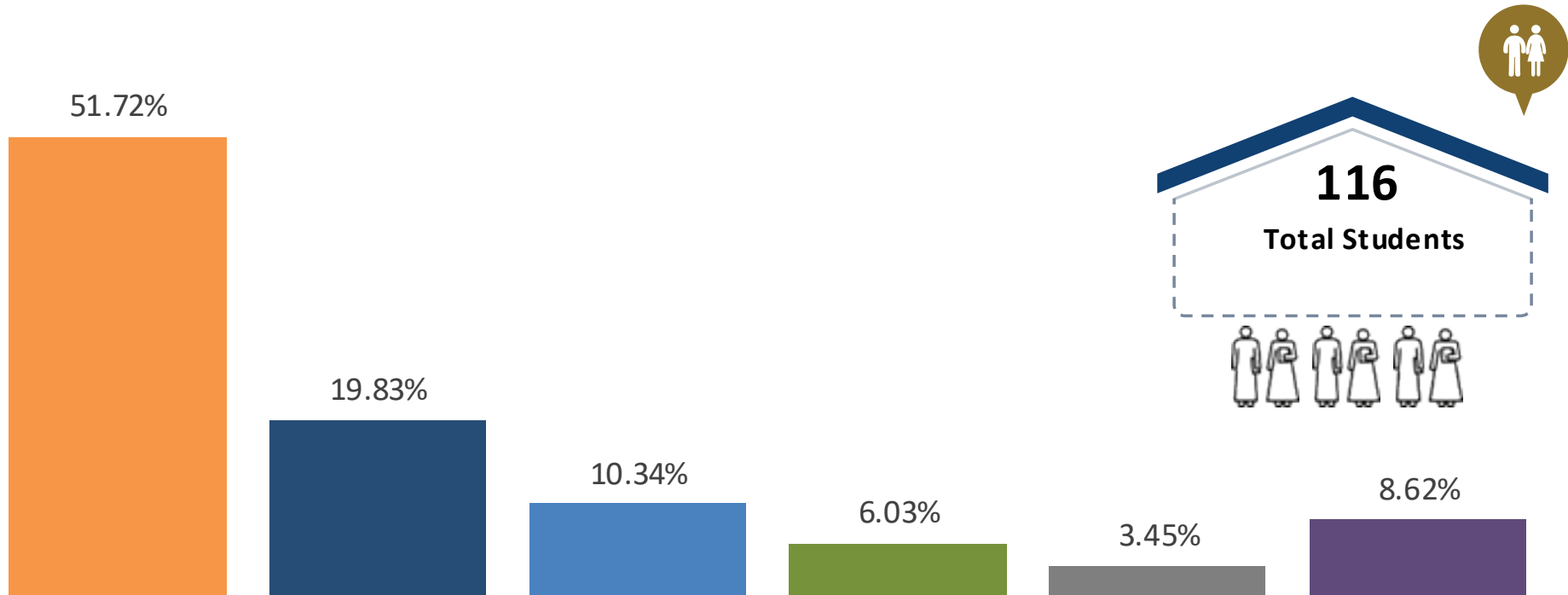
SUAD offers a range of continuing education programmes through the Continuing Education Center (CEC) to meet market needs and promote lifelong learning in the UAE.

These niche programmes provide access to high-quality, lifelong learning opportunities and are designed to meet the needs of the market.

CEC offers certificate and diploma courses including the Sorbonne French Language Courses (SELFEE), Professional Certificate in Archives and Records Management, International Programme in Sports Management, amongst other tailor-made courses.



	Number of Students
ADIA APPLIED MATHEMATICS	60
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT	23
MASTERING ROUTE-SETTING SKILLS WITH IFSC ROUTE-SETTERS	12
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT	7
SELFEE-SORBONNE FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES	4
DIPLOMA IN INTENSIVE FRENCH	10
TOTAL	116



Fall-to-Fall Retention Rate

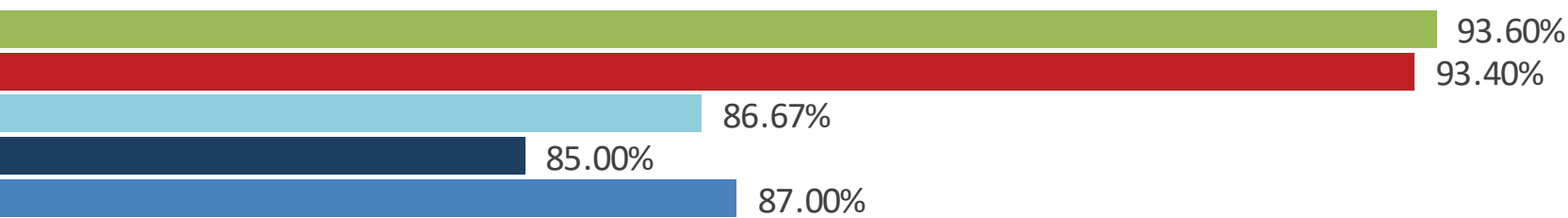
AY 2023/24

Fall-to-fall retention is a key measure of student success. It reflects the percentage of students enrolled in one Fall term who return the next Fall, excluding foundation students. Those not enrolled are classified as graduated, withdrawn, or dismissed.

In AY 2023/24, the overall retention rate was **92.5%**.

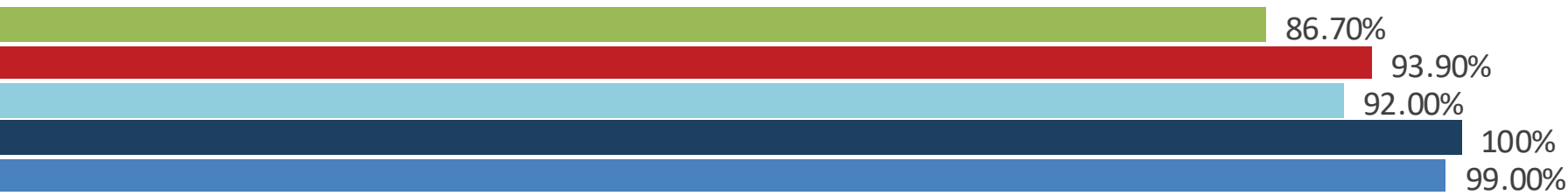
Undergraduate Programmes

	Retention Rate
2023/24	93.60%
2022/23	93.40%
2021/22	86.67%
2020/21	85.00%
2019/20	87.00%



Postgraduate Programmes

	Retention Rate
2023/24	86.70%
2022/23	94.60%
2021/22	92.00%
2020/21	100%
2019/20	99.00%

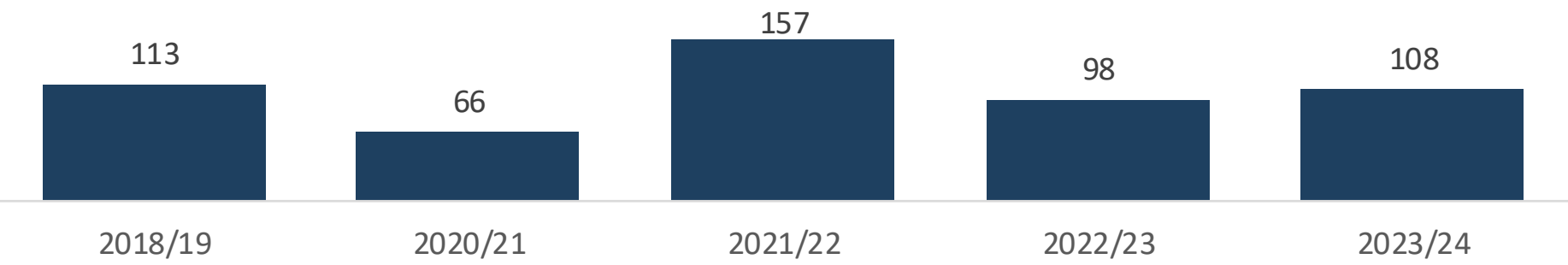


Internship

AY 2023/24

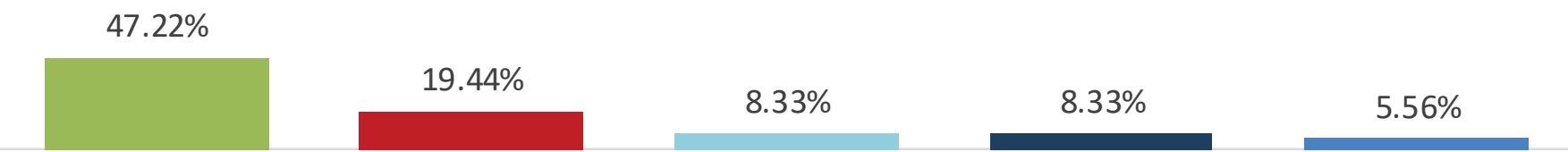
Internship as a curriculum option and experiential learning has a positive role in the career outcomes and professionalism of our graduates. While internships are not incorporated into all academic programmes at SUAD, the University encourages and supports students through The Career Centre to seek an opportunity for internship or experiential learning.

Internship Trends: A 5-Year Insight

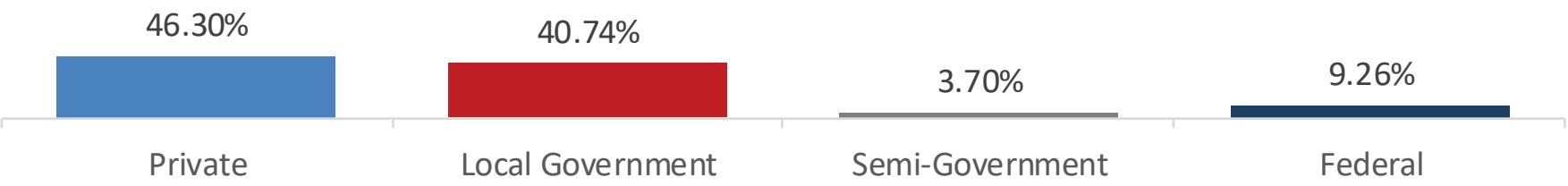


Internship by Area – Top 5 Areas

Internship Area	Total
Library Sciences	51
Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics	21
Legal Professions and Studies	9
Social Sciences	9
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	6



Internship by Sector



Tuition Fees

AY 2023/24

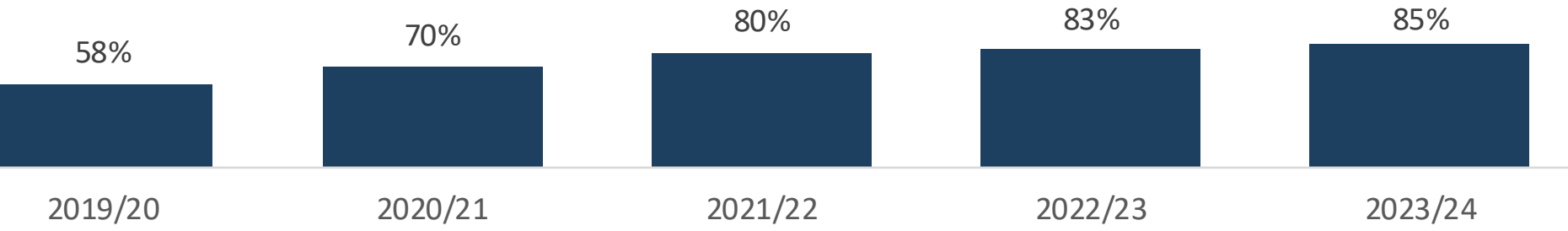
Programme	Language of Instruction	Tuition Fee AED	Tuition Fee USD (approx.)
○ Bachelor in Economics and Management	French	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor in Law	French	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor of Geography and Planning	French	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor in Applied Foreign Languages	French	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Double Bachelor in Philosophy and Sociology	French	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor in French Literature	French	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor in History	French	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor in Records Management and Archival Science	English	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor of Physics	English	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology	French	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Bachelor in Mathematics Specialisation in Data Science for Artificial Intelligence	English	AED 215,100	US\$ 58,615
○ Master in Banking and Finance	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
○ Master in International Business Law	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
○ Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
○ Master in Health Economics	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
○ Master in Environmental Sustainability: Law and Policies	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
○ Master in Environment: Dynamics of Territories and Societies	English	AED 177,900	US\$ 48,478
○ Master in Urban Planning and Development	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
○ Master in Applied Foreign Languages: Specialty Management and International Business	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344

Programme	Language of Instruction	Tuition Fee AED	Tuition Fee USD (approx.)
Master in Applied Sociological Research	English	AED 143,400	US\$ 39,077
Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language	French	AED 131,900	US\$ 35,943
Master in History of Art and Museum Studies	English	AED 189,400	US\$ 51,612
Master in Marketing, Management, Communication, Media	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
Master in Records Management and Archival Studies	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
Master in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
Master in Physics specialisation in Non-Destructive Characterisation with Applications for Cultural Heritage	English	AED 166,400	US\$ 45,344
Foundation Year in Intensive French	French	AED 48,700	US\$ 13,271
Diploma in Intensive French (Evening)	French	AED 73,400	US\$ 20,002
Foundation Year in Sciences	English	AED 71,700	US\$ 19,535
Foundation Year in Records Management and Archival Science	English	AED 71,700	US\$ 19,535
Sports	English	AED 52,700	US\$ 14,350

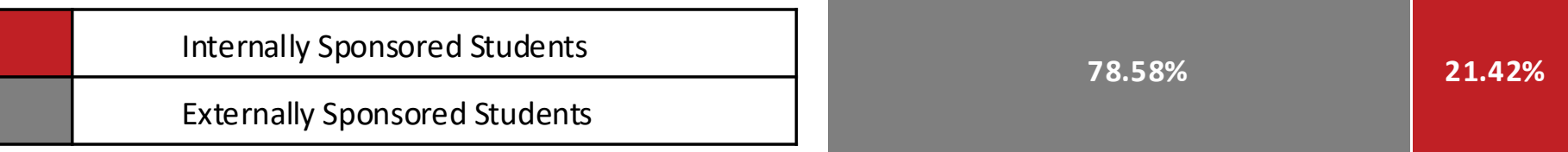


Scholarships
Fall 2023/24

Sponsored Students Ratio Trends: A 5-Year Insight



Scholarships by Provider



Scholarships - Top 5 Providers



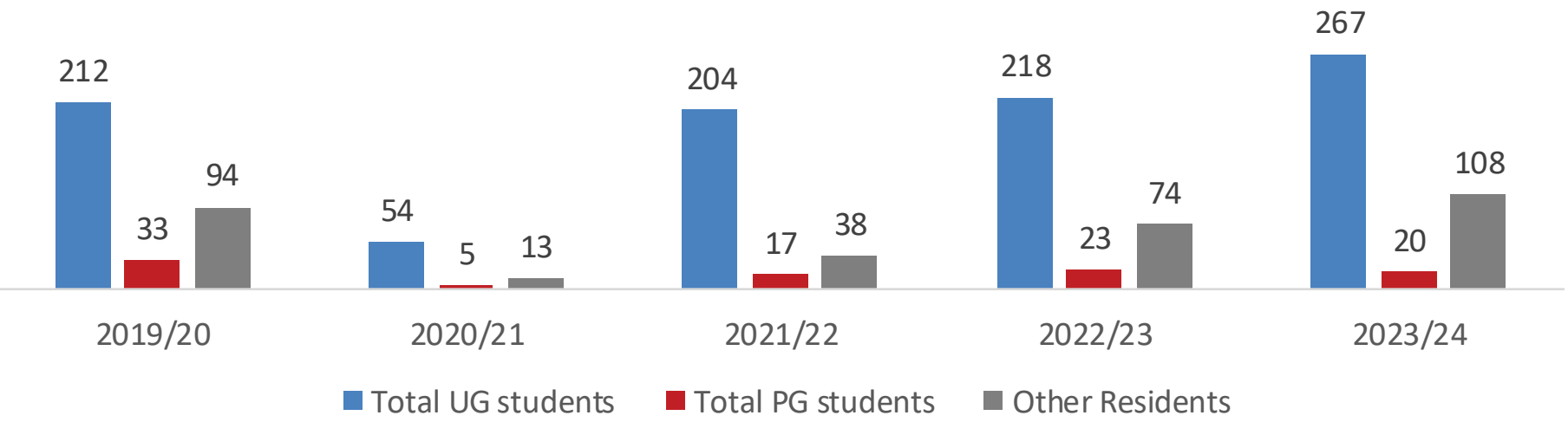
Scholarships by Value



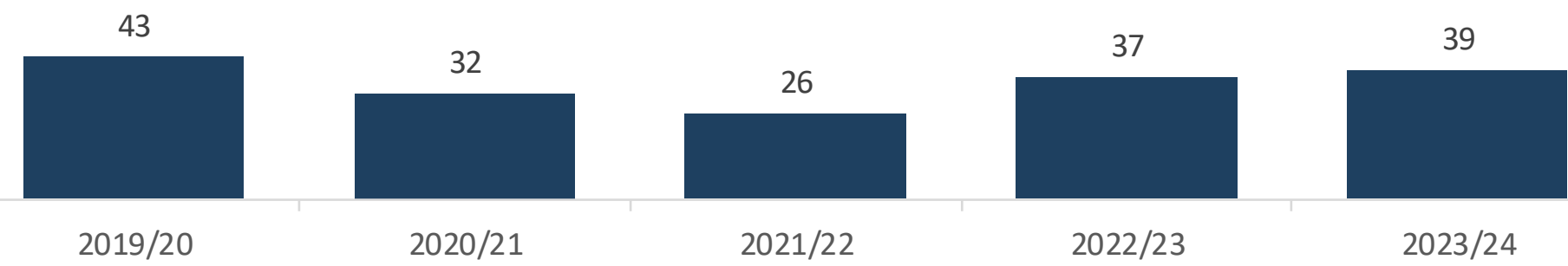
Housing Assistance
AY 2023/24

Student Occupancy in University Residence: A 5-Year Insight

Academic Year	UG Female	UG Male	Total UG Students	PG Female	PG Male	Total PG Students	Other Residents
2019/20	142	70	212	25	8	33	94
2020/21	34	20	54	4	1	5	13
2021/22	140	64	204	15	2	17	38
2022/23	157	61	218	14	9	23	74
2023/24	187	80	267	9	11	20	108

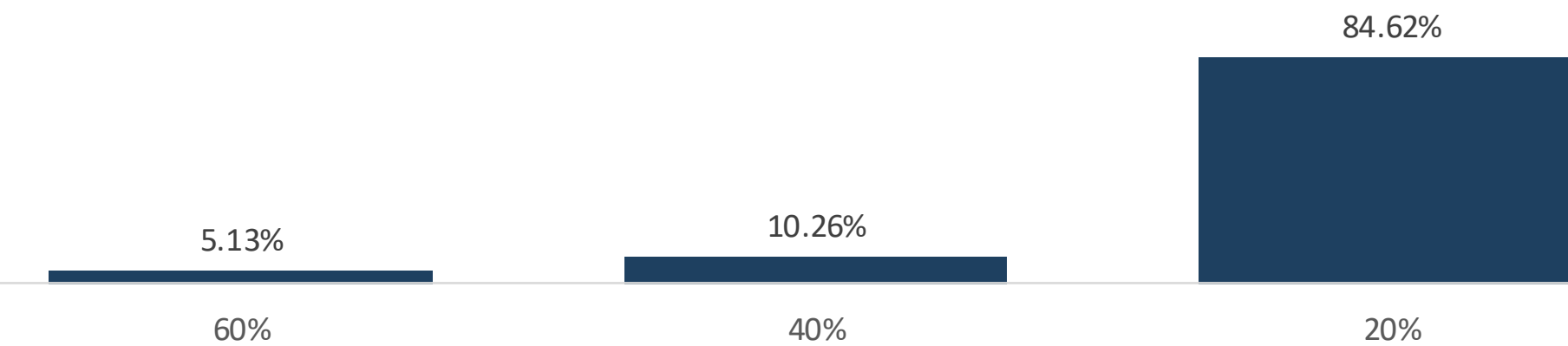


Students Who Received Housing Assistance: A 5-Year Insight



Students Who Received Housing Assistance: by Value

Academic Year	Assistance Value			Total
	60%	40%	20%	
2023/24	2	4	33	39





SUAD GRADUATES

Academic Year 2023/24

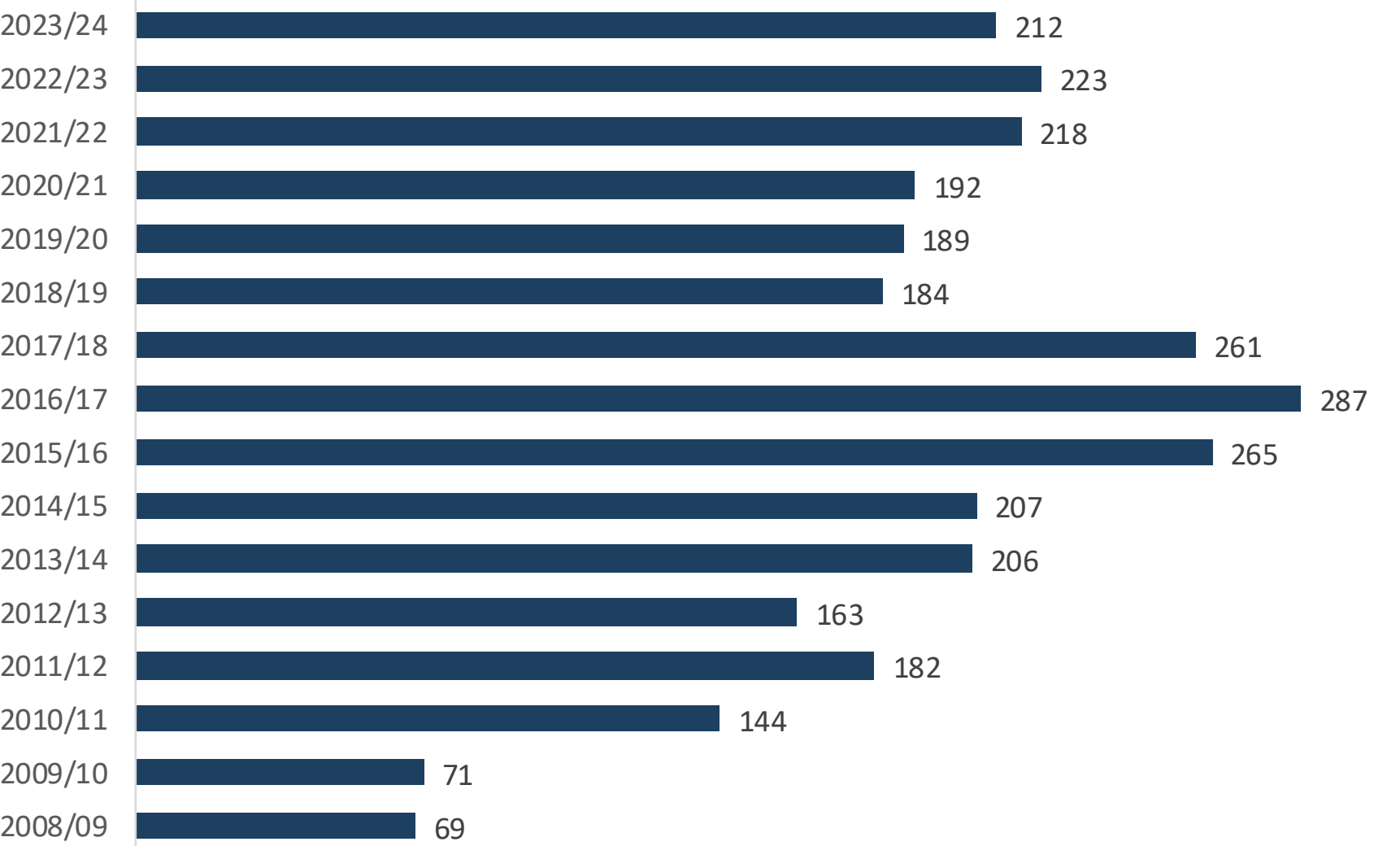
In the academic year 2023/24, SUAD graduated 212 students from its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Of the graduating students, 68.87% received undergraduate degrees, while the remaining 31.13% attained postgraduate degrees.

The gender distribution was 30.66% male and 69.34% female.

UAE national graduates made up 53.30% of the 2023/24 cohort.



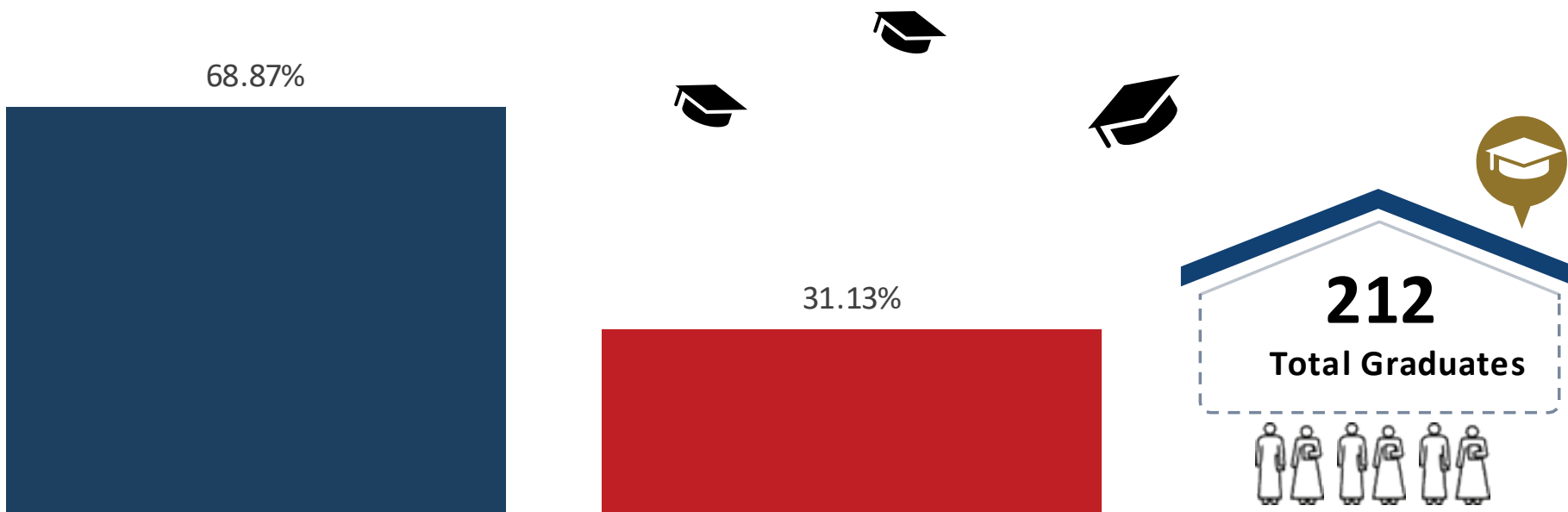
Graduate Trends* Throughout the Years - Accredited Programmes



*The graduates data includes programmes accredited by the CAA only, it excludes diplomas and CEC graduates.

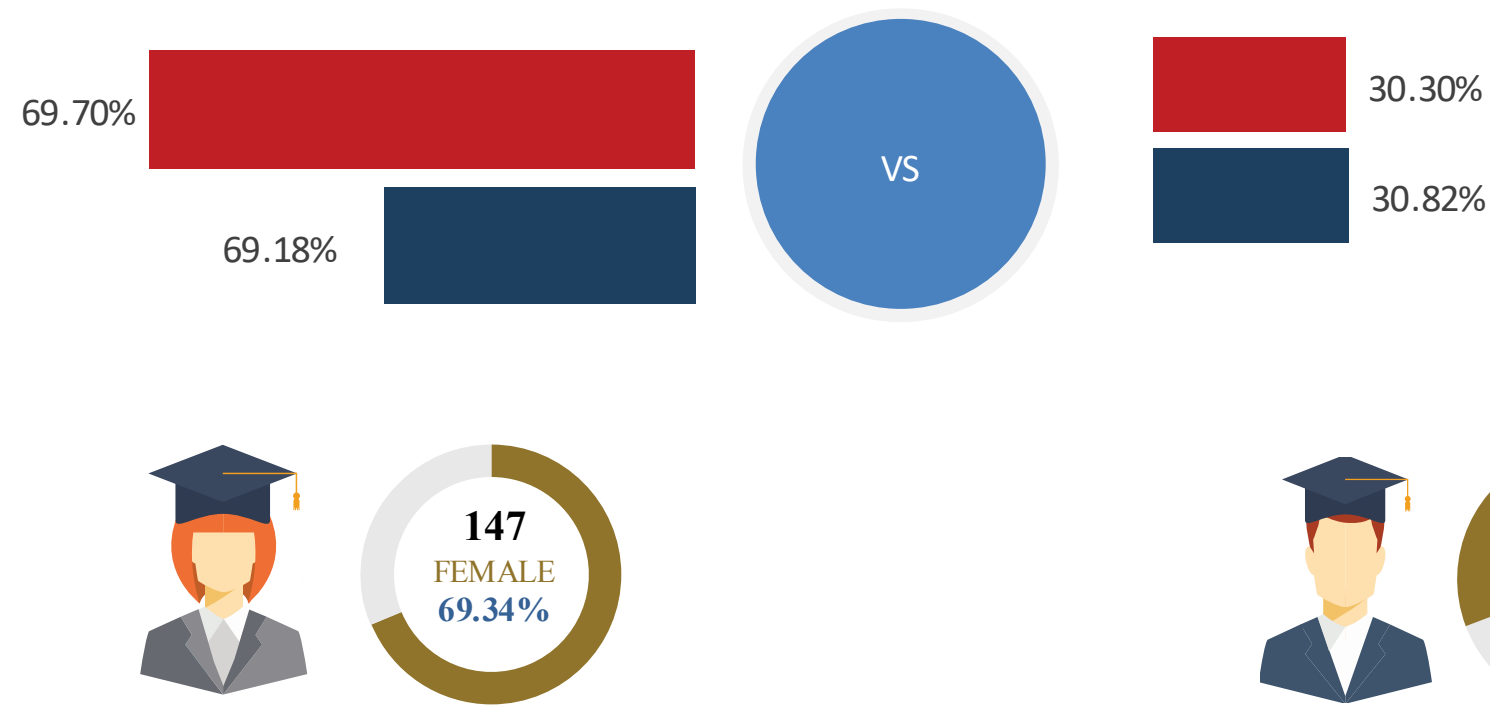
Graduates by Degree
AY 2023/24

	Total Graduates
BACHELOR	146
MASTER	66



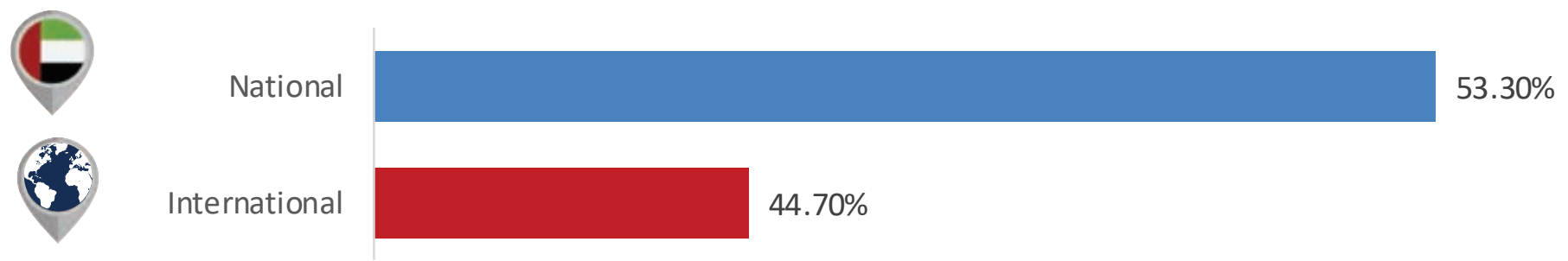
Graduates by Gender

	Total Female	Total Male
BACHELOR	101	45
MASTER	46	20



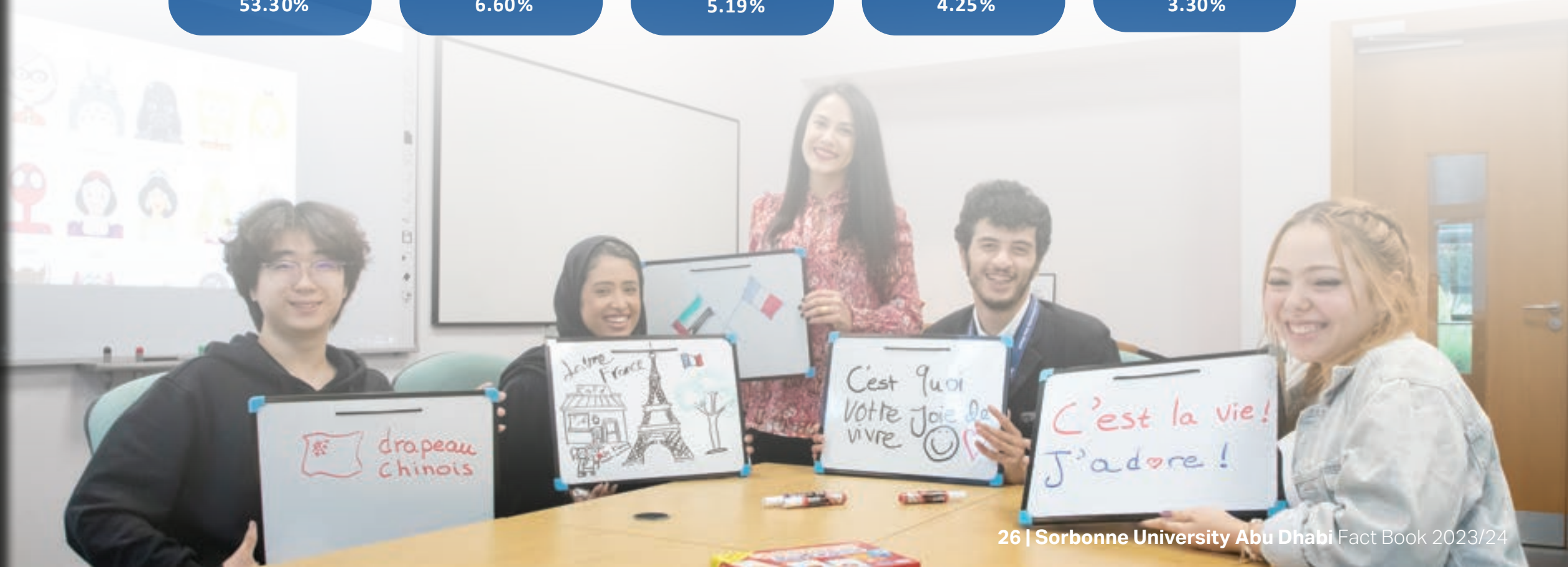
Graduates by Nationality
Fall 2023/24

	Nationality	Total Graduates	Percentage
	National Students	113	53.30%
	International Students	99	44.70%
	Total	212	100%



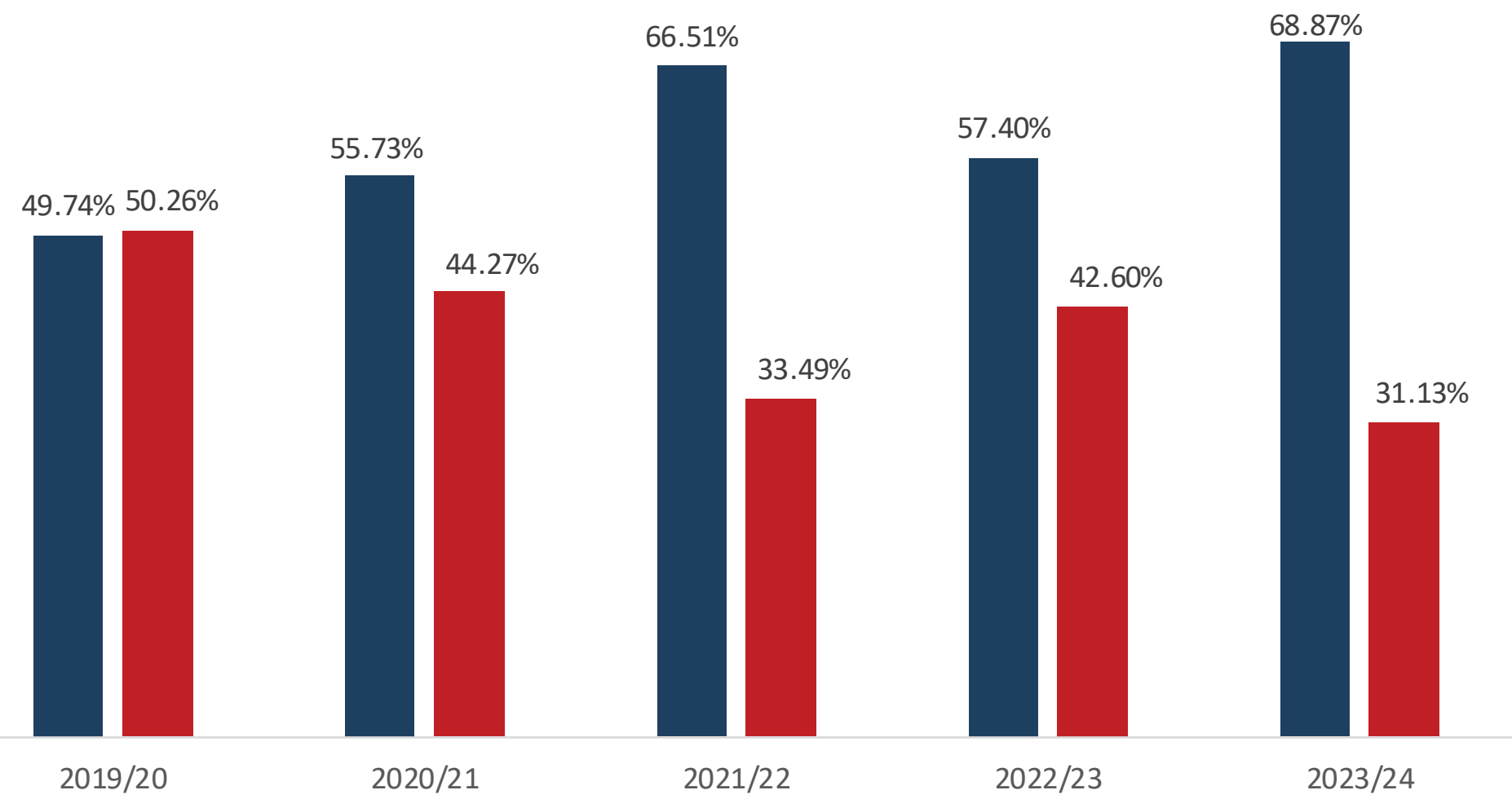
2023/24 Total Nationalities	36
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Top 5 Nationalities of SUAD Graduates



Graduates by Degree: A 5-Year Insight

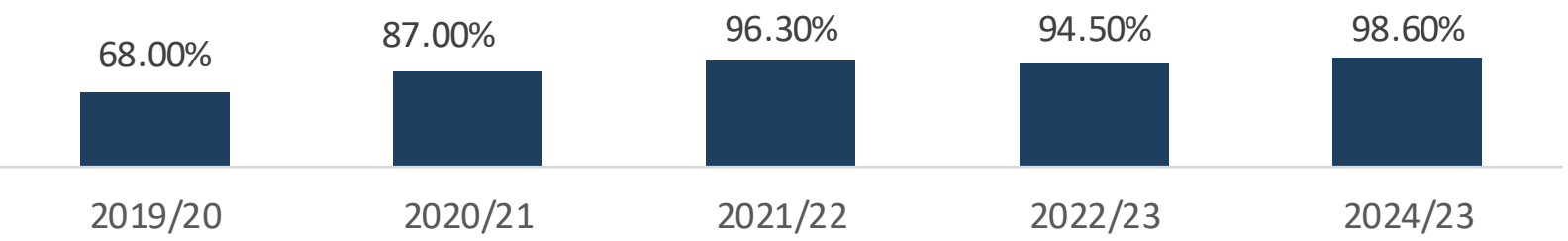
Graduation year	Total Graduates	
	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree
2023/24	146	66
2022/23	128	95
2021/22	145	73
2020/21	107	85
2019/20	94	95



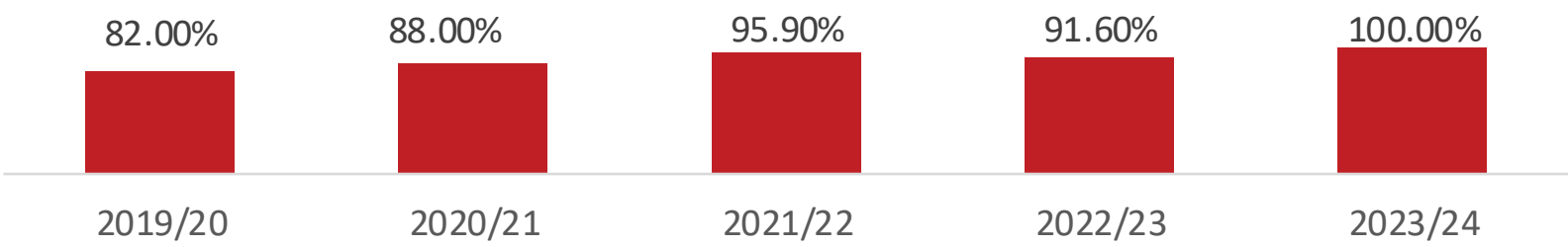
Graduation Rate: A 5-Year Insight

Graduation rate was calculated from each graduate's first academic period, excluding the foundation year, with 1.5 times the standard duration for on-time graduation.

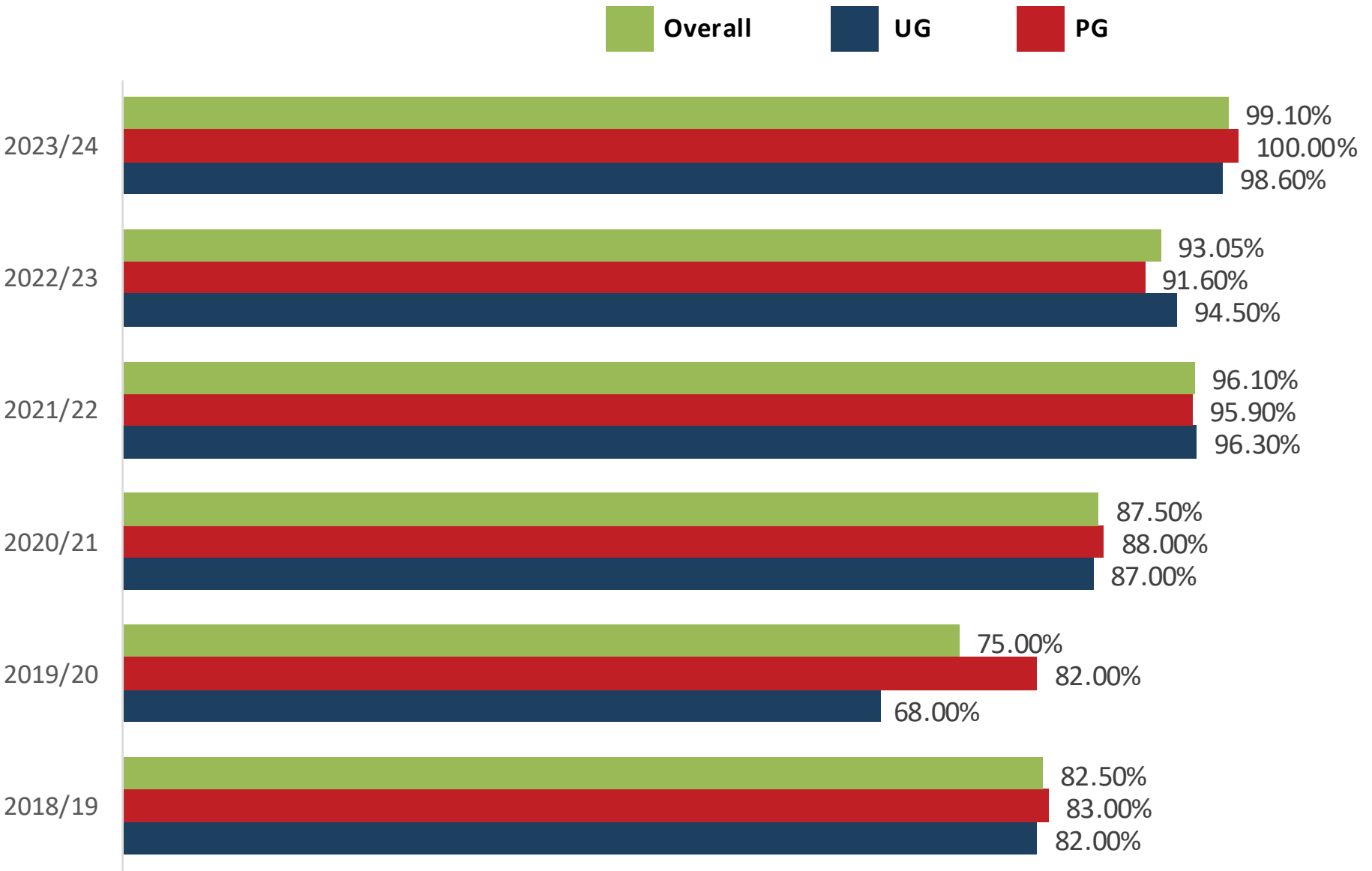
Undergraduate Programmes: 98.60%



Postgraduate Programmes: 100%



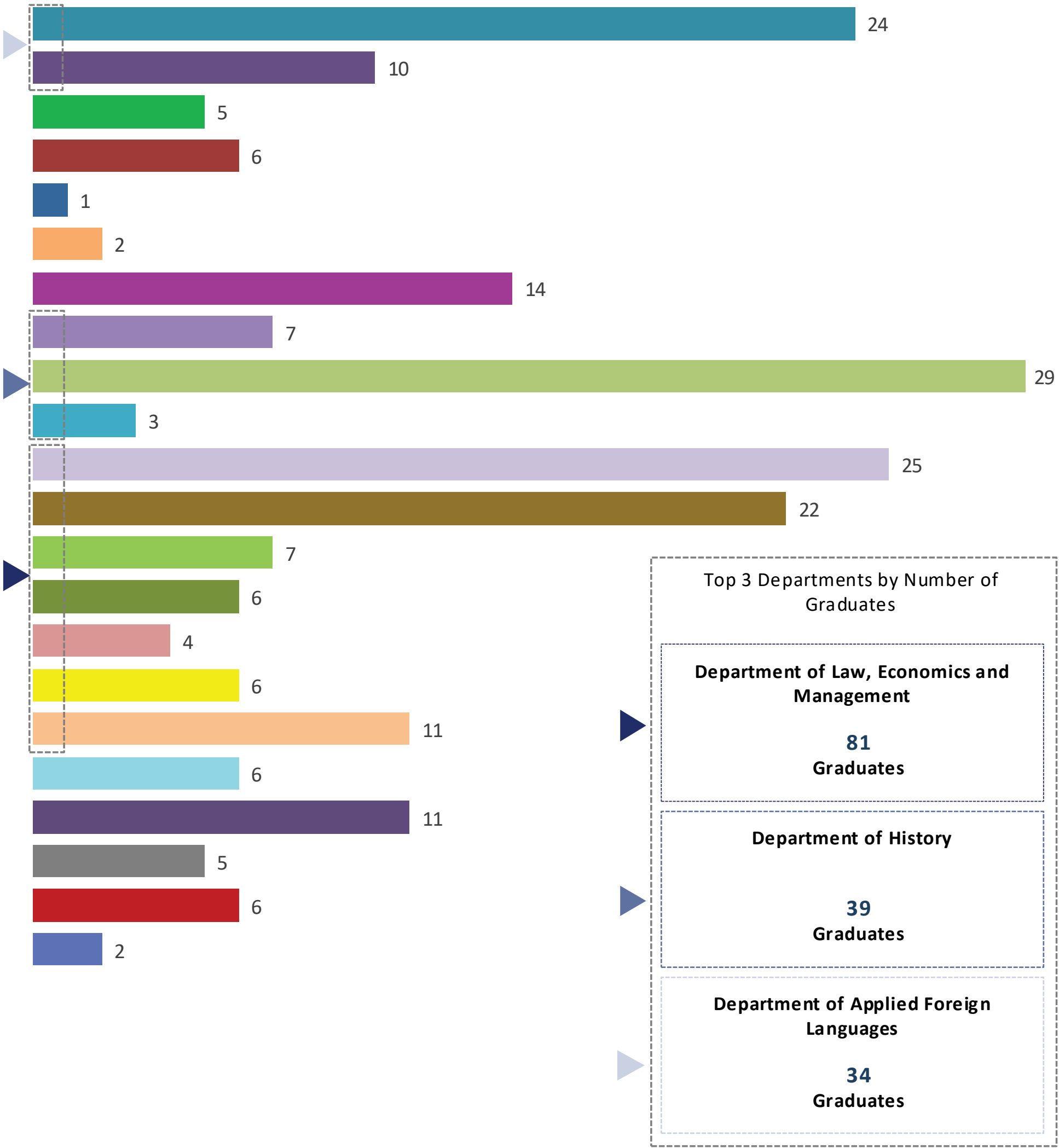
Overall Graduation Rate



Graduates by Programme
Fall 2023/24

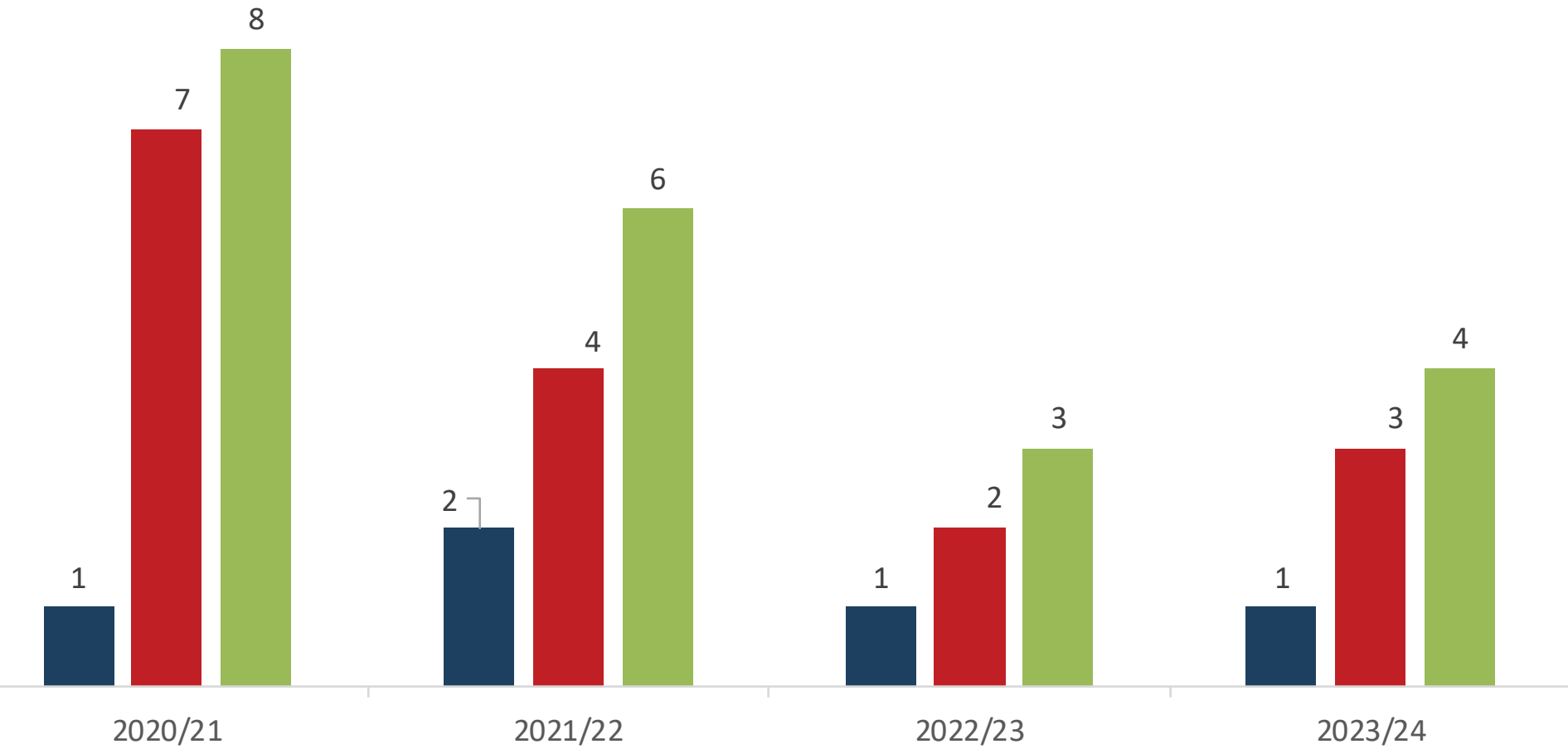
Department		Programme Title	2023/24 Graduates
Department of Applied Foreign Languages		Bachelor in Applied Foreign Languages	24
		Master in Applied Foreign Languages	10
Department of Archaeology and History of Art		Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology	5
		Master in History of Art and Museum Studies	6
Department of French Studies		Bachelor in French Literature	1
		Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language	2
Department of Geography and Planning		Bachelor of Geography and Planning	14
Department of History		Bachelor in History	7
		Bachelor in Records Management and Archival Science	29
		Master in Records Management and Archival Studies	3
Department of Law, Economics and Management		Bachelor in Economics and Management	25
		Bachelor in Law	22
		Master in Banking and Finance	7
		Master in Environmental Sustainability: Law and Policies	6
		Master in Health Economics	4
		Master in International Business Law	6
		Master in International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy	11
Marketing, Management, Communication and Media		Master in Marketing, Management, Communication, Media	6
Department of Philosophy and Sociology		Double Bachelor in Philosophy and Sociology	11
		Master in Applied Sociological Research	5
Department of Sciences and Engineering		Bachelor in Mathematics	6
		Bachelor in Physics	2

Graduates by Programme
Fall 2023/24



French Diploma Graduates: A 4-Year Insight

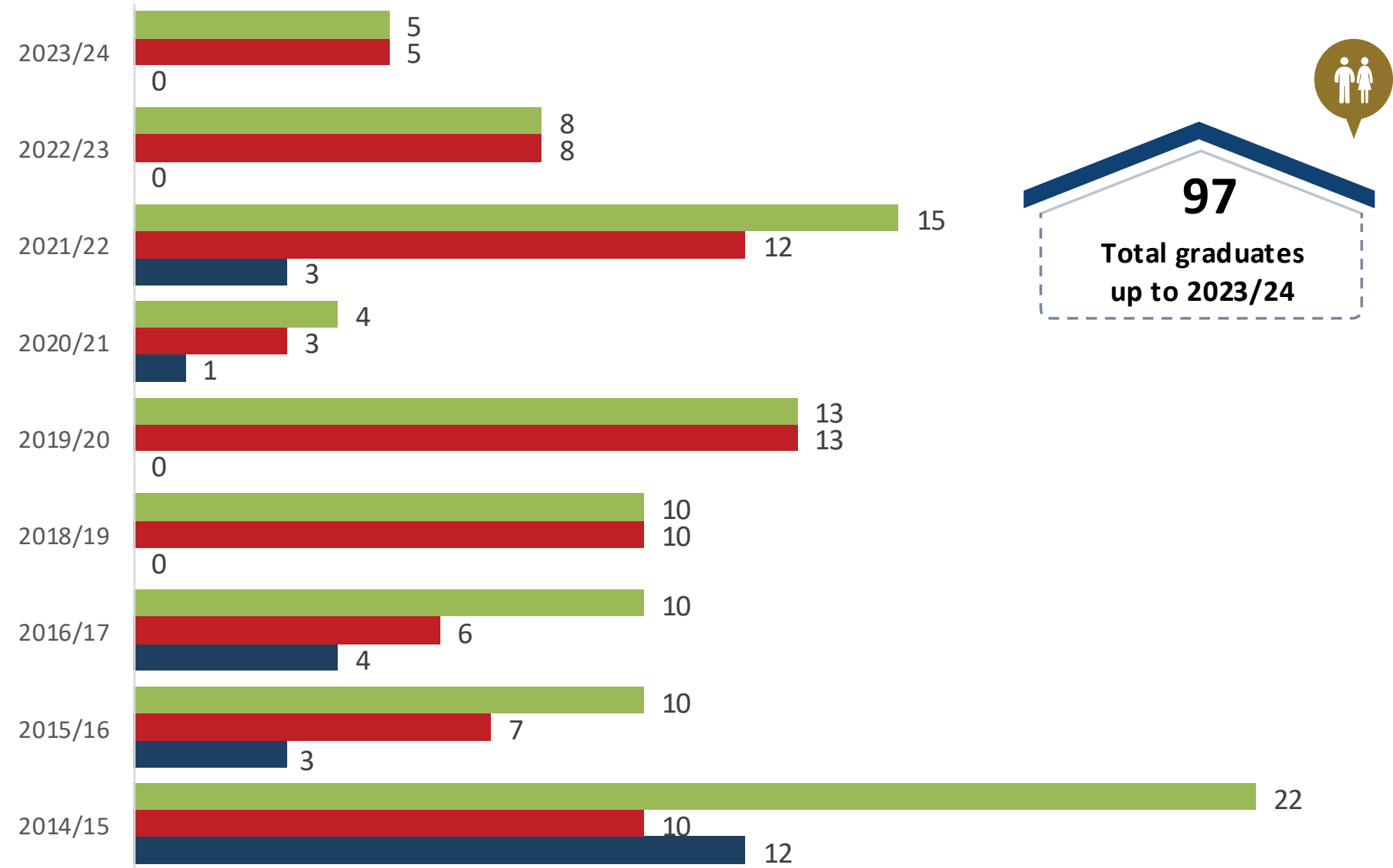
Graduation year	Total Graduates			
		National Graduates	International Graduates	Total Graduates
2023/24		1	3	4
2022/23		1	2	3
2021/22		2	4	6
2020/21		1	7	8



Sports Graduates: Over the Years



Graduation year	Total Graduates			
		National Graduates	International Graduates	Total Graduates
2023/24		0	5	5
2022/23		0	8	8
2021/22		3	12	15
2020/21		1	3	4
2019/20		0	13	13
2018/19		0	10	10
2016/17		4	6	10
2015/16		3	7	10
2014/15		12	10	22

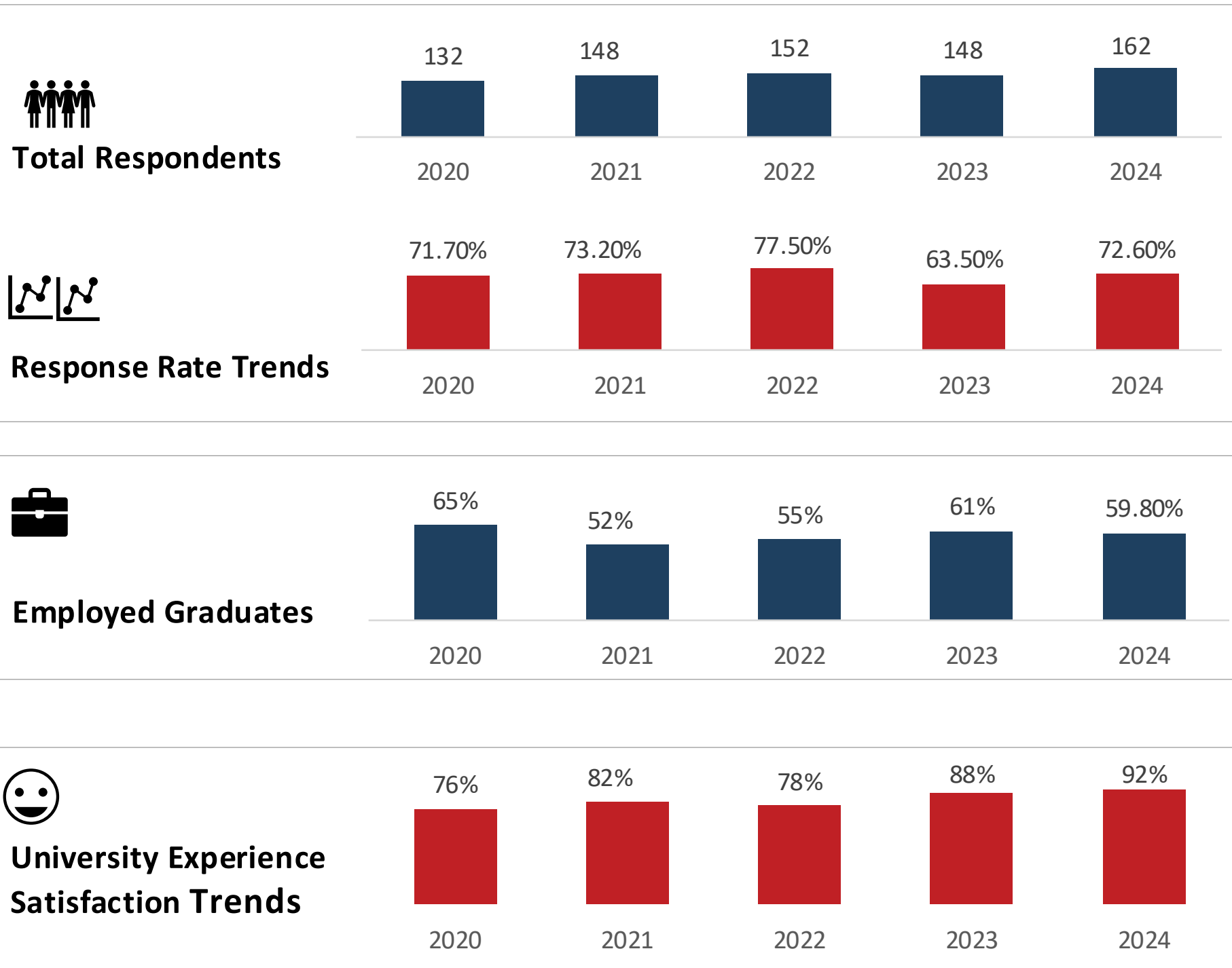


Graduate Destination Survey

A 5-Year Insight


In cooperation with the Labour Market Intelligence Division of Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), SUAD conducts a Graduate Destination Survey in the spring of each year. The Annual Graduate Destination Survey reports on the types of employment, further studies, or career pursuits of SUAD graduates.

Survey Year	Total Grads	% Employed respondents	Job studies relevance	% Further studies	Looking for a job	University satisfaction	Teaching satisfaction	Career Services satisfaction
2024	223	59.8%	76.3%	12.3%	50	92%	88.9%	61.4%
2023	233	61%	69%	11%	48	88%	87%	77%
2022	196	55%	67%	11%	37	78%	80%	86%
2021	202	52%	71%	18%	58	82%	80%	78%
2020	184	65%	73%	19%	26	76%	83%	83%





Respondents by Gender

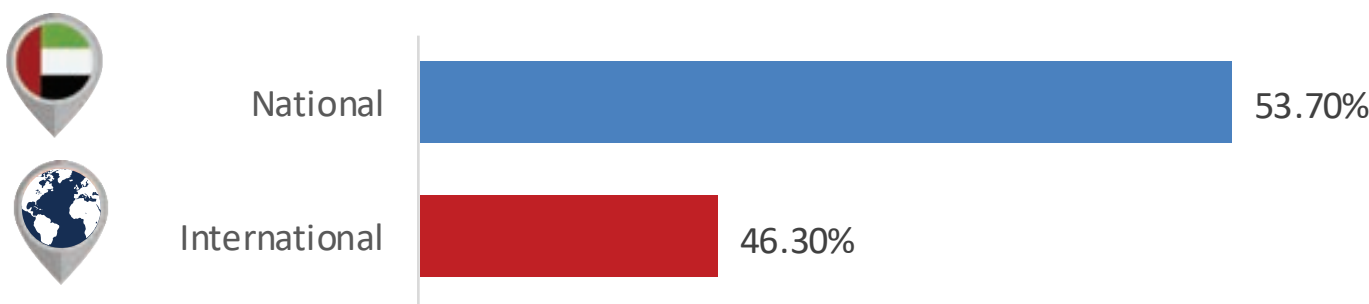
Survey Year: 2024

Gender		Total Graduates	Percentage
	Male Respondents	24	14.80%
	Female Respondents	138	85.20%
Total		162	100%



Respondents by Nationality

Nationality		Total Graduates	Percentage
	National Respondents	87	53.70%
	International Respondents	75	46.30%
Total		162	100%



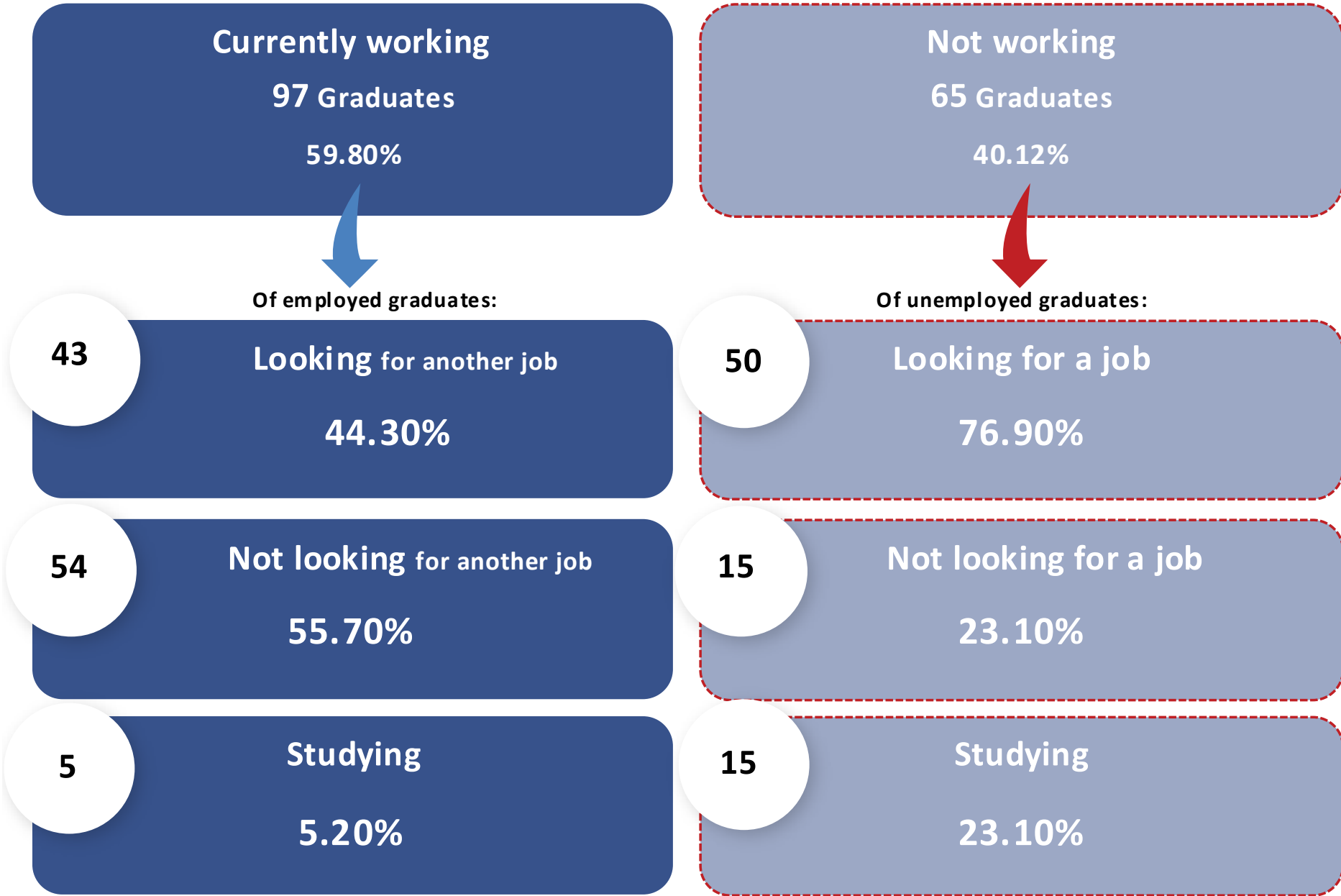
Total Nationalities

SUAD graduate respondents come from 28 different countries, reflecting a remarkable degree of multicultural diversity.

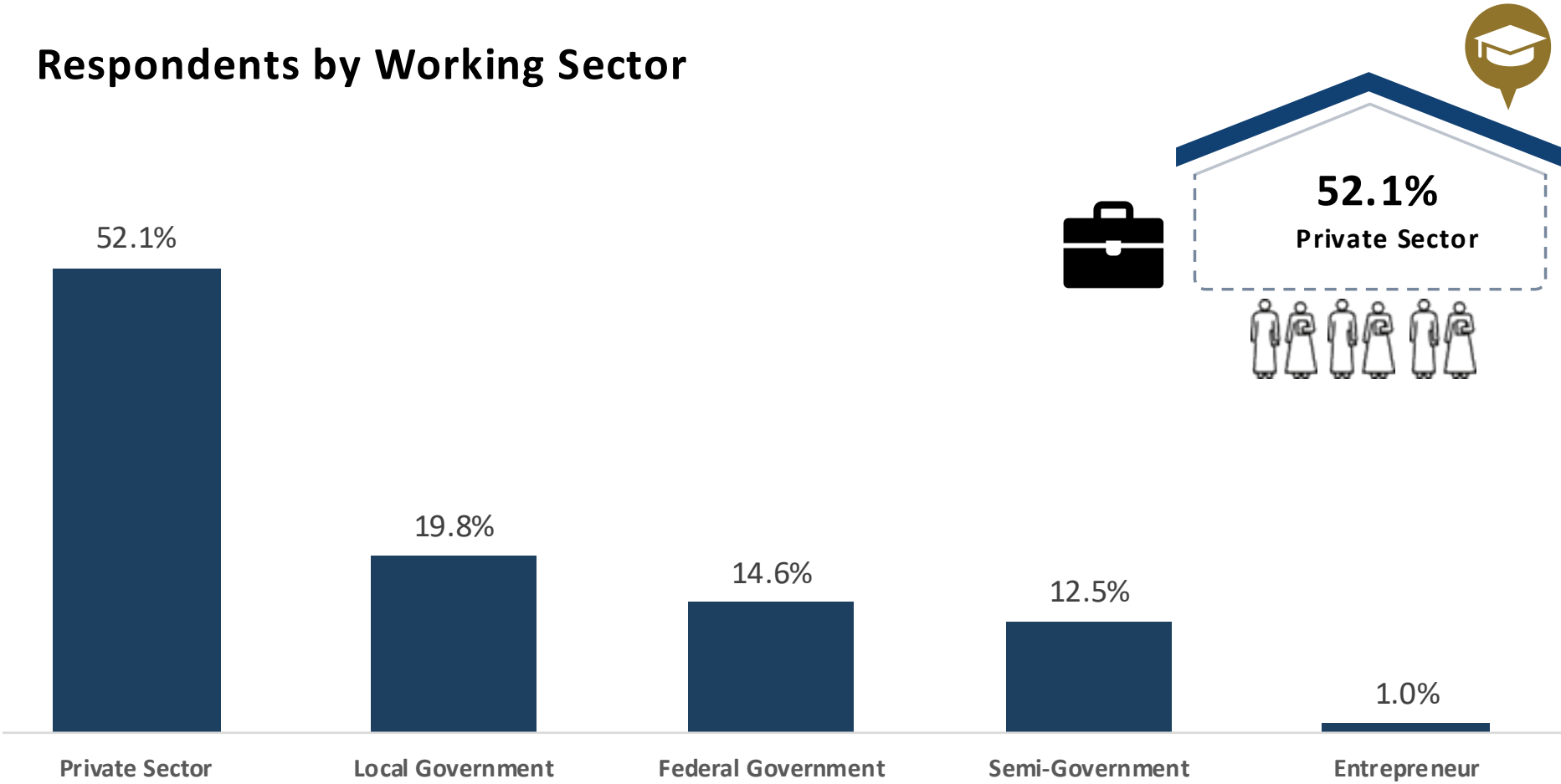


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Total Nationalities

Respondents by Employment Status
Survey Year 2024



Respondents by Working Sector

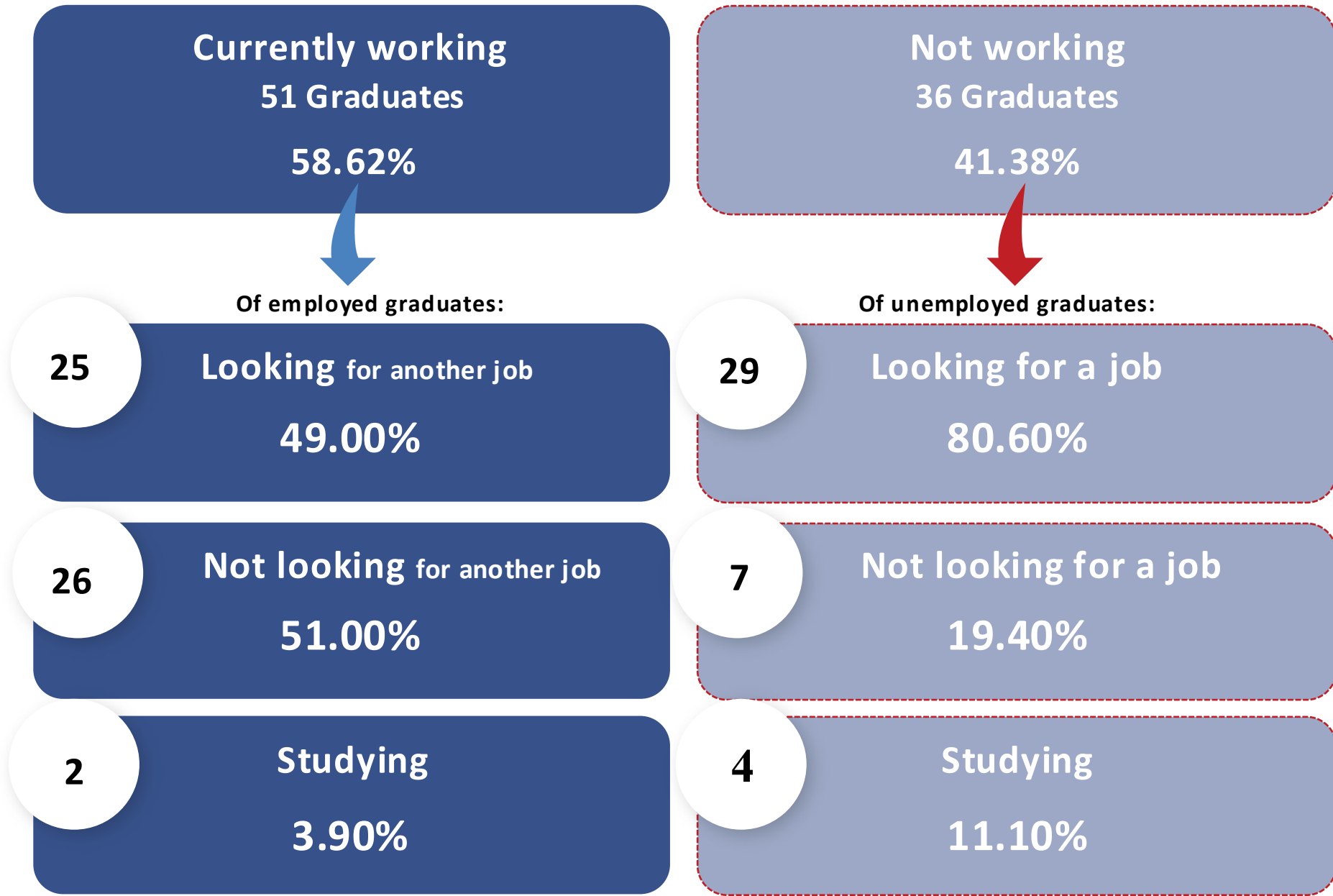


Graduates Destination/Emirati Graduates
Respondents by Gender

Gender		Total Respondents	Percentage
	Male Respondents	14	16%
	Female Respondents	73	84%
Total		87	100%



UAE Nationals by Employment Status



SUAD EMPLOYEES

Academic Year 2023/24

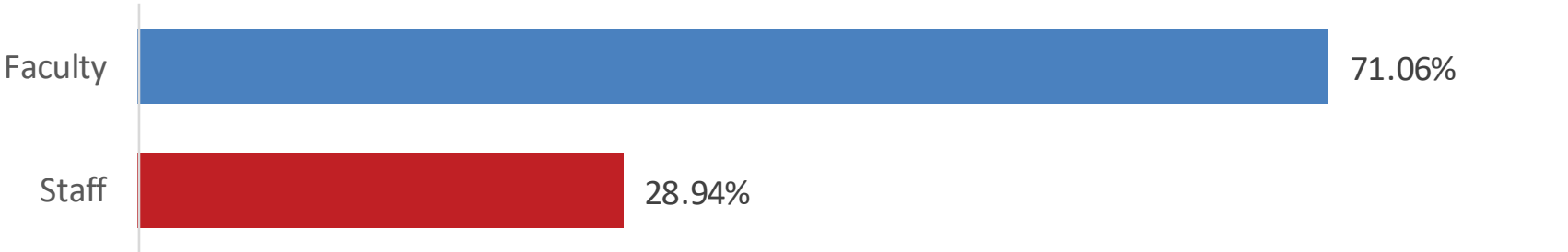


SUAD continues to recruit and retain specialized faculty and administrative staff from diverse populations.

In AY 2023/24, the total faculty count was 334, including 76 full-time Abu Dhabi-based faculty, 57 part-time locally hired faculty, and 201 visiting professors primarily from Sorbonne Université and University Paris Cité.

Additionally, the administrative and support service staff comprised 136 individuals, with 114 in full-time positions and 22 in part-time roles.

Employee		Total Employees	Percentage
	Faculty	334	71.06%
	Staff	136	28.94%
Total		470	100%



Student-to-Faculty Ratio (SFR)

Our Student to Faculty ratio is testimony to the commitment to providing quality education and support to our students from the point of entry to completion of their academic award.

The Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), student-to-faculty ratio assesses the balance between student enrolment and faculty at an institution. It is calculated by dividing the total full-time students by the total full-time equivalent faculty, offering insights into faculty workload relative to the student population. In AY 2023/24, the FTE student-to-faculty ratio was **10.15:1**.

Student-to-Staff Ratio (SSR)

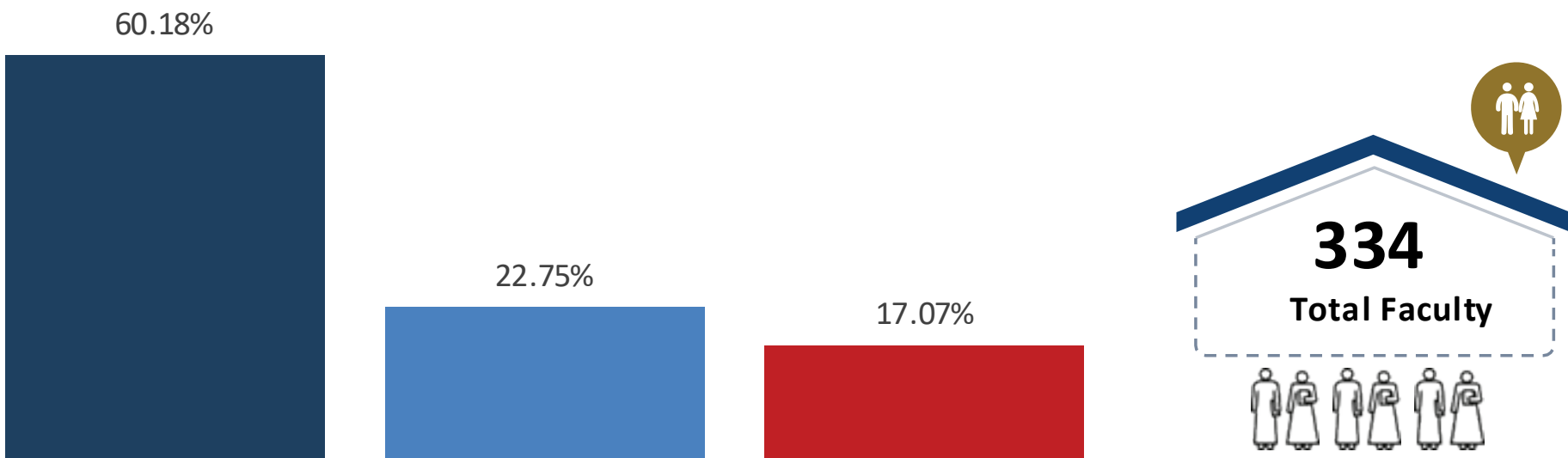
The Student-to-Staff Ratio (SSR) measures the number of FTE students per FTE staff member, reflecting staff capacity relative to enrolment. In AY 2023/24, the SSR was **10.1:1**.

FACULTY OVERVIEW

Faculty by Status

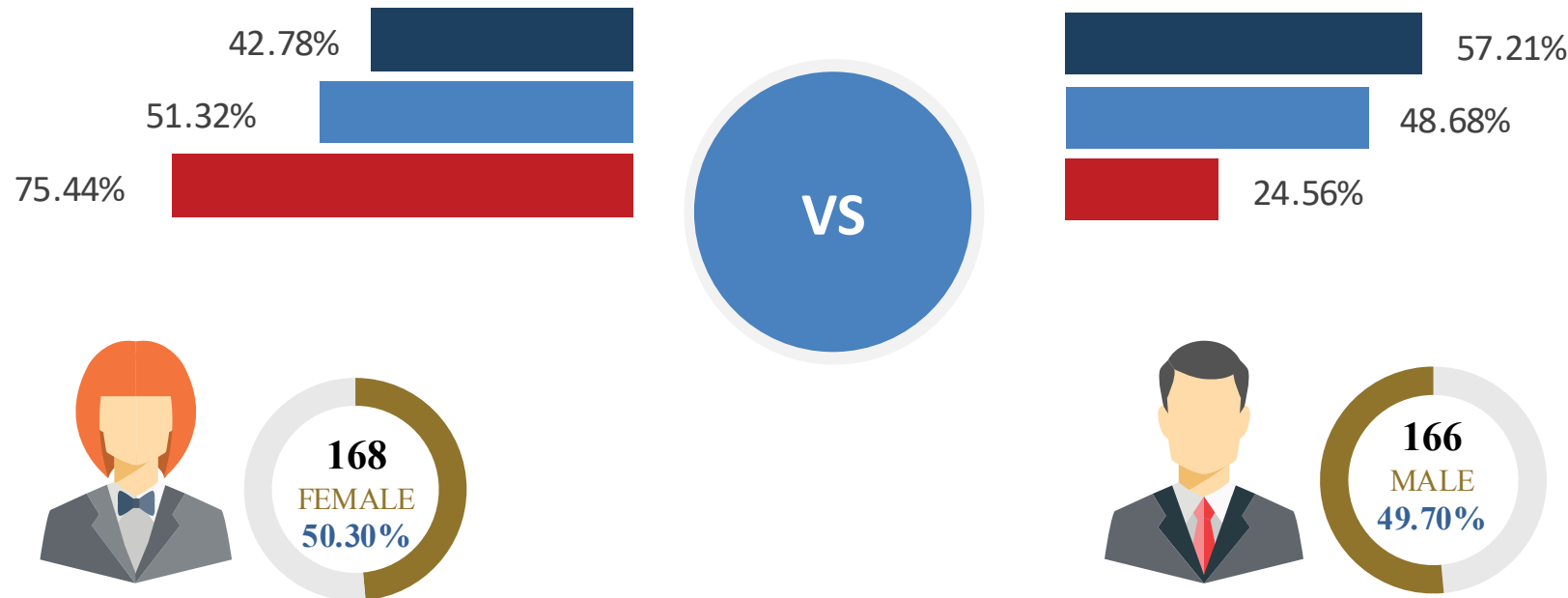
Fall 2023/24

	Number of Faculty
Visiting Faculty (VP)	201
Full-Time Faculty (FT)	76
Part-Time Faculty (PT)	57
TOTAL	334



Faculty by Gender

	Total Female	Total Male
Visiting Faculty	86	115
Full-Time Faculty	39	37
Part-Time Faculty	43	14

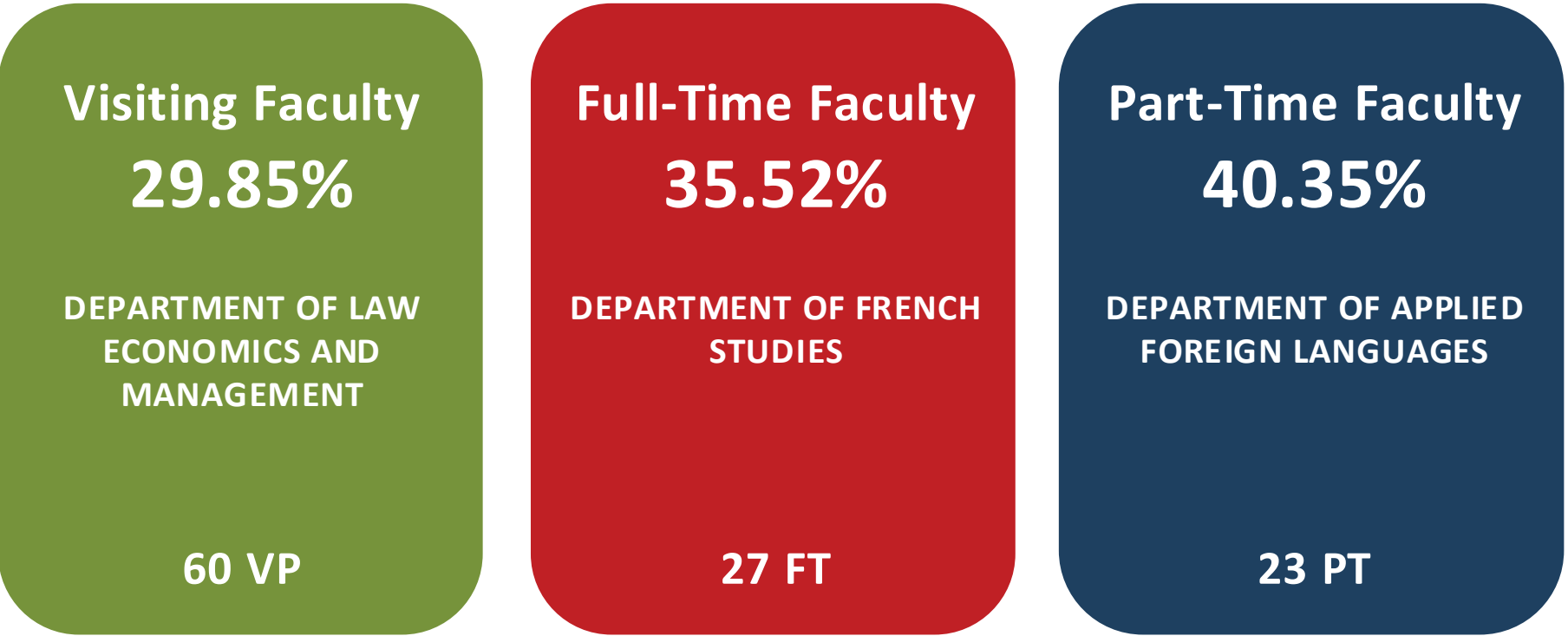


Faculty by Department

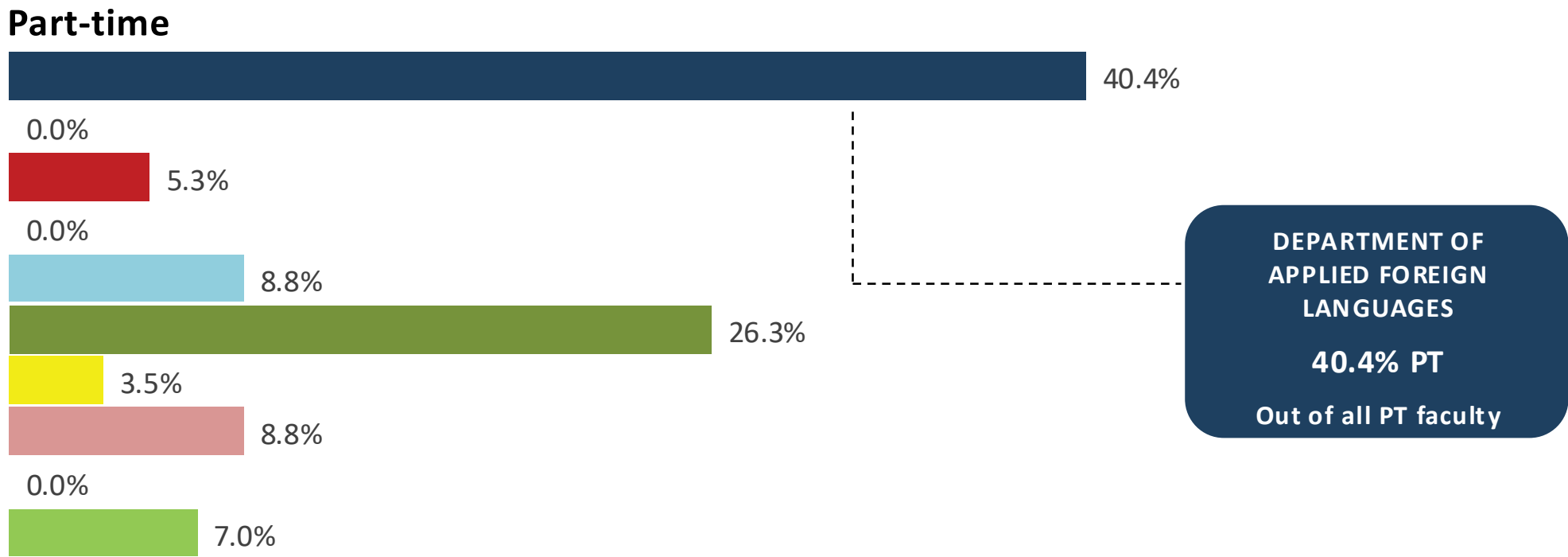
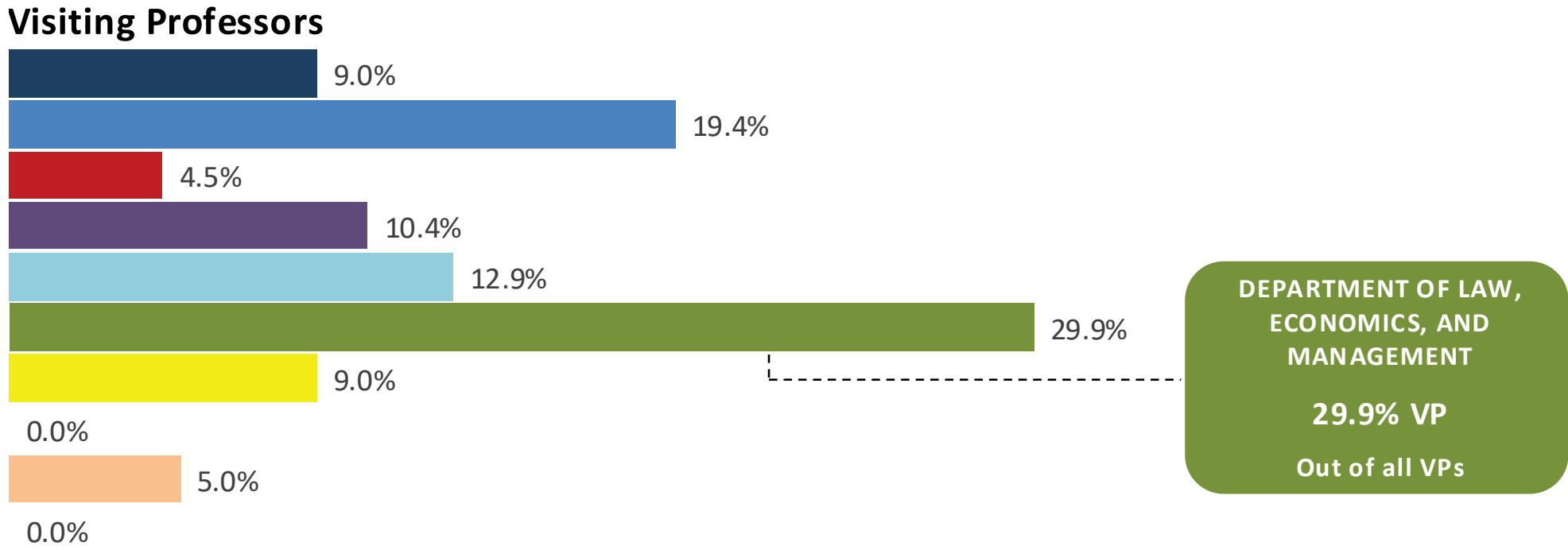
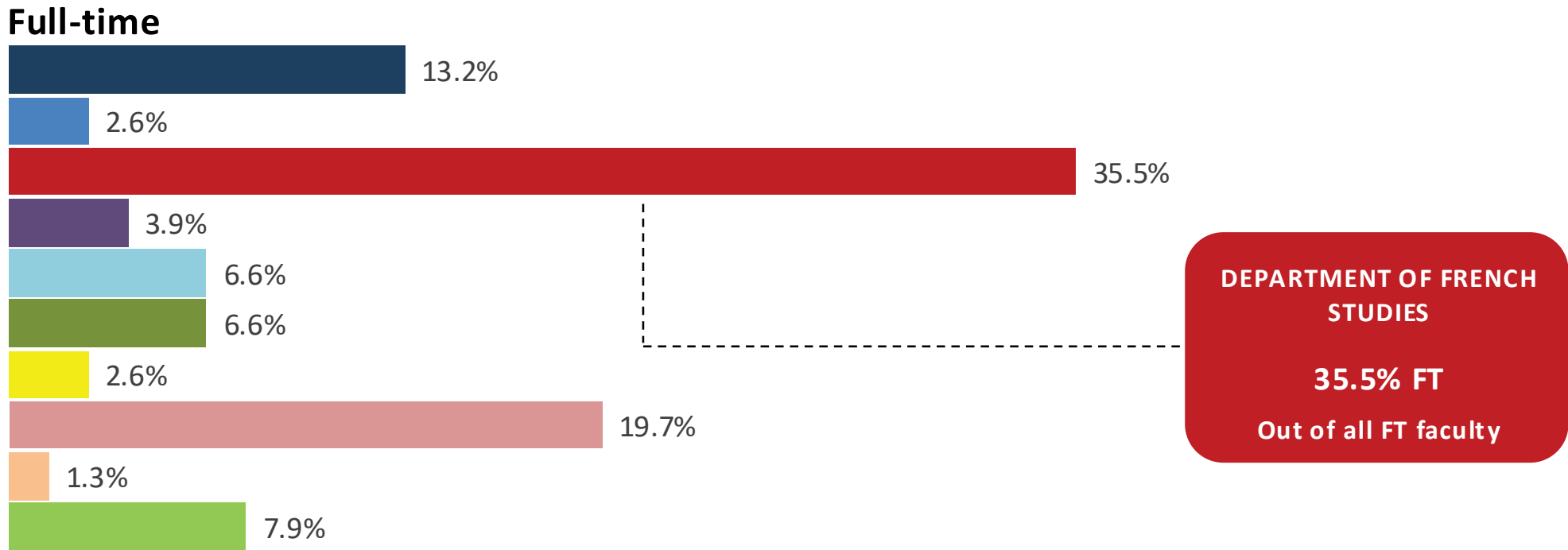
Fall 2023/24

		Number of Faculty		
		VP	FT	PT
	DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES	18	10	23
	DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF ART	39	2	0
	DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH STUDIES	9	27	3
	DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING	21	3	0
	DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY	26	5	5
	DEPARTMENT OF LAW, ECONOMICS, AND MANAGEMENT	60	5	15
	DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY	18	2	2
	DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING	0	15	5
	MARKETING MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA (MMCM)	10	1	0
	SORBONNE CENTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (SCAI)	0	6	4
TOTAL		201	76	57

Faculty by Status - Top Department



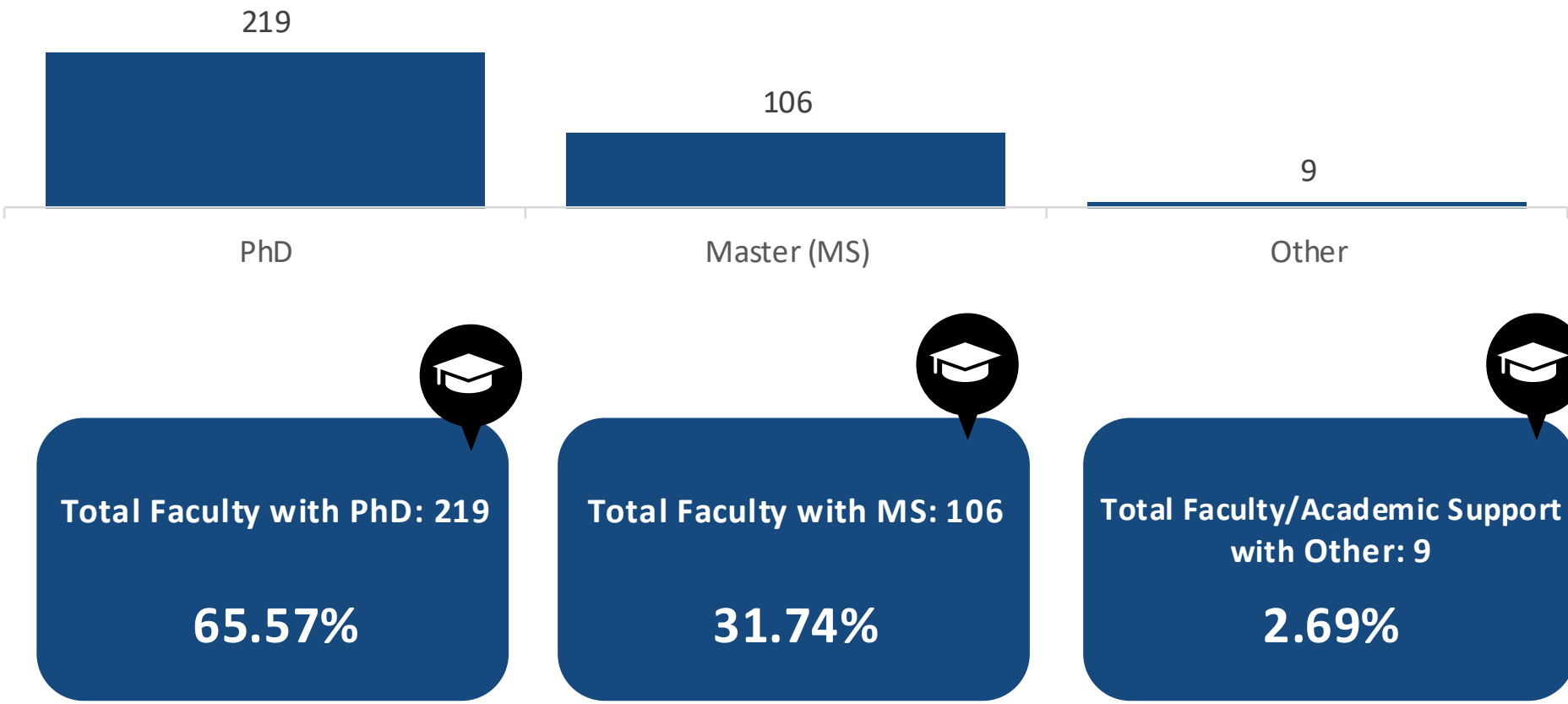
Department by Faculty Status
Fall 2023/24



Faculty by Qualification
Fall 2023/24

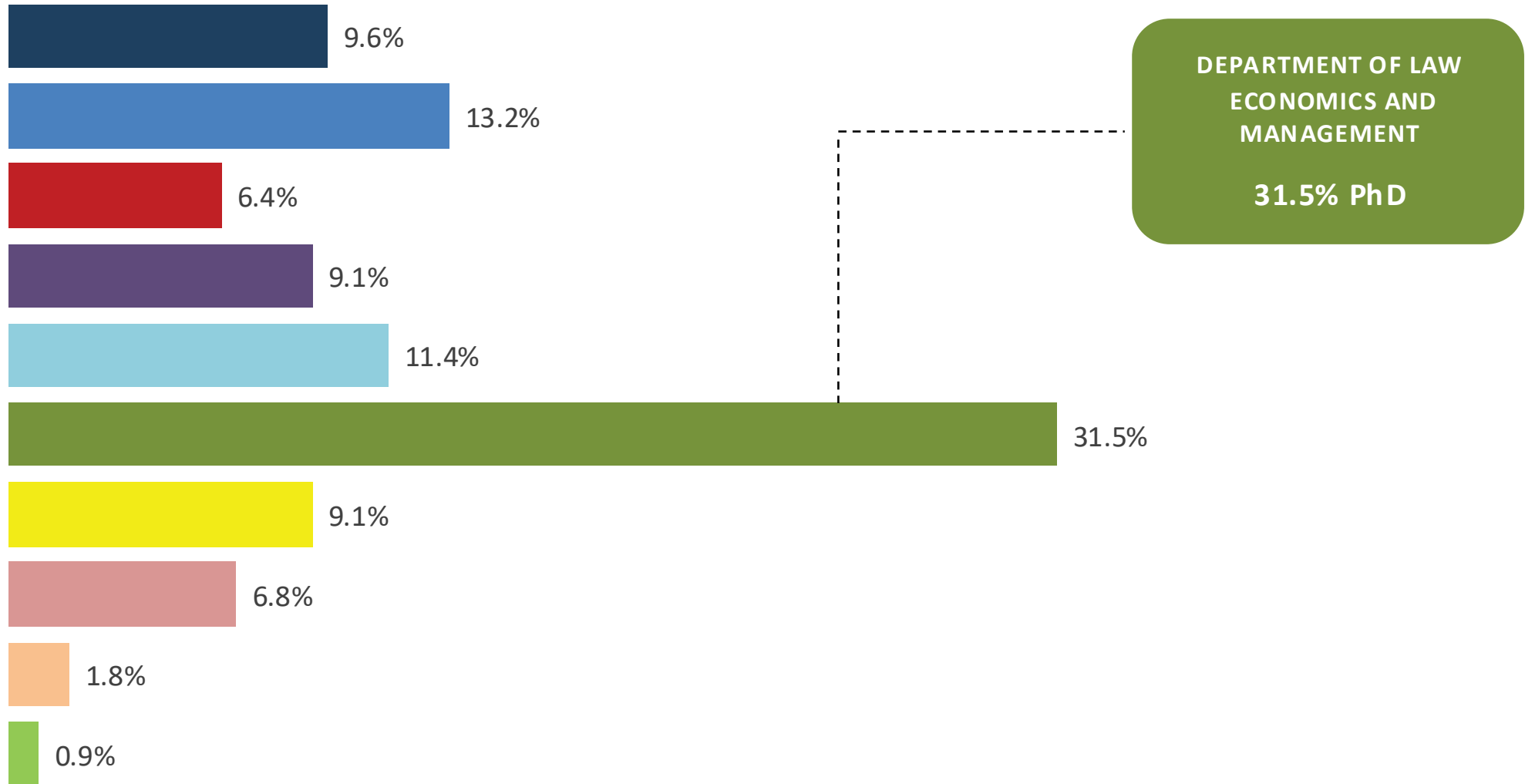
		Number of Faculty		
		PhD	MS	Other*
	DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES	21	24	6
	DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF ART	29	12	0
	DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH STUDIES	14	25	0
	DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING	20	4	0
	DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY	25	10	1
	DEPARTMENT OF LAW ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT	69	10	1
	DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY	20	2	0
	DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING	15	4	1
	MARKETING MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA MMCM	4	7	0
	SORBONNE CENTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (SCAI)	2	8	0
TOTAL		219	106	9

* Nine faculty members hold qualifications other than a PhD or Master's degree are involved in teaching language courses and foundation programmes.

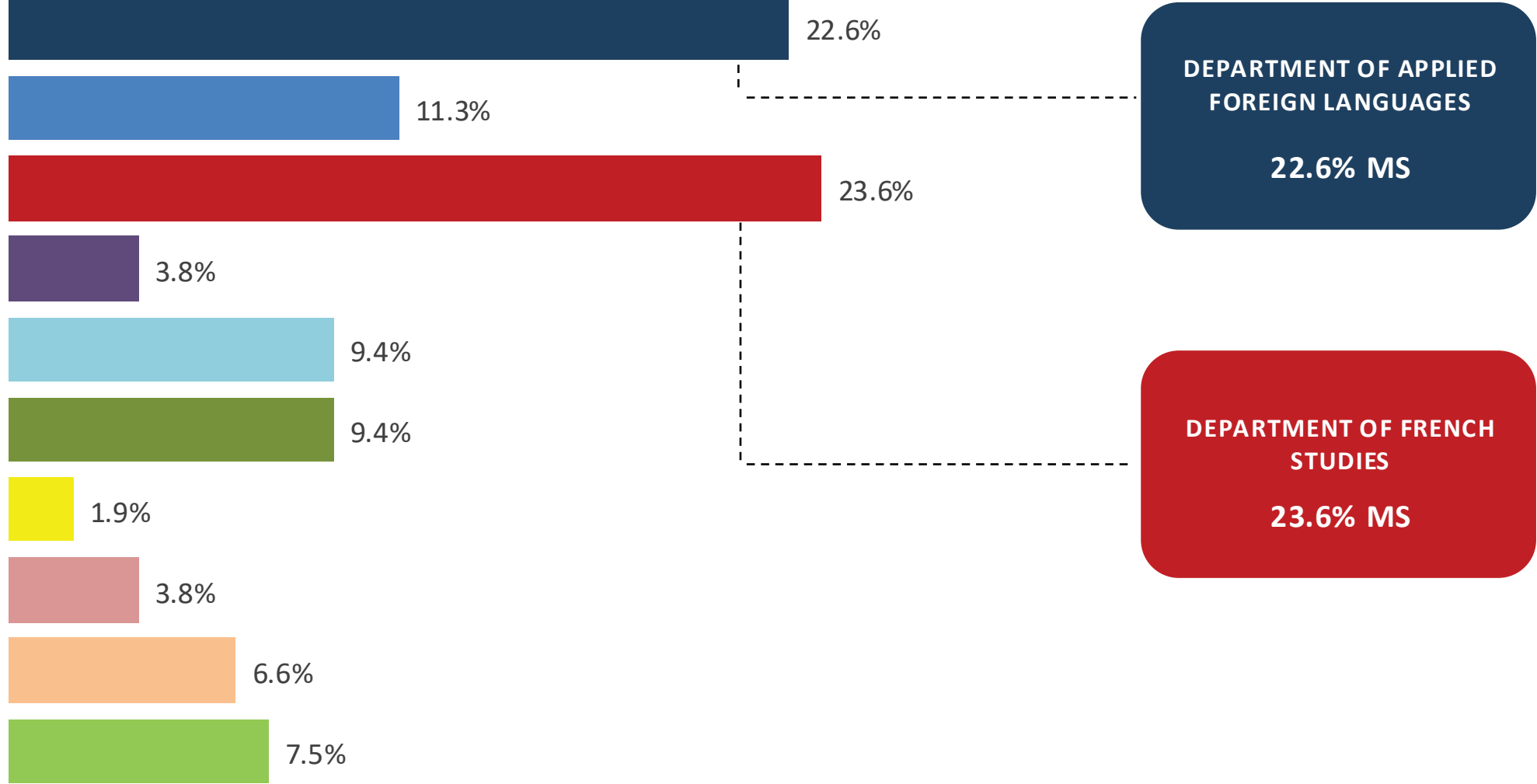


Department by Faculty Qualification
Fall 2023/24

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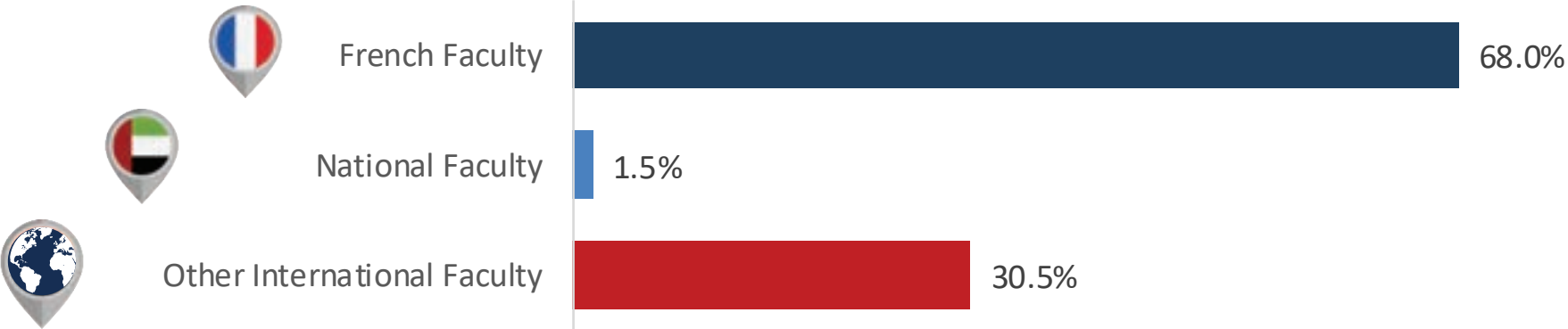


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Faculty by Nationality
Fall 2023/24

Nationality		Number of Faculty	Percentage
	French Faculty	227	68.00%
	National Faculty	5	1.50%
	Other International Faculty	102	30.50%
Total		334	100%



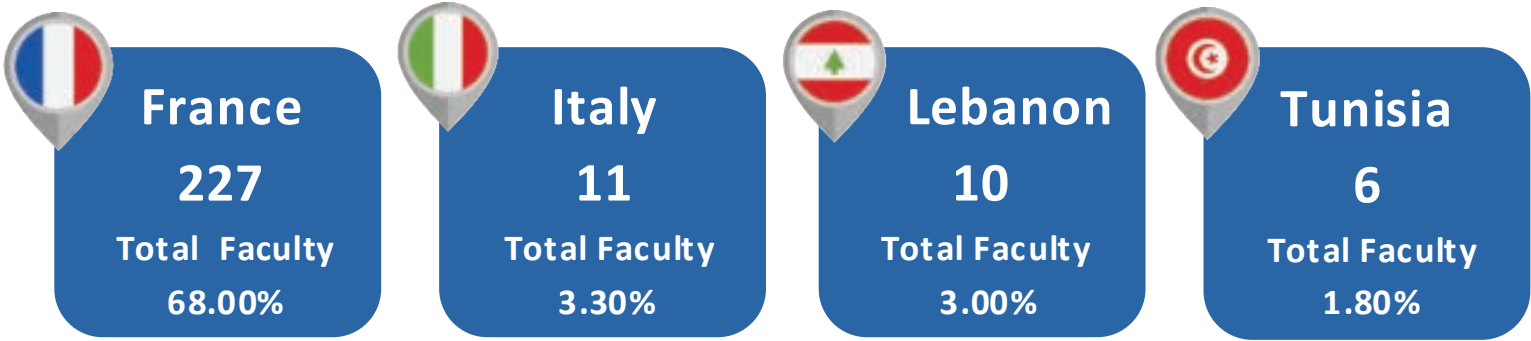
Total Nationalities

SUAD faculty come from **37** different countries, reflecting a remarkable degree of multicultural diversity.



37 Total Nationalities

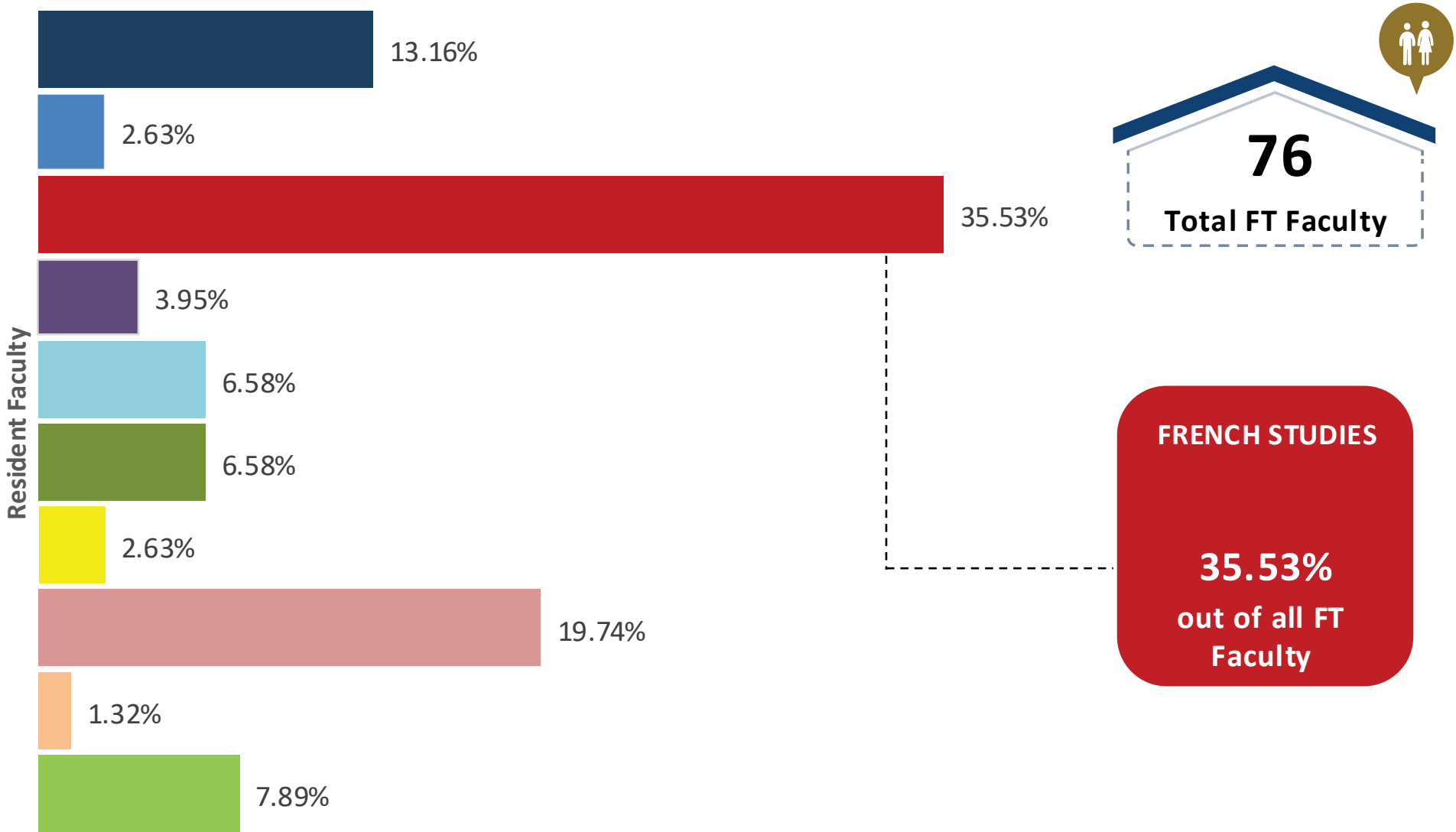
Top 4 Nationalities of SUAD Faculty



RESIDENT FACULTY OVERVIEW

Resident Faculty by Department Fall 2023/24

	Total FT
DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES	10
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF ART	2
DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH STUDIES	27
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING	3
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY	5
DEPARTMENT OF LAW ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT	5
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY	2
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING	15
MARKETING MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA MMCM	1
SORBONNE CENTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (SCAI)	6



Resident Faculty by Gender Fall 2023/24

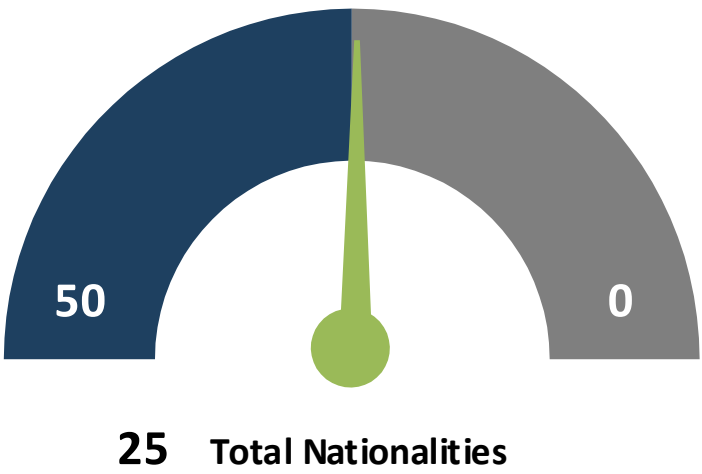
	Total Female	Total Male
Resident Faculty	39	37



Resident Faculty by Nationality Fall 2023/24

Total Nationalities

SUAD resident faculty come from 25 different countries, reflecting a remarkable degree of multicultural diversity.



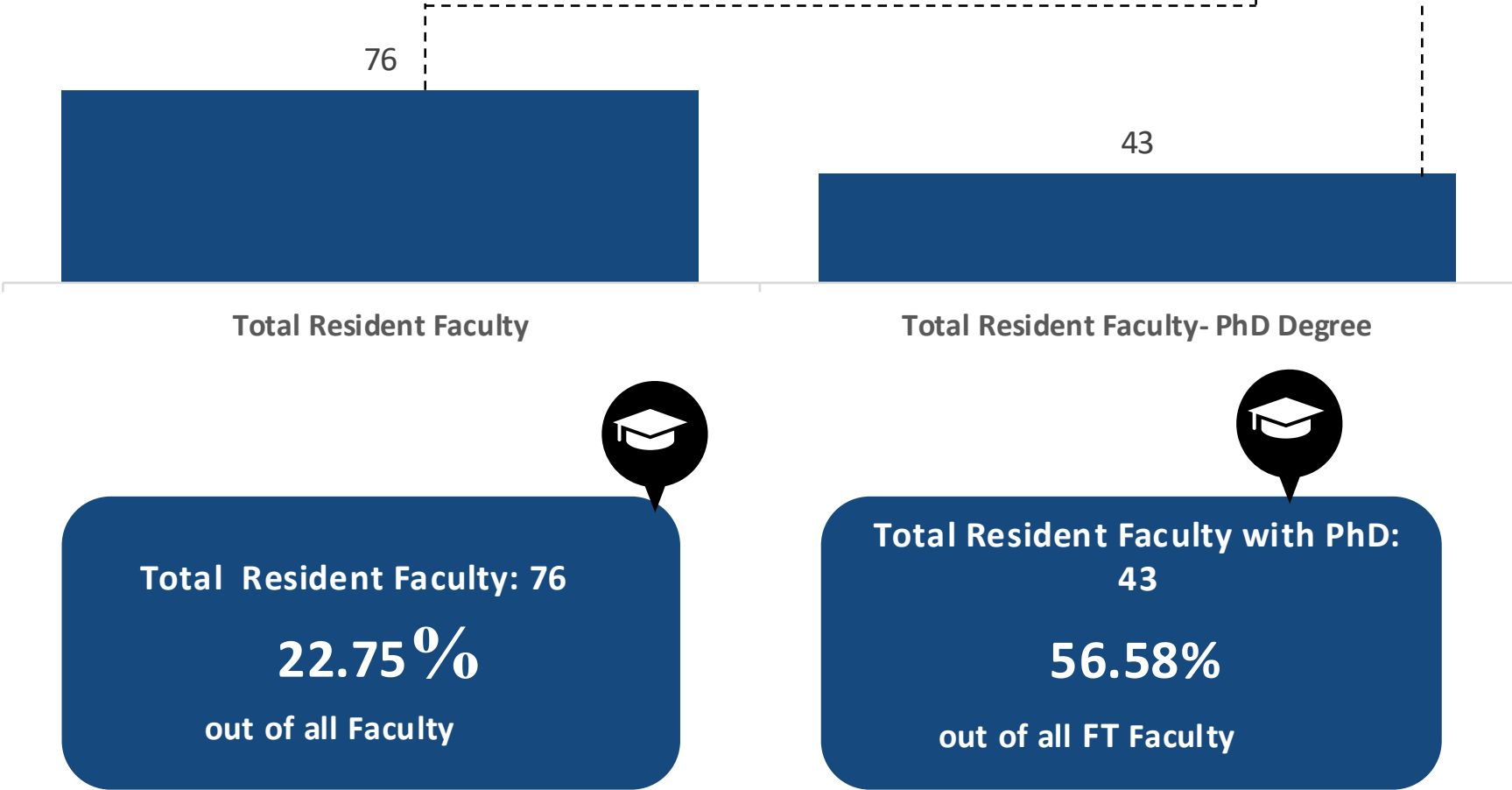
Top 3 Nationalities



Resident Faculty Statistics

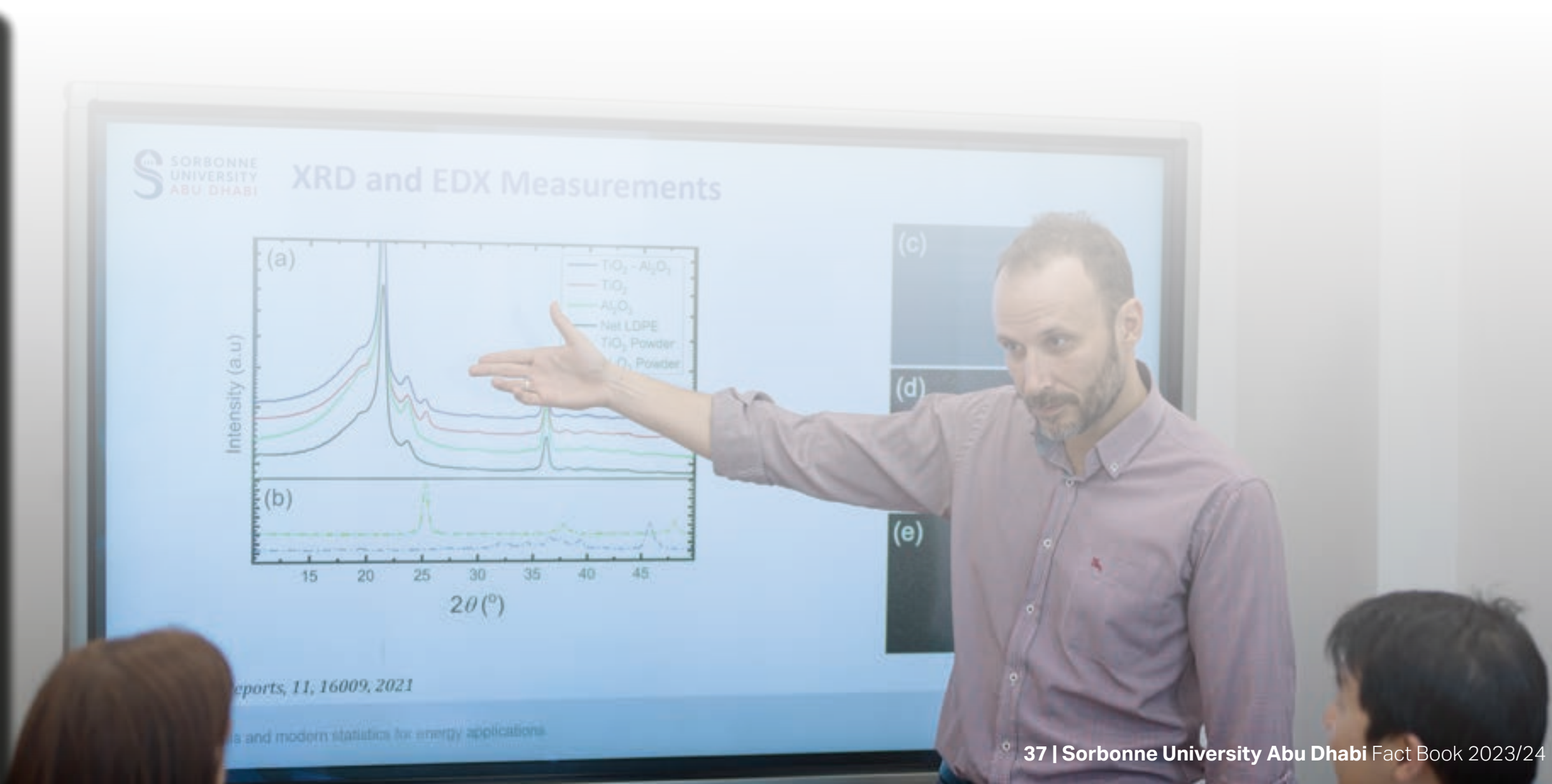
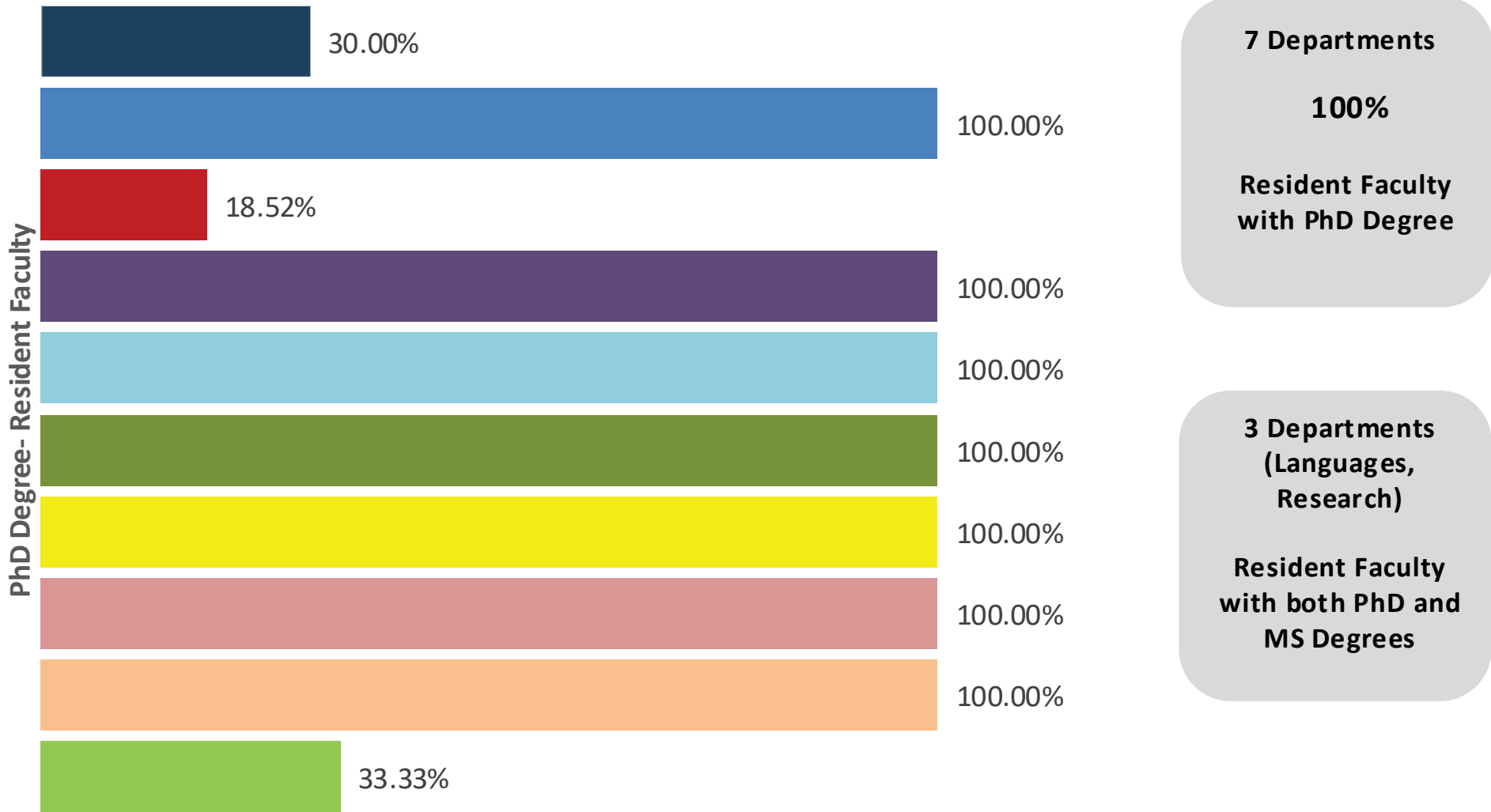
Fall 2023/24

		Total Resident	PhD Degree
	DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGES	10	3
	DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF ART	2	2
	DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH STUDIES	27	5
	DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING	3	3
	DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY	5	5
	DEPARTMENT OF LAW ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT	5	5
	DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY	2	2
	DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING	15	15
	MARKETING MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA MMCM	1	1
	SORBONNE CENTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (SCAI)	6	2



PhD Degree - Resident Faculty by Department

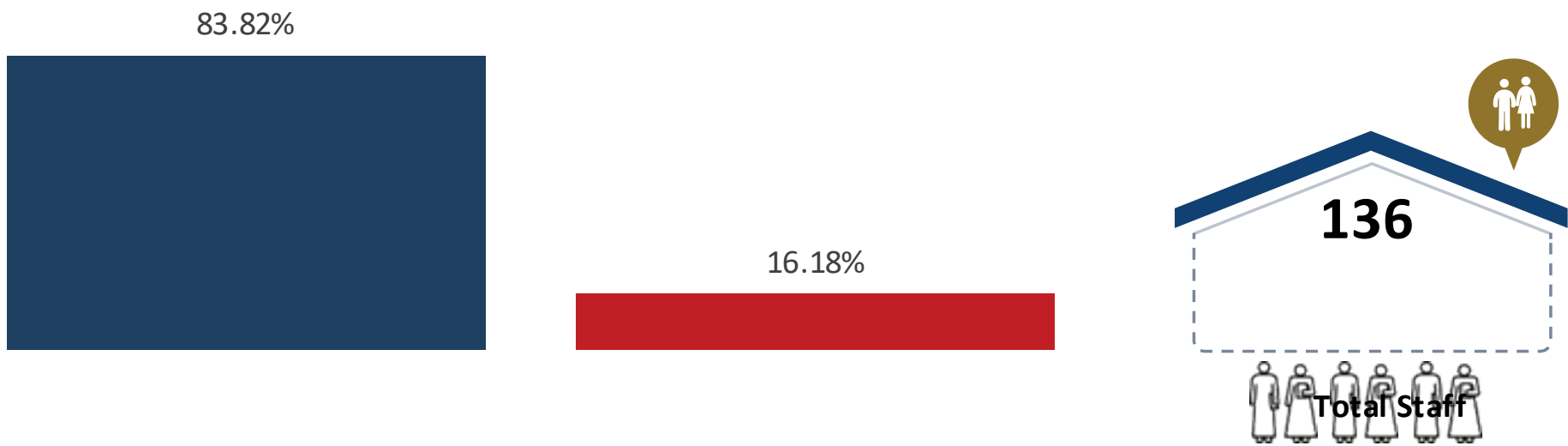
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STAFF OVERVIEW

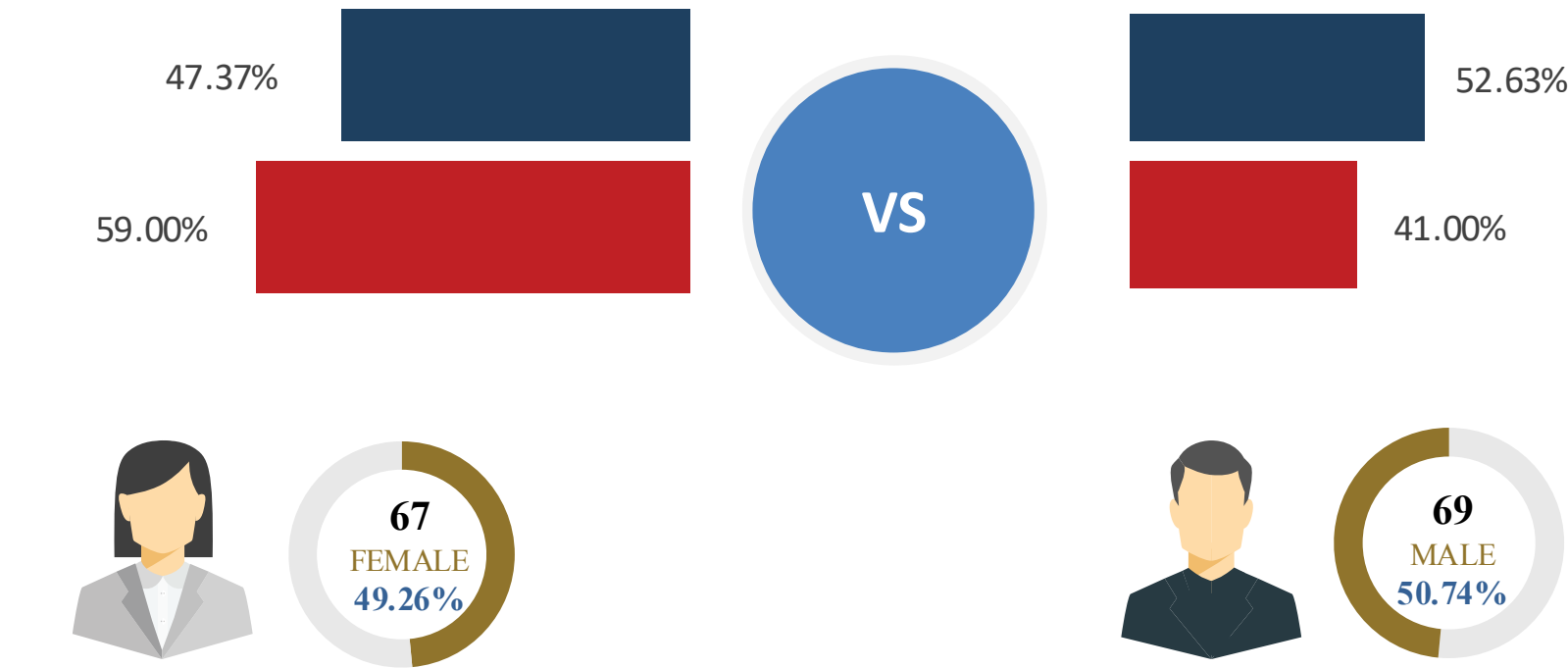
Staff by Status
Fall 2023/24

	Number of Staff
Full-Time Staff (FT)	114
Part-Time Staff (PT)	22



Staff by Gender

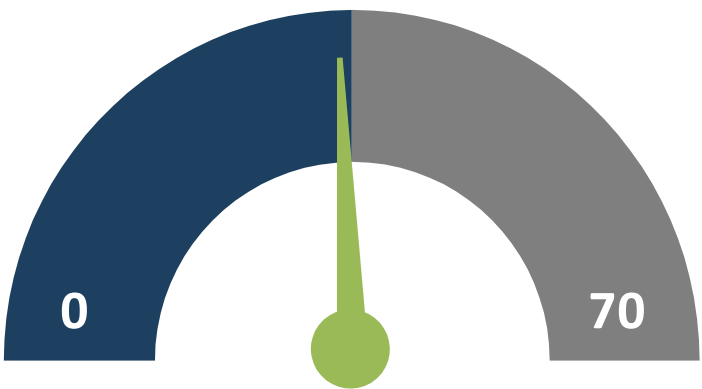
	Total Female	Total Male
Full-Time Staff	54	60
Part-Time Staff	13	9



Staff by Nationality
Fall 2023/24

Total Nationalities: All Staff

SUAD staff come from 31 different countries, reflecting a remarkable degree of multicultural diversity.

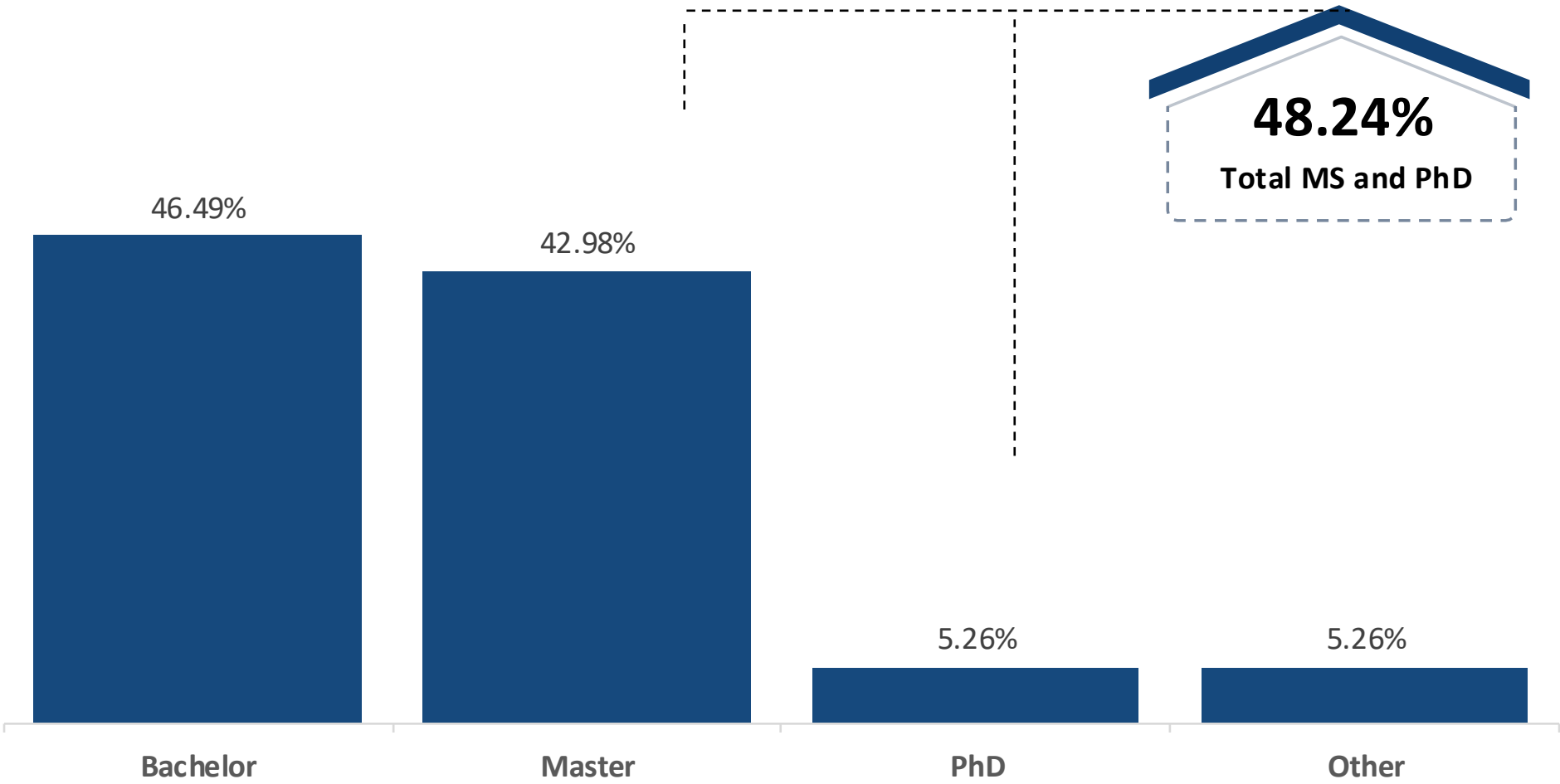


31 Total Nationalities

Top 5 Nationalities: Full-time Staff



Staff by Degree
Full-time Staff



SUAD EVENTS

Academic Year 2023/24



SUAD hosts a diverse array of academic, research, student, and cultural events throughout the academic year.

Academic departments and faculty organize scientific events—including conferences, symposiums, seminars, and lectures—strategically aligned with key research themes and topics of national and international significance.

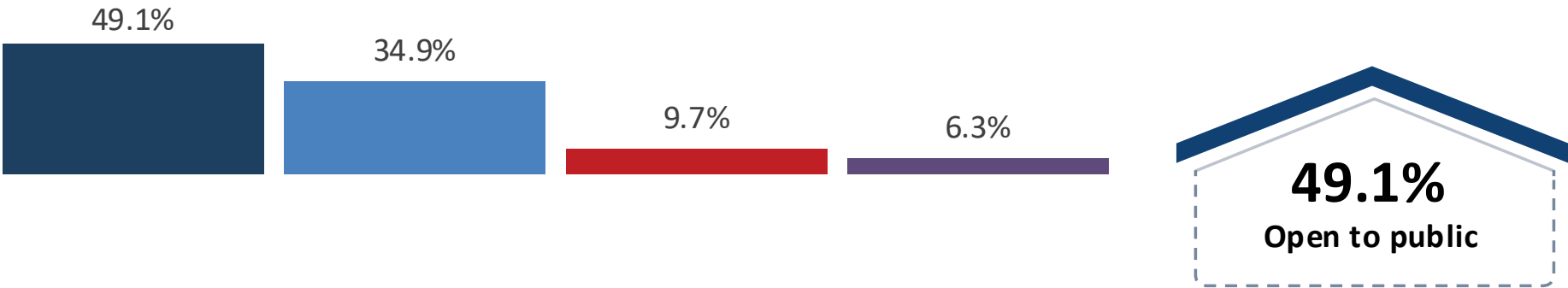
The Student Affairs Department, in collaboration with the Career Centre and the Student Council, organises an annual calendar of student events and activities to enhance awareness, foster engagement, and promote diversity and tolerance.

Additionally, the university offers a rich selection of cultural events each year, reinforcing its role as a hub for culture and the humanities in the region.



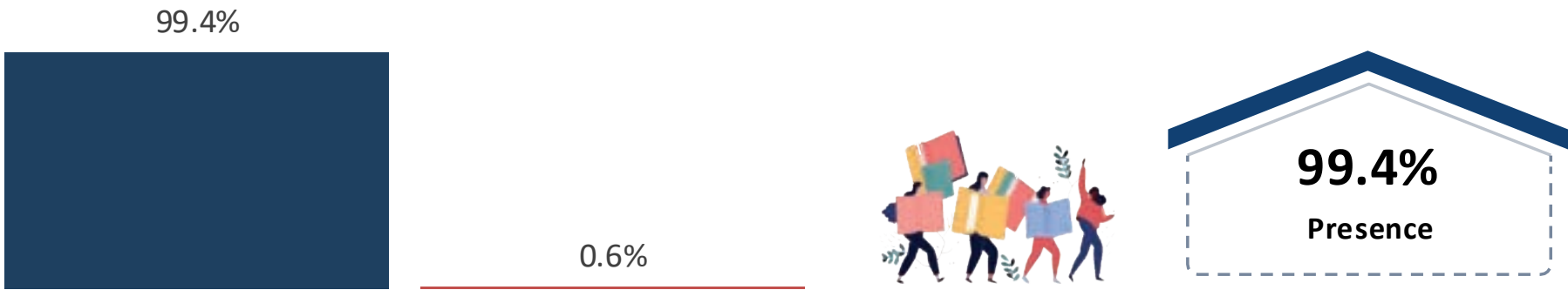
SUAD Events by Access
AY 2023/24

	Audience
Open to the public	49.1%
Students and Alumni	34.9%
SUAD Housing Residents	9.7%
Staff-Only / Staff and Students	6.3%



SUAD Events by Mode of Delivery

■ Presence ■ Virtual



SUAD Key Events List
A snapshot of some of the key events

- **Notre Dame Conference and Exhibition**
26 Feb - 21 Mar 2024
- **Monitoring the ocean, a key for climate sciences**
9 Dec 2023
- **Francophonie Launch**
6 Feb 2024
- **Kimono Exhibition**
7-18 Feb 2024
- **Concert for Peace**
22 Feb 2024
- **Dealing with POD Training by SLDC: Session - Training with KHDA-Approved Certification**
1,4,8 March 2024
- **Francophonie Film Festival**
1 - 3 Mar 2024
- **Alumni Gratitude Event**
Mar 2024
- **Mangrove Planting and Kayaking Activity**
6 Mar 2024
- **Philosophy Conference: Can beauty be a criterion for Art in contemporary societies?**
23 Apr 2024
- **Mitigating the effects of global warming and unlocking new opportunities to achieve sustainability**
23 Oct 2023
- **Sheikh Zayed Book Awards 2024**
1 May 2024
- **Intervention de Bruno Le Maire sur l'intelligence artificielle**
21 May 2024
- **Alumni Gala Dinner**
24 May 2024
- **Oceans Conference**
30 May 2024
- **Webinar: Archives and Records Management in Artificial Intelligence**
10 Jun 2024
- **Conference: Sustainable Finance, Green Investment and Energy Transition: Issues and Potential Solutions**
1 Nov 2023
- **Lecture: An Early Papyrus Handbook for Addressing Prayers to God (3rd/9th century)**
13 Nov 2023
- **Conference: Preservation of the Primary Forests in Papua New Guinea and Creative Arts**
23 Nov 2023
- **Photography Exhibition : What we leave behind by Mathilde Magnier**
24 Oct 2023
- **Theatre Play: Waiting for Godot - Samuel Beckett in the UAE**
26 Oct 2023

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COP28 Events

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COP28 Key Events List AY 2023/24



COP28 Events



- **COP28: Novel materials and modern statistics for energy applications**
5 Dec 2023
- **COP28: How to compensate Damages to nature?**
5 Dec 2023
- **COP28: Greening Information Management for Sustainable Development**
7 Dec 2023
- **COP28: Harnessing the Power of Digital Technologies to Address the Climate Crisis: Challenges and Achievements**
7 Dec 2023
- **COP28: Towards a just energy transition: challenges for North-South and South-South cooperation**
10 Dec 2023
- **COP28: Oasis agri-urban metabolism as a source of paleo-innovation for coping with global warming**
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- **COP28: Integrating Indigenous' Perspectives into Higher Education Curricula**
12 Dec 2023
- **COP28: The environmental question in the media: stakes, actors & discourse**
12 Dec 2023
- **COP28: City of Challenges: Towards Eco-Technological Innovation? Examples from Morocco and South Korea**
12 Dec 2023

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SUAD FACILITIES

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The world-class architectural design of SUAD reflects a synergetic melding of traditional UAE architectural features and the Palladian design of the Chapelle de la Sorbonne in France.

The University Campus is composed of 12 buildings as follows:

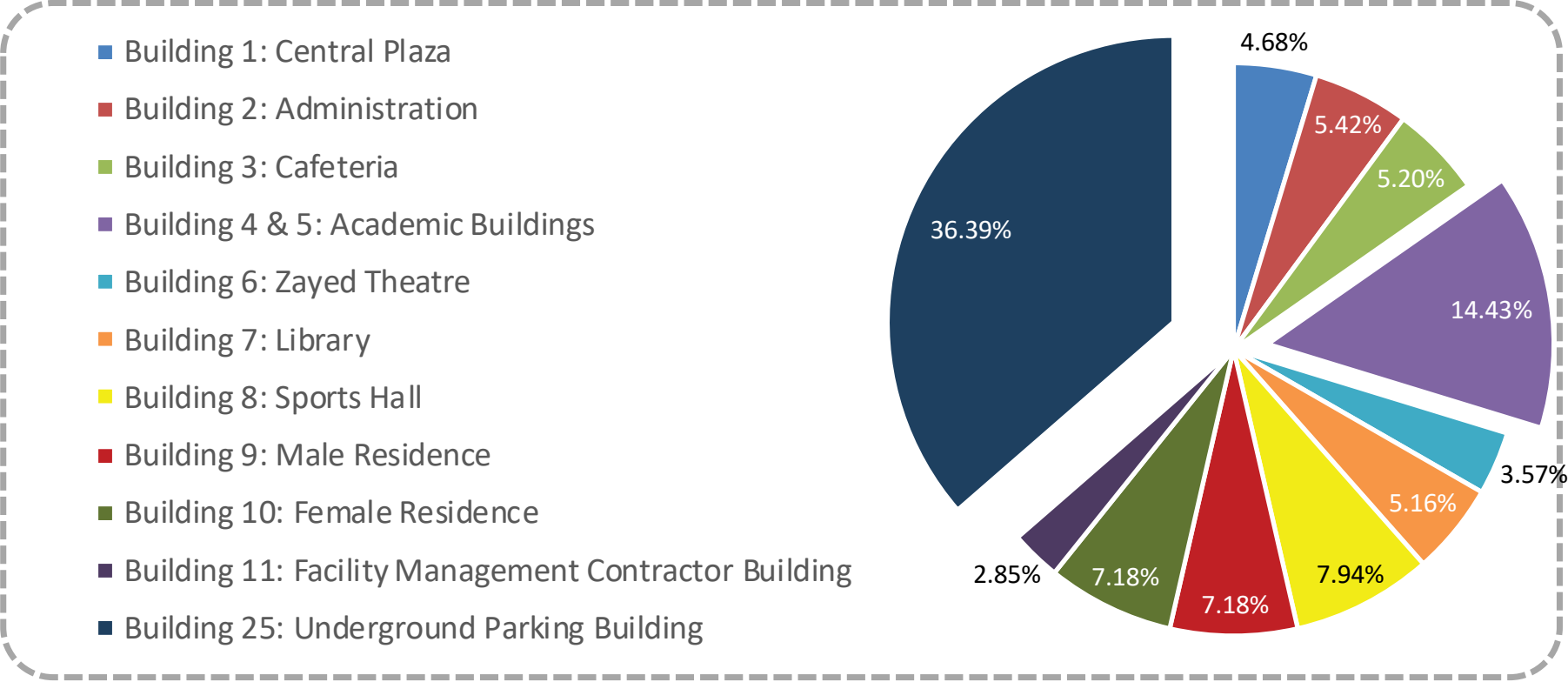
- Building 1: Central Plaza
- Building 2: Administration
- Building 3: Cafeteria
- Building 4 and 5: Academic Buildings 1 and 2
- Building 6: Zayed Theatre
- Building 7: Library and SUAD Research Institute
- Building 8: Sports Hall
- Building 9: Male Residence
- Building 10: Female Residence
- Building 11: Facility Management Contractor Building
- Building 25: Underground Parking Building



SUAD Facilities
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Type	Area (sq. meters)
Central Plaza includes the main reception and a large gathering area for staff, students, and visitors.	4,167
Administration Building includes staff offices, kitchen, and meeting rooms for faculty and staff.	4,830
Cafeteria Building includes dining area, 2 coffee shops, kitchen, a live cooking station, Student Council Room, Music room, Career Centre, and the Clinic.	4,631
Academic Buildings 1 and 2 include 73 classrooms, 13 labs, 1 Art room, 3 lecture halls, SCAI centre, male and female prayer rooms, and stores.	12,846
Zayed Theatre Building includes a hall with a seating capacity of 698 individuals, a VIP Majlis, male and female prayer rooms, male and female changing rooms and translation	3,180
Library Building includes a large study area, group study rooms, a student counselling office, a meeting room, Research office, and stores.	4,599
Sports Building includes large multi-purpose sports halls, gymnasium, dance studio, martial arts room, staff offices, and male and female changing rooms.	7,067
Male Residence Building includes 250 rooms, a prayer room, kitchen, a study room, lounge, laundry room, ironing room, and stores.	6,395
Female Residence Building includes 250 rooms, prayer room, kitchen, study room, lounge, laundry room, ironing room, and stores.	6,395
Underground Parking Building includes space for 792 car parking slots, stores, an electric car charging station, and an electric scooter charging station.	32,405
Facility Management Contractor and Security Buildings.	2,534
Total Serviceable Areas	89,049
Total Non-Serviceable Areas (Gardens, Landscaping Areas)	4,332
Total	93,381

Built-up Area Ratios
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SUAD Campus Layout



SUAD SPORTS

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Sports at SUAD bring together physical activity, well-being, and academic excellence, creating opportunities for students, staff, their families, and the wider community to stay active. With a modern sports complex that includes a fully equipped gym, multi-purpose hall, climbing wall, and outdoor fields, a wide range of activities is available.

Team sports such as football, volleyball, and basketball, along with individual sports like tennis, judo, Muay Thai, and climbing, cater to different interests.

Fitness classes, including Cross Training, Pilates, and Zumba, offer options for all levels.

Beyond recreational activities, SUAD is actively engaged in competitive sports, participating in the Abu Dhabi Inter-University Sports League and organising internal leagues, tournaments, and recreational events.

Inclusion is also a key focus, with dedicated sessions in collaboration with Rab3i that support people of determination, promoting social integration and personal development through sports.

Sustainability remains an important aspect, with initiatives aimed at reducing single-use plastics, encouraging reusable bottles, and organising beach, mangrove, and desert clean-ups. These efforts align with outdoor activities such as kayaking, hiking, and Padel, reinforcing a commitment to environmental responsibility.



SUAD LIBRARY

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The SUAD Library hosts the largest collection of French and Francophone academic literature in the GCC, with over 115,000 printed books and 506,000 e-resources, including books, articles, and periodicals.

It offers a comprehensive range of materials to support students and faculty in academic and research endeavors, helping students gather information for coursework, research, and projects while developing key academic skills.

The library provides specialized workshops for students and faculty, including information literacy sessions on database navigation and ethical use of sources, as well as faculty-focused sessions on relevant resources.

It also promotes open science initiatives, guiding data management and open access publishing. The 4,600-square-meter facility is equipped with cutting-edge hardware, software, and private study spaces to support research and collaboration.

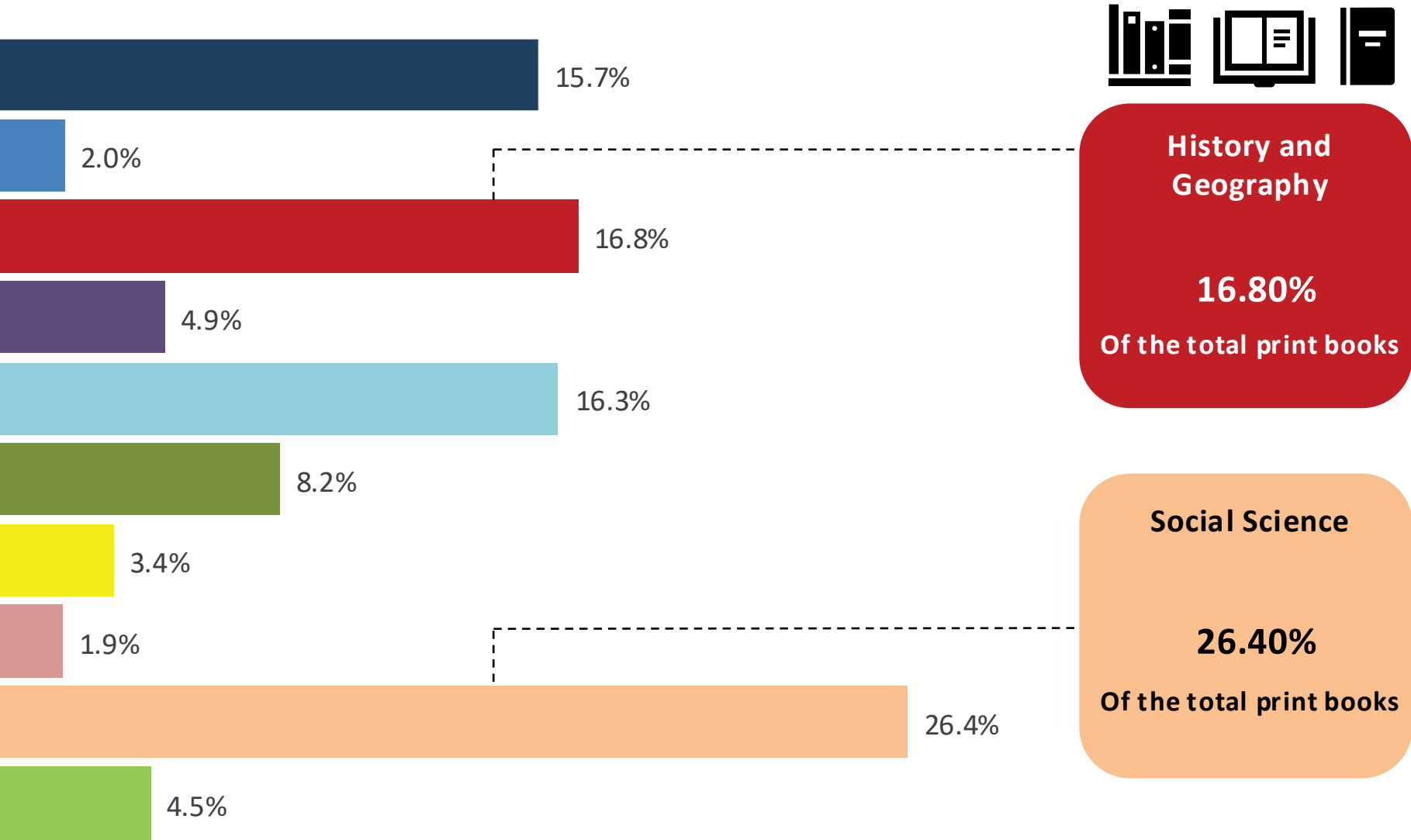
Throughout the year, the library hosts workshops on academic writing, citation management, and research techniques, alongside cultural events like book clubs, exhibitions, and discussions. "Le Salon de Musique" offers a space for music enthusiasts, highlighting the library's role as both an academic resource and a cultural hub for intellectual engagement and lifelong learning.



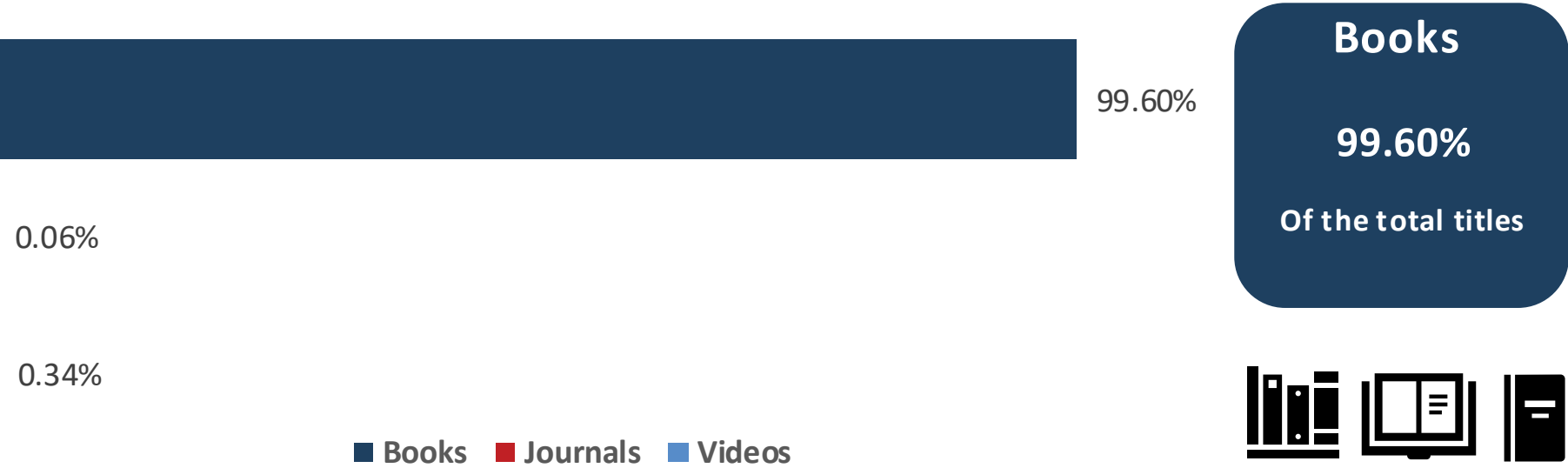
Library Resources	Total
Print Books	115,000+
Electronic Books	461,989
Electronic Periodicals	44,070
Print Periodicals	60
Databases Subscriptions	48
Data Base Titles	500,000+
Research Output	78

SUAD Library
Print Books by Subject

	Unique Titles
Arts and Recreation	14,950
Computer Science, Information, and General Works	1,670
History and Geography	16,098
Language	4,657
Literature	15,520
Philosophy and Psychology	7,859
Religion	3,217
Science	1,932
Social Sciences	25,325
Technology	4,271



SUAD Library
Database Titles by Category



SAFIR: SORBONNE ABU DHABI FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Research is fundamental to the vision and strategic objectives of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi, establishing the institution as a prominent contributor to research and innovation within the UAE and the GCC region.

Through its distinguished research institute, SAFIR, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi aligns its research with the areas of excellence of Sorbonne Université and Université Paris Cité, as well as the specialized expertise of our faculty members based at the Abu Dhabi campus. The university’s research priorities are closely aligned with the UAE’s Vision 2030, supporting national goals and contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

SAFIR encompasses seven research centers dedicated to advancing knowledge in the following strategic themes:

	Heritage and Material Science	
	Artificial Intelligence and Digital Policy	Global Societies, Cultures, Cities and Arts
	Environment and Sustainable Development	Humanities, Languages and Education
	Applied Mathematics, Statistics and Data Science	Health and care

In addition, SAFIR fosters collaborations with world-renowned research institutions and laboratories in France, as well as leading industry stakeholders, to drive innovative research projects. Key collaborations, such as those with SCAI and the Ocean Institute, are at the forefront of international, multi-stakeholder research initiatives.



SAFIR: SUAD Research Ambassador

The **SAFIR** research laboratory stands as a distinguished ambassador of academic and research excellence, embodying a commitment to impactful scholarship and scientific advancement.

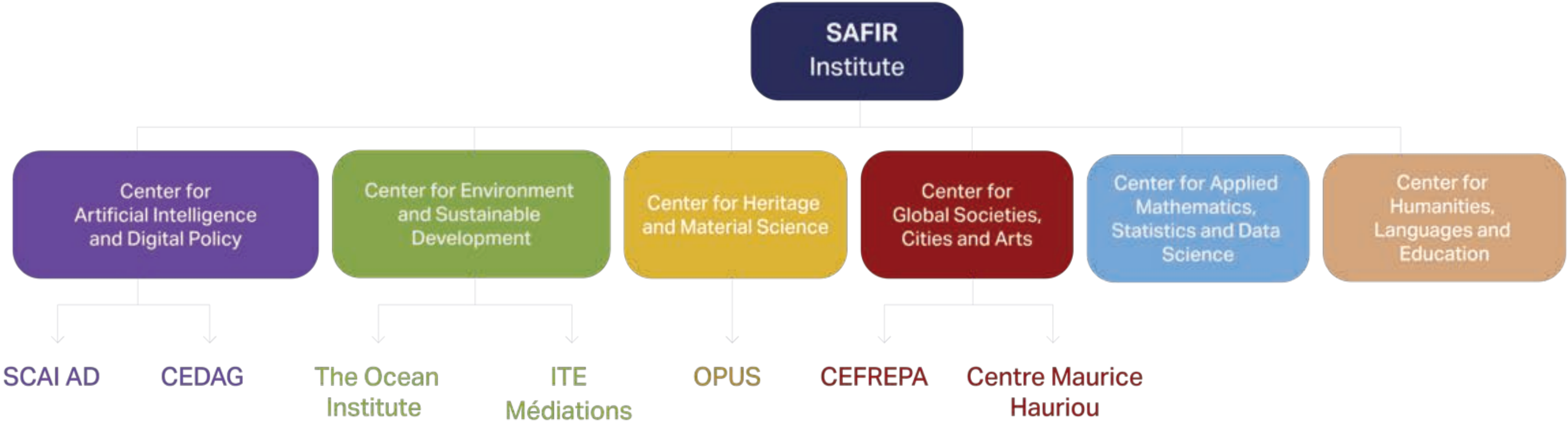


Dr. Clio Chaveneau
Head of SAFIR

Developing Research Laboratories



SAFIR has achieved impressive academic productivity with over 180 publications and active participation in more than 20 conferences and seminars at SUAD, alongside 28 contributions to international research events.

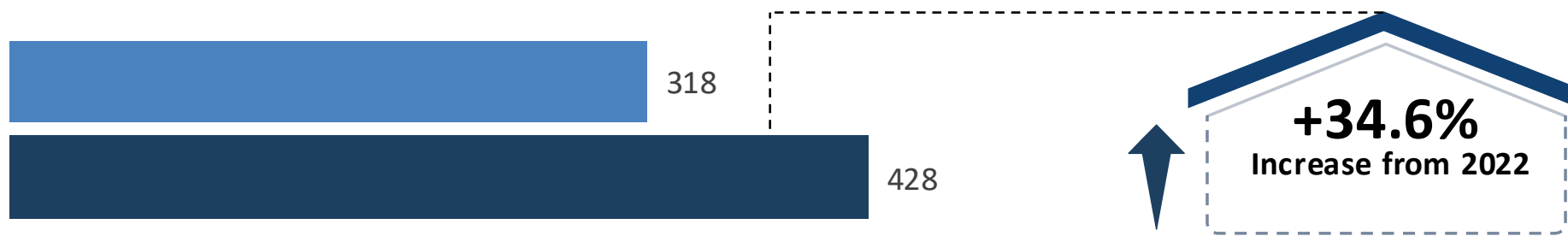


RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS OVERVIEW

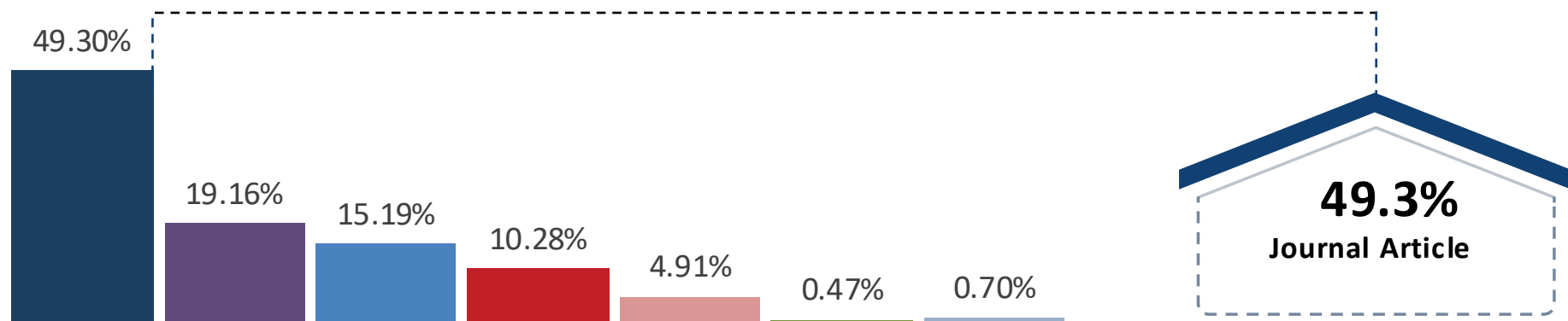
Publication* Year 2023

Research activities at SUAD align with the respective research institutions at the University and the four strategic themes set out in the University Research Strategy: Artificial Intelligence, Gulf Studies, Heritage, and the Environment. Our researchers engage in collaborative and transnational research to address global and discipline-specific topics with national and international impact.

Academic Years 2022 and 2023 Comparison		Total Publications
	Publication Year 2022	318
	Publication Year 2023	428



Academic Year 2023 - Publications by Type		Total Publications
	Journal Article	211
	Book Chapter	82
	Conference Paper	65
	Book	44
	Non-Journal Article	21
	Note, Discussion or Commentary	2
	Other	3



* The publications include the research outputs of the Visiting Faculty.

Academic Year 2023 - Researchers by Type

		Total Researchers
	Single Author (PI)	144
	Single Author with Co-Authors from outside institution	77
	Single Author with Co-Authors from within institution	5
	Other	202



Key Areas of Publication

Legal Professions and Studies

Social Sciences

Physical Sciences

Computer, Information Sciences and Support Services

Foreign Languages, Literature, and Linguistics

Visual and Performing Arts

History

Liberal Arts And Sciences, General Studies And Humanities

Architecture And Related Services

SUAD PARTNERS

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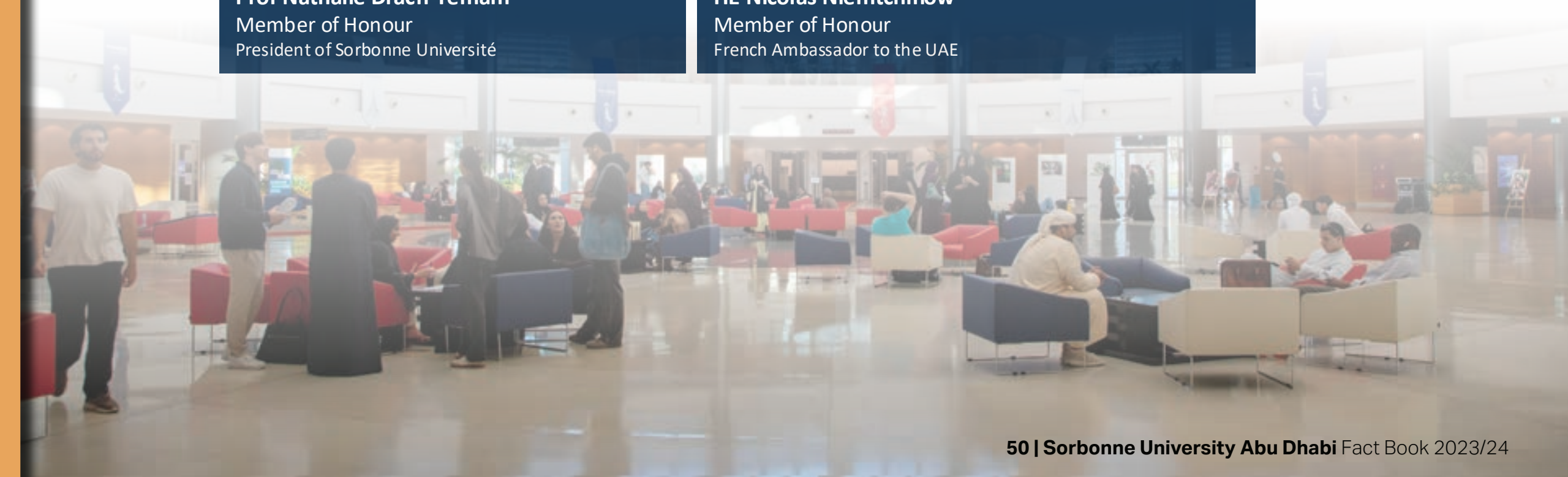


SUAD has developed strategic partnerships with prominent individuals, local and international organisations to support academic research, scholarships programmes and University events.

The Friends of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Association

Established under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and supported by the French Ambassador to the UAE, this Association is the result of collaborative efforts between Emirati and French residents in the UAE who are eager to support the development of the University, and to facilitate the transition of graduates into the professional world. The Association Executive Committee consists of:

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Bridging Disciplines at Université Paris Cité: Business Law, Health & Governance



SUAD: Home to CEFREPA UAE, Extending Research Influence in the Region



The interwoven narrative of partnerships showcases SUAD’s resolute commitment to pioneering research that transcends borders, disciplines, and challenges, positioning the university at the forefront of academic and societal advancement.

Strategic Partnerships for Research and Scholarly Activities

Numerous partners for local collaboration



Building Partnership to advance research



These strategic partnerships underscore SUAD’s role as a catalyst for research-driven innovation, reinforcing its position at the heart of Abu Dhabi’s vibrant knowledge ecosystem and paving the way for meaningful advancements across diverse fields.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Hosts Landmark Event on Heritage
Restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral





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