

Classics and Class

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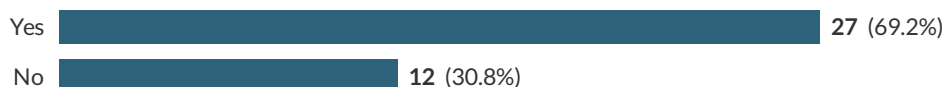
- 1** This survey is entirely anonymous. Information will be kept for the duration of one academic year to facilitate the possible publication of data in a research article. The University may also process your personal data as part of its research and teaching activities in accordance with the lawful basis of 'public task', and in accordance with the University's purpose of advancing education, learning and research for the public benefit. Your information will only be used by University of Liverpool staff for the purpose of research where the data has been anonymised, where ethical approval has been obtained from the appropriate University research ethics committee, and where you have been given the opportunity to opt out of your information being used this way. Do you consent to your information being used for research purposes?



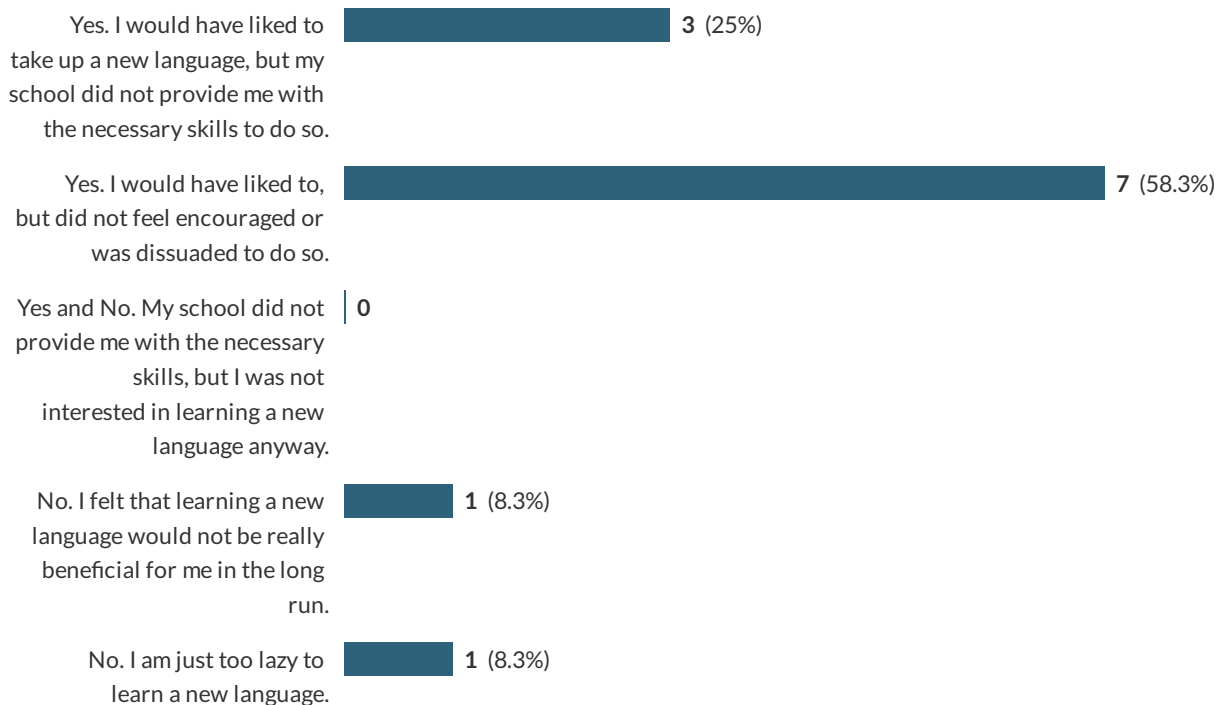
- 2** Do you identify yourself as coming from a working class background?



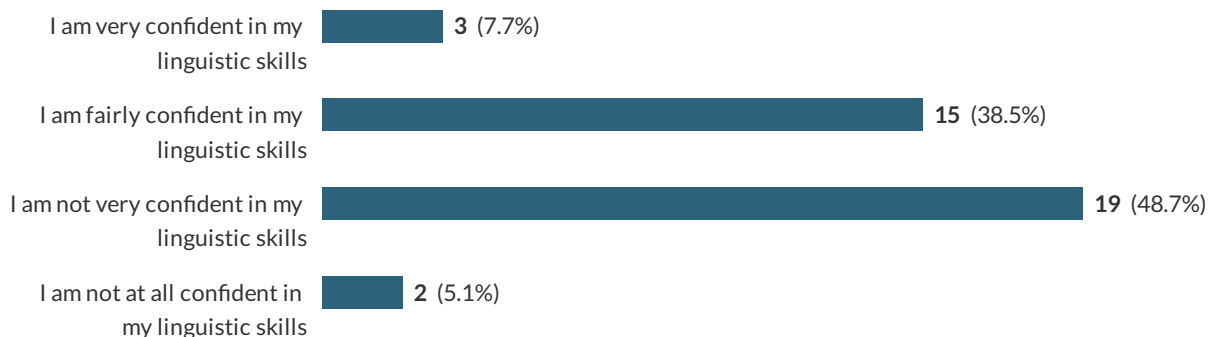
- 3** Do you speak any modern language other than your own native one, or are you currently learning one or more foreign languages? (excluding Greek and Latin)



4 Do you feel your educational background had a negative impact on how you feel about foreign or ancient languages (only one option possible: choose that one that best represents you)



5 Choose the statement that best applies to you:



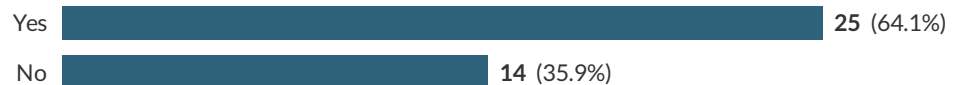
6 Do you feel your ability to learn or general attitude to foreign languages would have been different if you belonged to a higher social class?



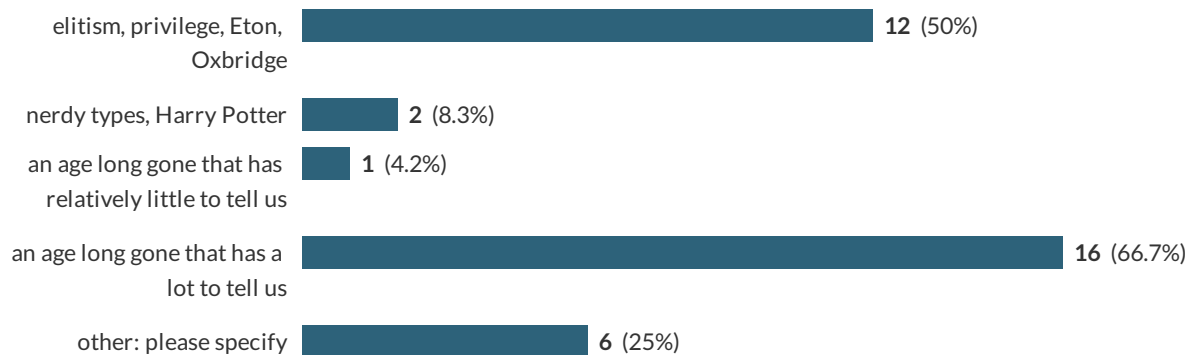
7 Do you feel your ability to learn or general attitude towards foreign languages would have been different if you lived in a different part of the UK, for example in the South East of England?



8 Are you currently doing a degree (undergraduate or postgraduate) in Classics or Ancient History?



9 What did you associate Classics and Ancient History with before you started your degree?



Multi answer: Percentage of respondents who selected each answer option (e.g. 100% would represent that all this question's respondents chose that option)

9.a If you selected 'other', please specify:

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queerness	857187-857169-91341761
When I was younger I used to think option 1, I now think option 4	857187-857169-91344291
the culture and mythology of the greeks and the romans	857187-857169-91352165
Something that was supposed to be interesting	857187-857169-91373878
something that you don't really do if you're working class, something you won't be able to get a career in unless you have connections/money, I got told a lot that yeah it's interesting but ultimately useless for getting a job/trade	857187-857169-91385996
i learnt about some myths in primary school and then from year 7 onwards was able to do classics, i'd associate with percy jackson/social media/tumblr though if not school	857187-857169-91698736
I didn't know the discipline existed until I went to college	857187-857169-91701007

10 What do you associate Classics and Ancient History with, now that you're doing a degree on this subject?

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Learning about something very important to our history	857187-857169-91341844
pretty much the same, but less focus on elitism as there are more than a few people on the course who do not fit the usual background or who, like me did not have any opportunities to learn this sort of thing in school	857187-857169-91341761
The same.	857187-857169-91343263
Feeling like a token public school kid	857187-857169-91343911
My underlying idea has not changed: people coming from higher-status/elite backgrounds have more chances to succeed, independently from their actual academic skills. Being economically advantaged and, therefore, being in the right circle of similar people helps resilience/sticking to research in the field. However, I never changed my idea that history/archaeology/humanities are essential in the understanding of our future. That is the reason why I enrolled, despite being aware of my working class background.	857187-857169-91344147
The genesis of western language, poetry, philosophy, and literature.	857187-857169-91344291
Personally I associate it with learning about humanity and philosophy however many people don't know what Classics is and immediately associate it with elitism	857187-857169-91344737
A distant past that still plays true to how we are today.	857187-857169-91344908
nerdy, impressive subject, elitist and privileged in the sense that only the well educated and wealthy understand what my degree is	857187-857169-91345009
Social, political and economic development of empire	857187-857169-91348478

I associate it with democracy and how the ideas and beliefs and constructs of the past influence the way we exist today, but I do also associate with a slight bit of elitism	857187-857169-91348750
Still has some problems in terms of access but not inheritantly elite only.	857187-857169-91349047
language and social life in antiquity	857187-857169-91352165
It is still an elitist subject area	857187-857169-91362124
A subject which has been appropriated by middle and upper classes following its marginalisation in state schools	857187-857169-91368589
Boring and hard to understand the content	857187-857169-91373878
Colonialism, elitism, patriarchal attitudes.	857187-857169-91382637
Honestly, I still see the elitism. When you look at the career/education history of your lecturers, it feels like almost all of them went to a very prestigious Oxbridge-level university that I could never afford being working class. I enjoy Classics and Ancient History, I've always believed we can learn lots from the past. But I can't shake the associations of it being a futile/useless degree, it being not something a working-class person should be doing because those associations are reinforced everyday by friends/family who are also working-class. Kind of a cross between "do you think you're better than us", "what are you playing at, you know this kind of stuff isn't for us", and "that's great, but what are you going to get an actual job now instead of wasting time/money?" I guess I associate it with not fitting in, being working class within a subject originally conceived (and still largely dominated by) the elite so not being accepted by them whilst also being seen as an outsider by other working-class people	857187-857169-91385996
It has opened up that world even more. I love travelling and especially visiting ancient sites from all cultures, not just Greek and Roman.	857187-857169-91562692
a field with a lot left to study but a lot of gaps due to the priorities of scholarship/cishet white upper class people as the main corpus	857187-857169-91697524
a topic i know really well and in depth, i associate it with literature	857187-857169-91698736
Still quite elitist and high brow - something the gentry would learn about and a risky course too take as there isn't much job guarantee	857187-857169-91701007
traditionalism, nerdy types, middle class	857187-857169-91701539
In my opinion, Classics text could be a work that is usually considered to be a representation of the period in which it was written and it merits lasting recognition as a part of materials to prove history.	857187-857169-91707027

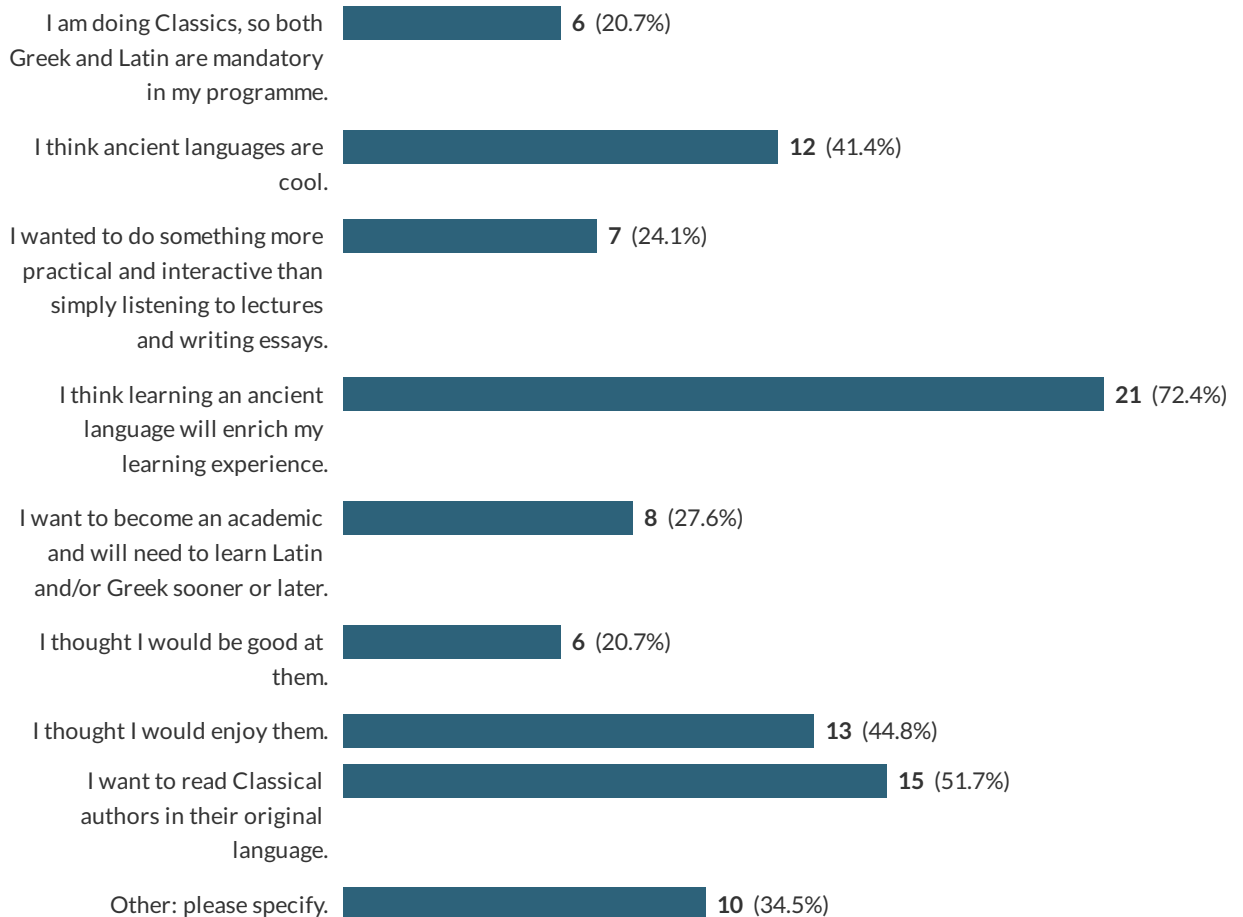
11 Would you say, based on your own experience at Liverpool and beyond, that Classics is an elitist subject?



12 Are you currently studying Greek and/or Latin at University (Department of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology or Continuing Education) or are you planning to take Greek and/or Latin next year or later in your Undergraduate or Masters?



13 What motivated you to study Greek and/or Latin? (by Greek and Latin we mean the language, not the culture or history of Greek and Roman civilisations) [choose all that applies]



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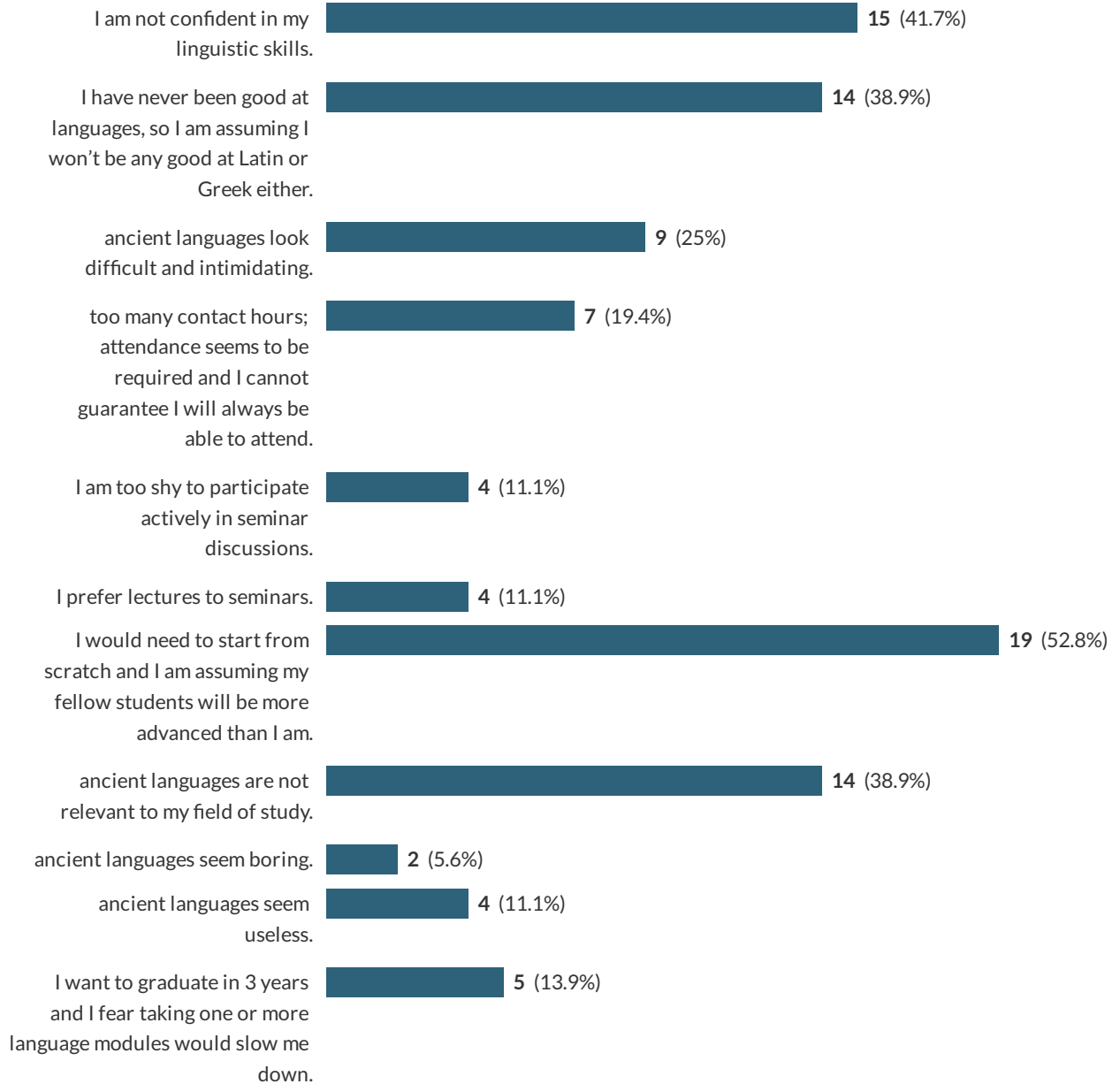
13.a If you selected 'other' please specify:

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I thought learning Latin would help with learning other modern romantic languages, and also help me gain confidence in language skills so I can teach myself German as well	857187-857169-91341761
Need Latin for reading medieval sources and literature	857187-857169-91344516
Deeper understanding of modern languages	857187-857169-91344291
I have studied Latin Language since age 11 at school so it felt natural to continue	857187-857169-91344737
Was given the opportunity- why not try it?	857187-857169-91345009
I had had the opportunity to study both languages a little at school and a summer school and enjoyed them.	857187-857169-91351709
Had to pick another module	857187-857169-91373878
I would be lying if I said I didn't feel behind everyone else by not learning an ancient language, there's like this expectation that to study this degree you have to know at least one ancient language to be taken seriously. There's also that being working class and not having a private education, I lack that edge that being upper class/privately-educated gives you so I need to take every opportunity I can to try and be seen as equal (I think the old saying of having to work twice as hard to be seen as only half as good applies here also)	857187-857169-91385996
I want to translate Latin documents.	857187-857169-91714187
I simply find it interesting.	857187-857169-91728707
I wanted to give Latin a try and felt it would broaden my knowledge for my degree.	857187-857169-91729808

14 Do/did you enjoyed learning Greek and or Latin?

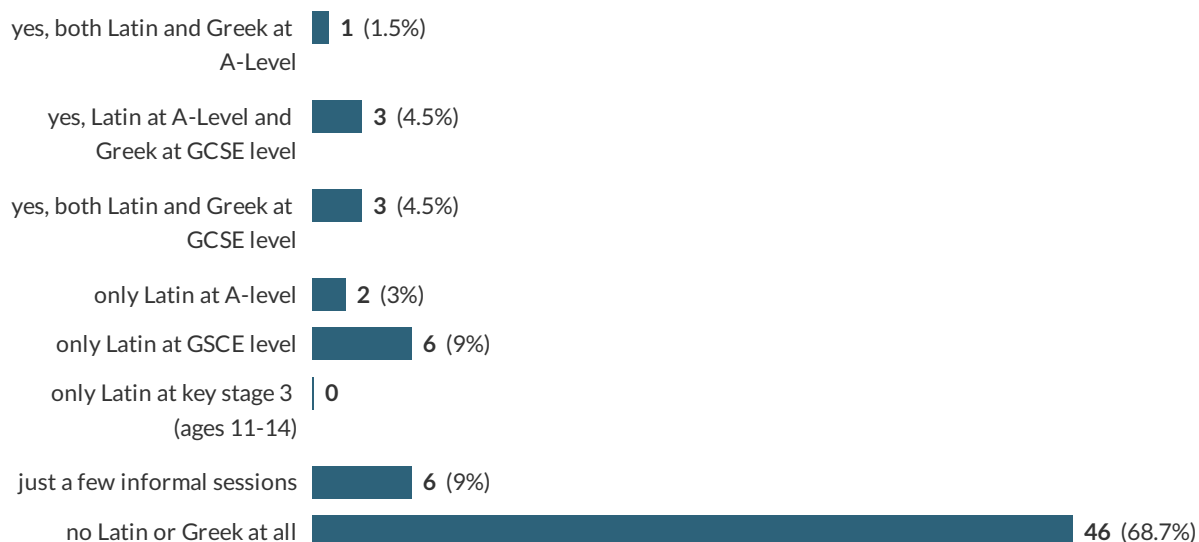


15 Why did you decide not to take up Latin or Greek? [choose all that applies to you]

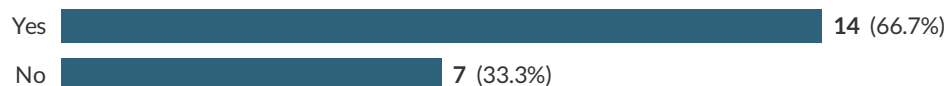


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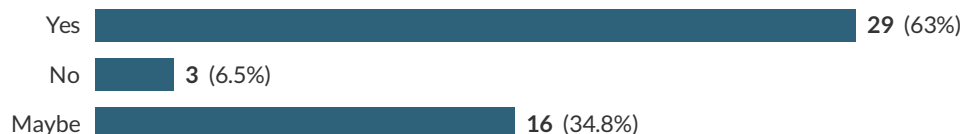
16 Did you have any Latin and/or Greek at school?



- 17** Did receiving some Greek and/or Latin classes at school impact your module choices, i.e. did previous experience with ancient languages stimulate your willingness to learn Latin and Greek at a more advanced level?

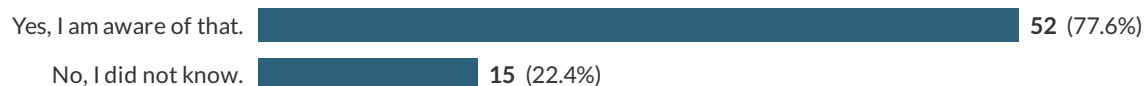


- 18** If you responded 'no Greek and Latin at all': do you think any beginners Greek or Latin at school would have been beneficial to you and would that have increased your chances to take Latin or Greek at University?



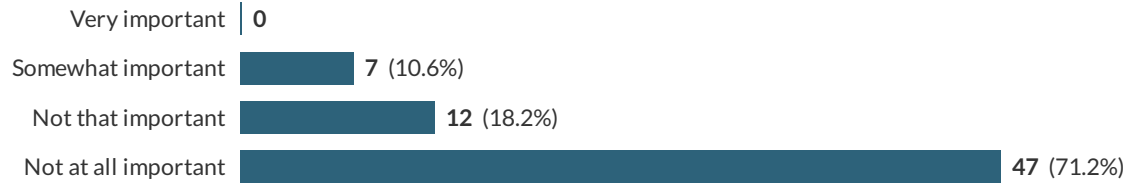
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- 19** Are you aware that no prior knowledge of Greek and Latin is required to attend language modules?

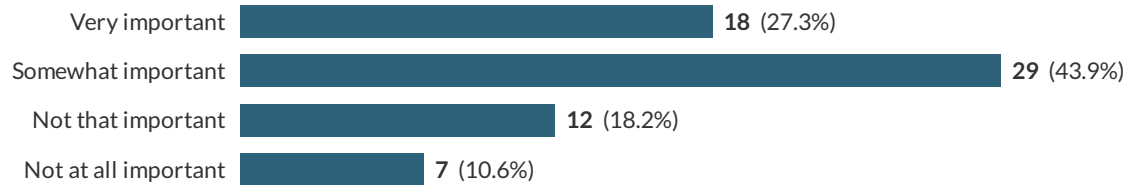


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20 My teacher has a PhD from Oxbridge.



21 My teacher has a PhD from a good University.



22 My teacher comes from the same social class as I do.

