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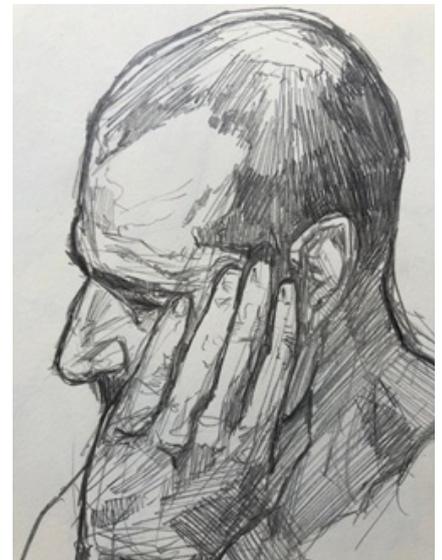
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THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

Something good from shingles

St. Paul assures us that “all things work for good for those who love God... (Rm. 8:28). Do you think anything good can come out of a shingles infection?

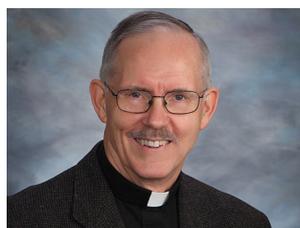
Shingles is a viral infection that causes a painful rash. It is triggered by the same virus that causes chickenpox. Like most people, I had chickenpox as a child and then the virus went dormant in me. Years later, a little more than four weeks ago, the virus started up again producing a rash on my forehead that slowly moved down toward my eye. Most times, shingles lasts for two to three weeks. For me, it seems it will last five to six weeks. At times, it has been very, very painful. All the nerves in the area feel like they are on fire. Now I am finally on the mend, and I am so grateful for that.



For me, the infection appeared just days before I had planned to be vaccinated. If you are already fifty years old, be sure to go and get the vaccine. It is 90% effective. (In most situations, shingles is not contagious. However, direct contact with the rash can cause chickenpox in those who have not already had the disease or the childhood vaccination.)

I would like to tell you about three things that have happened to me during my struggles over the past few weeks. I have found that even something as painful and discouraging as **shingles can bring some blessings.**

First, I am **hugely grateful to be part of our religious community** here at Divine Word College. My SVD confreres have been my main support, bringing me food and encouragement. They took me to the doctor and the pharmacy. Many took on extra work when I was unable to tend to my responsibilities as president. Students, faculty, staff and SVD s have assured me of their prayers, and they have offered greetings and best wishes as they begin to see me in the hallways once again.



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Second, I have experienced **some episodes of very intense pain**. For a space of several minutes, I would cry out from the pain, pacing back and forth, holding my head and begging that it would stop. One time our rector, and my good friend, Fr. Thang was with me when I suffered an attack. He could do nothing to shorten the episode nor to reduce the pain. But it was a genuine comfort that he stayed beside me, witnessing my suffering and my discouragement. That made me think about how Jesus must have been comforted by the presence of a few of his disciples and his mother in the midst of his passion.

There is another line from Paul's letters to the Colossians that comes to mind: *"I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church..."* (Col 1:28). As it happens, the doctor who is helping me is a member of the parish in East Dubuque. His sixteen-year-old daughter, Isabella is suffering from a brain tumor. The doctor asked me to pray for his daughter through the intercession of Blessed Chiara Badano. I decided to dedicate any suffering that I might experience as a prayer for Isabella. I remember her daily. In moments of intense pain, I ask God to bring health and healing for Isabella.

Third, until the last couple of days, I haven't been able to see very well because the shingles infection affected my eye. I couldn't read or watch television. I could, however, listen to the Liturgy of the Hours on a smartphone app. When the nights are long and I cannot sleep, I am also praying along with **rosary meditations** on my phone. I have rediscovered a devotion that I first felt as a little child and have occasionally enjoyed at other times in my life. I remember something my grandmother told me. She said that if you start a rosary, and fall asleep, it is the job of your guardian angel to finish the prayers. I have been keeping my angel busy.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS *Fr. John Szukalski, SVD*

Registration for Undergraduate Spring 2020 Semester

Undergraduate student registration will take place from Wednesday, November 6 through Friday, November 8, 2019. All undergraduate students should schedule an appointment with their academic advisors to review their academic progress and to register for Spring Semester courses. Be sure to register on time; registration closes on Friday, November 8, at 3:00 p.m. Consult the course schedule published by the Registrar and plan your registration accordingly.

Higher Learning Commission Visit

Divine Word College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). As part of the normal reaffirmation of accreditation process, a team of four HLC peer reviewers will visit DWC on November 11-12, 2019. The HLC peer reviewers have read the Assurance Argument—published last month—and will verify that DWC is compliant with established standards in higher education. The final version of the Assurance Argument, with Introductory Statement, represents the collaborative efforts of faculty, staff, and administration who worked together to research and compose DWC's responses to the five criteria and twenty-one core components for accreditation.

While on campus, HLC peer reviewers will meet with various members of the administration, faculty, staff, and students. Watch the bulletin board for the visit schedule and notice of special open forums on each of the five criteria to which all faculty and staff are invited. There will also

be a special open forum for all students—all students are highly encouraged to attend. The open forums present opportunities for HLC peer reviewers to ask specific questions and solicit honest feedback from all members of DWC.

Please note: In order to accommodate attendance and meaningful participation of faculty and students in the open forums, it will be necessary to cancel one or more class periods on those two days. Also, any faculty member who is scheduled for a meeting with HLC peer reviewers during class time should reschedule or cancel that class and attend the HLC meeting which takes precedence. Once the HLC peer review team Chair finalizes the visit schedule, notice of class cancellations will be published.

ESL Student Opinion Survey

The Intensive English Language Institute recently conducted an ESL Student Opinion Survey of currently-enrolled students. A total of 37 students responded. The survey demonstrates overall strong student satisfaction with various aspects of the English as a Second Language program:

- 81% of ESL students like the 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. schedule
- 73% of ESL students like the 20-23 hours of instruction per week (some wanted more hours, some wanted less hours)
- 71% of ESL students like the distribution of class hours: 10 hours Grammar/Writing; 10 hours Communication; 2-3 hours Reading (a number of students expressed a desire for more reading hours)
- While 92% of ESL students think the promotion policy is fair, 35% of those students expressed a desire to understand that promotion policy better

Congratulations to Dr. Seo Hyun Park and all ESL instructors for their hard work and dedication in providing students with an excellent ESL program of which Divine Word College can be proud! The complete numerical survey results are appended to this issue of the LOG.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Bang Tran, SVD

Halloween

Special thanks to the Student Senate for organizing a Halloween celebration with a special feature of Fr. Ken Anich, SVD, singing “Soul Cake.” Well done!

SVD Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 6th, at 8:00 A.M in the main Chapel. It is part of the SVD tradition to remember and pray for the repose of all SVD members who passed away, in a particular way, remembering the deceased SVD members who served at Divine Word College community.

Provincial Visitation

Two provincial council members, Fr. Steve Bevans, SVD and Fr. Carlos Macatangga, SVD, will come to meet with all SVD members in perpetual vows, on both Wednesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 7. Please help us to welcome them and make them feel at home.

Cultural Dinner

The formation group of Shalom will prepare a cultural dinner on Sunday, November 10. As usual, the dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M in the dining room. Come to enjoy and celebrate our community night!

Ministry Reflection

Scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th, at 7:30 P.M in room 107. Instead of having formation meetings, each formation group will first meet at 7:30 PM for individual ministry reflection and then gather in room 107 at 8:15 P.M. for final thoughts and prayer. Those students involved in ministry are required to write a brief theological reflection based on your own ministry experience. Send a copy of your reflection to all the members of your ministry group, including your DWC supervisor and Fr. Long Phi, SVD by **Monday, November 11**. Free beverages, snacks, and “surprised” treat will be served in the Pour House. All are welcome!

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS *Mr. Len Uhal*

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 3-9 is National Vocation Awareness Week. Since 1976, the U.S. Catholic bishops have designated a week throughout the year to promote vocations to consecrated life, the priesthood and the diaconate. To learn more, visit the NRVC website and the USCCB website.



Fr. Adam shares his vocation story

The Archdiocese of Chicago recently featured a video of our own Fr. Adam MacDonald on its YouTube channel CatholicChicago.

[See the video!](#)

Mass for Vocations

Thank you to the Romans formation group who led us in prayer last week for our monthly Mass for Vocations. We are grateful to Phuc Truong for sharing his vocation journey with the community. Please continue to pray for those who are discerning God’s plan for them in their lives and for vocation directors who are privileged to journey with them.

Where are they now?

Fr. Adam and Len are at Techny this week hosting the Board of Directors for the National Religious Vocation Conference. Fr. Emilio and Fr. Anthony are both at Riverside this week contacting candidates in California. Bro. Duylinh will visit Marian University in Indianapolis prior to returning to campus on Thursday. He will visit the Burmese community in Waterloo on Saturday.



November 8 – Faculty Interview

Ms. Karolina Achirri, ESL faculty candidate

November 8 - ESL Field Trip – Effigy Mounds State Park, Harpers Ferry IA

In this visit to the Effigy Mounds State Park, ESL 046 students will learn about the history and culture of the area, the nature found there, and the stories of the mound builders. Students will have a guided tour by a park ranger. The class has been discussing the environment and nature, which fits nicely into the unit on climate change and student interest.

November 8–9 - Teams of Lady Retreat

15 – 20 married couples will participate in a retreat designed to help them grow together in spirituality. Deacon Tom Lange is organizing the retreat.

November 9 - Loras College Antioch Retreat

Loras College will hold a reconciliation service in the main chapel from 6 – 9 PM.

November 16 – FAN Club Bowling

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

All students who participate in the FAN Club are expected to participate with your FAN Club family in the bowling event.

November 20 – Matthew 25 Celebration

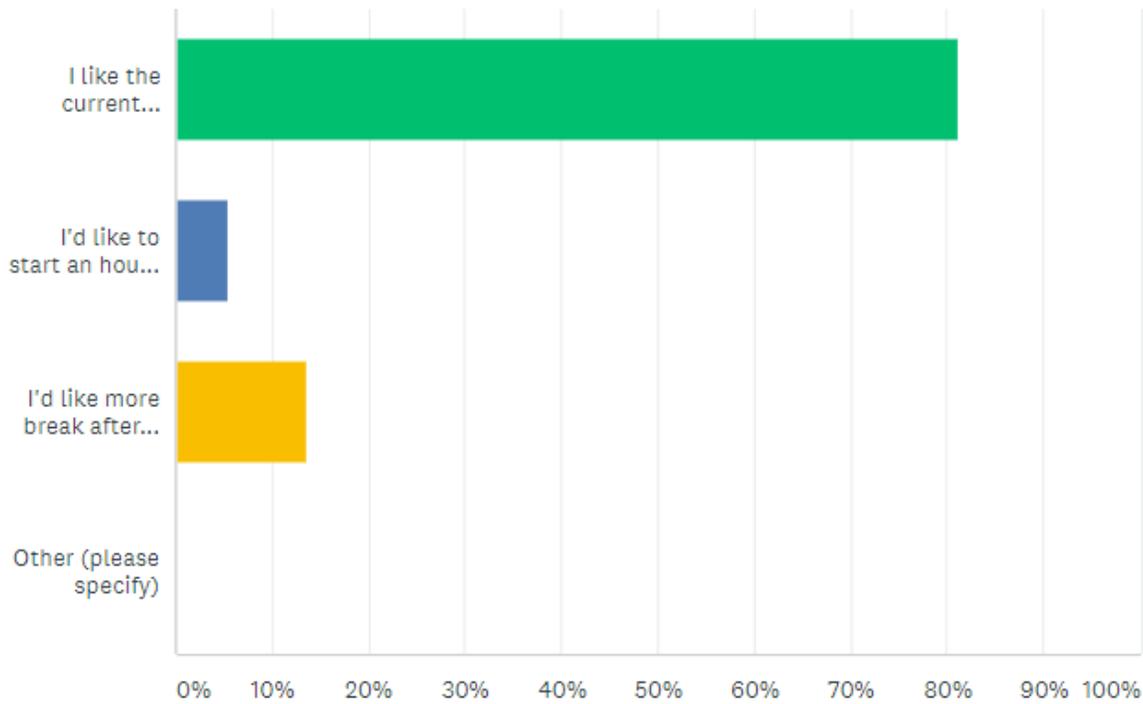
6:00 p.m. Vespers following by the banquet.

Q1



What is the best ESL schedule for you? Choose one.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0

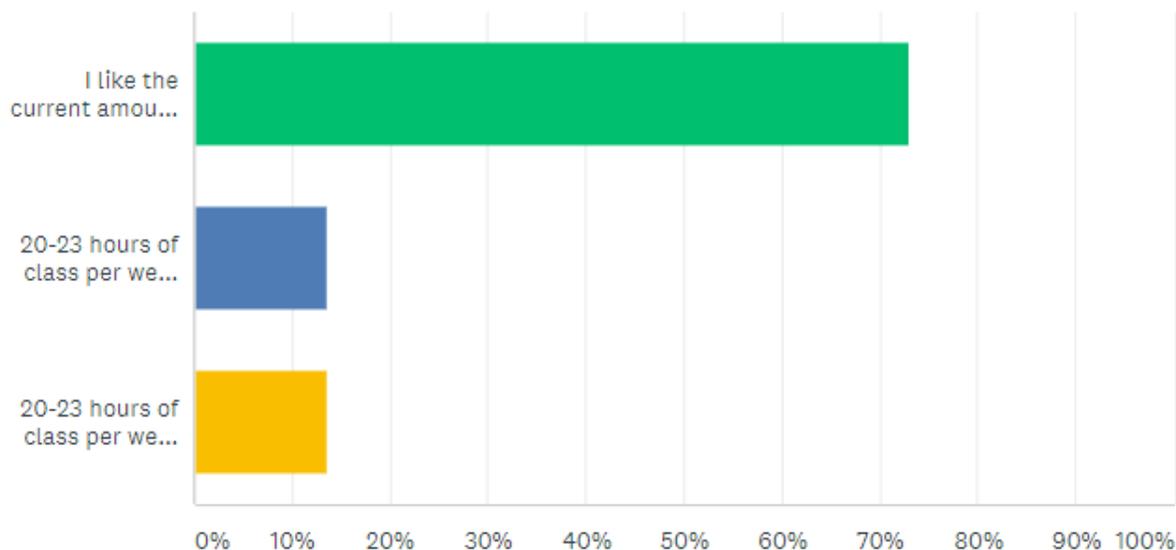


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I like the current schedule: starting at 9AM and ending at 4PM	81.08% 30
I'd like to start an hour late: starting at 10AM and ending at 4PM with no break at 1PM	5.41% 2
I'd like more break after lunch: starting at 9AM, having a break at 12-2PM, and ending at 5PM	13.51% 5
Other (please specify)	Responses 0.00% 0
TOTAL	37



How many hours of English class per week is the best for you?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0

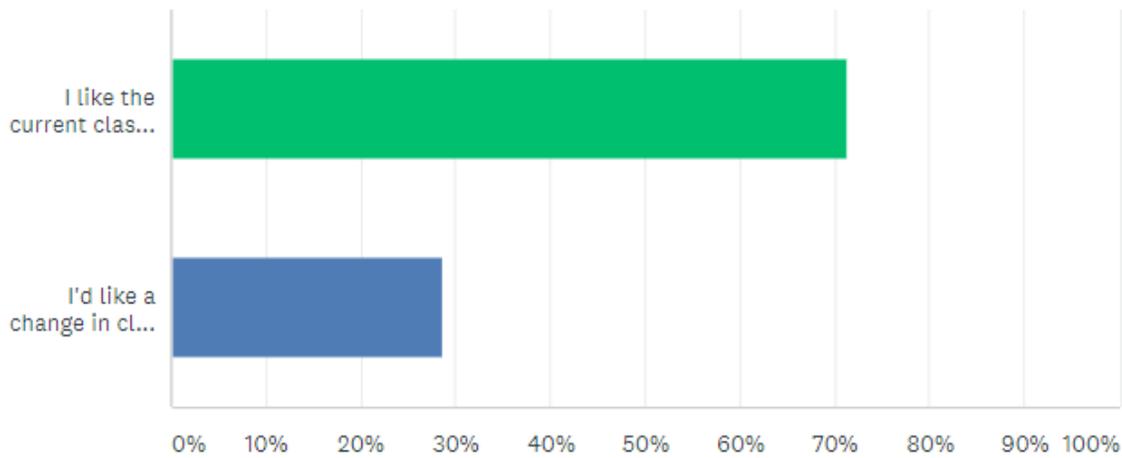


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I like the current amount of instruction (20-23 hours per week).	72.97%	27
20-23 hours of class per week is not enough. I need more instructional hours.	13.51%	5
20-23 hours of class per week is too much.	13.51%	5
TOTAL		37



Do you like the current number of hours per ESL class?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 2



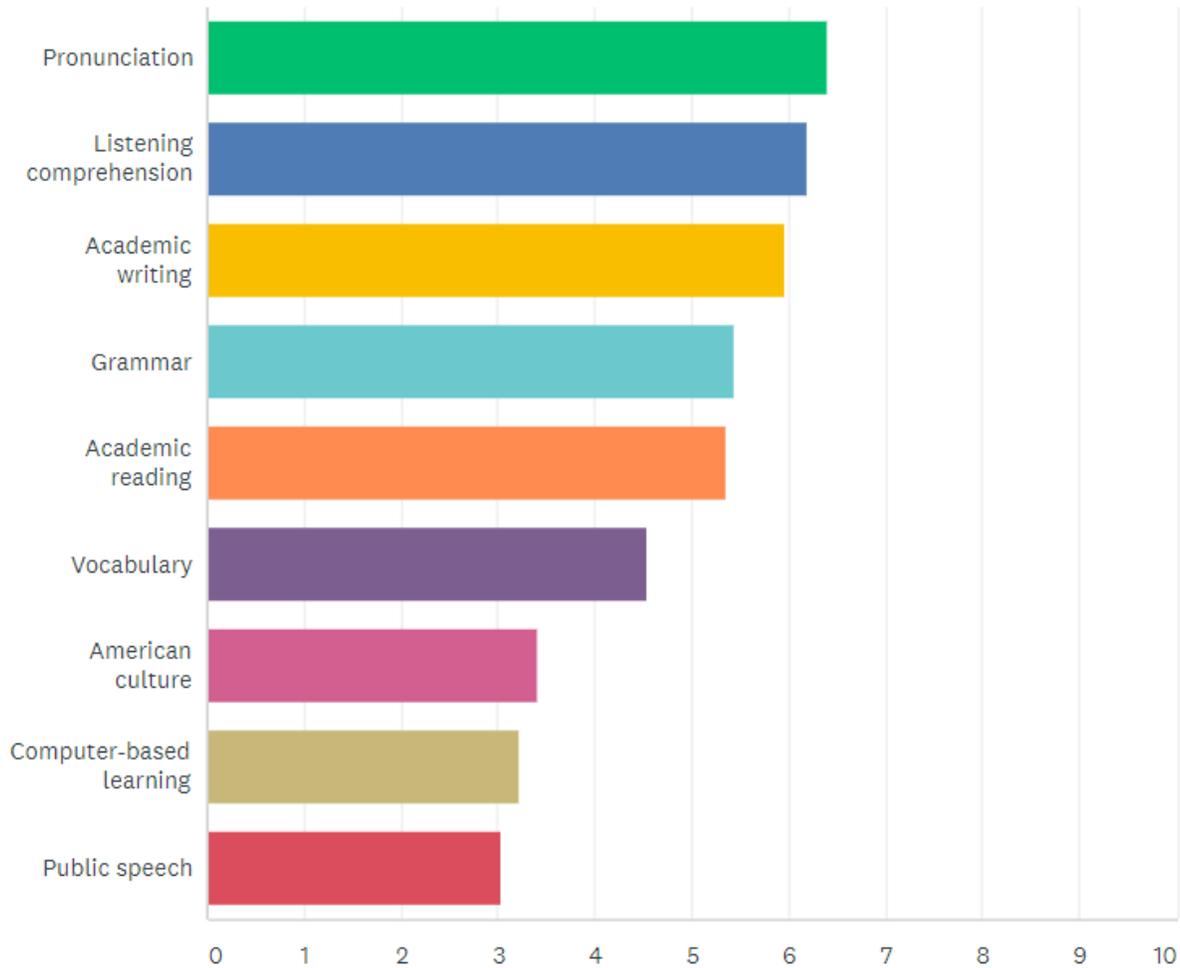
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I like the current class hours: 10-hour Grammar/Writing, 10-hour Communication, and 2-3 hours Reading.	71.43% 25
I'd like a change in class hours (please explain):	Responses 28.57% 10
TOTAL	35

Q4



Rank English skills in the order that the IELI should teach more or better.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0

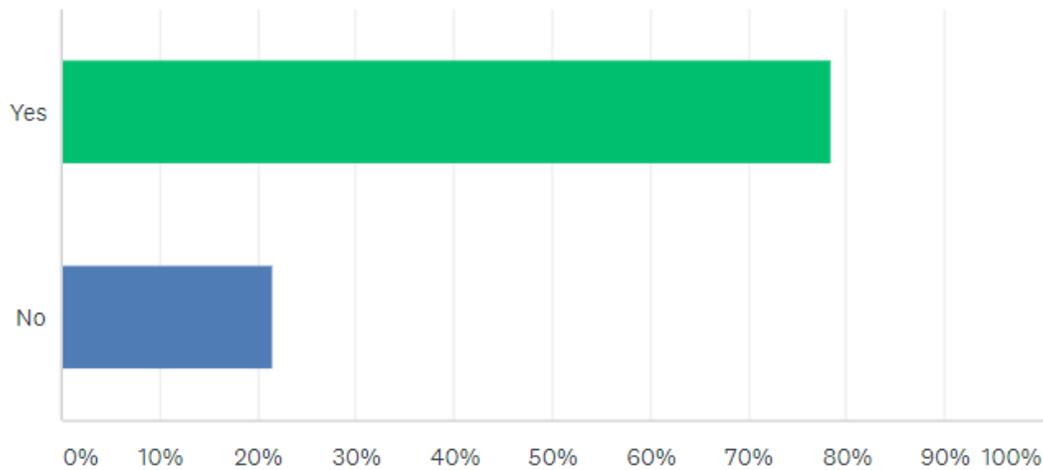


Q5



Do you have enough time to finish homework outside class?

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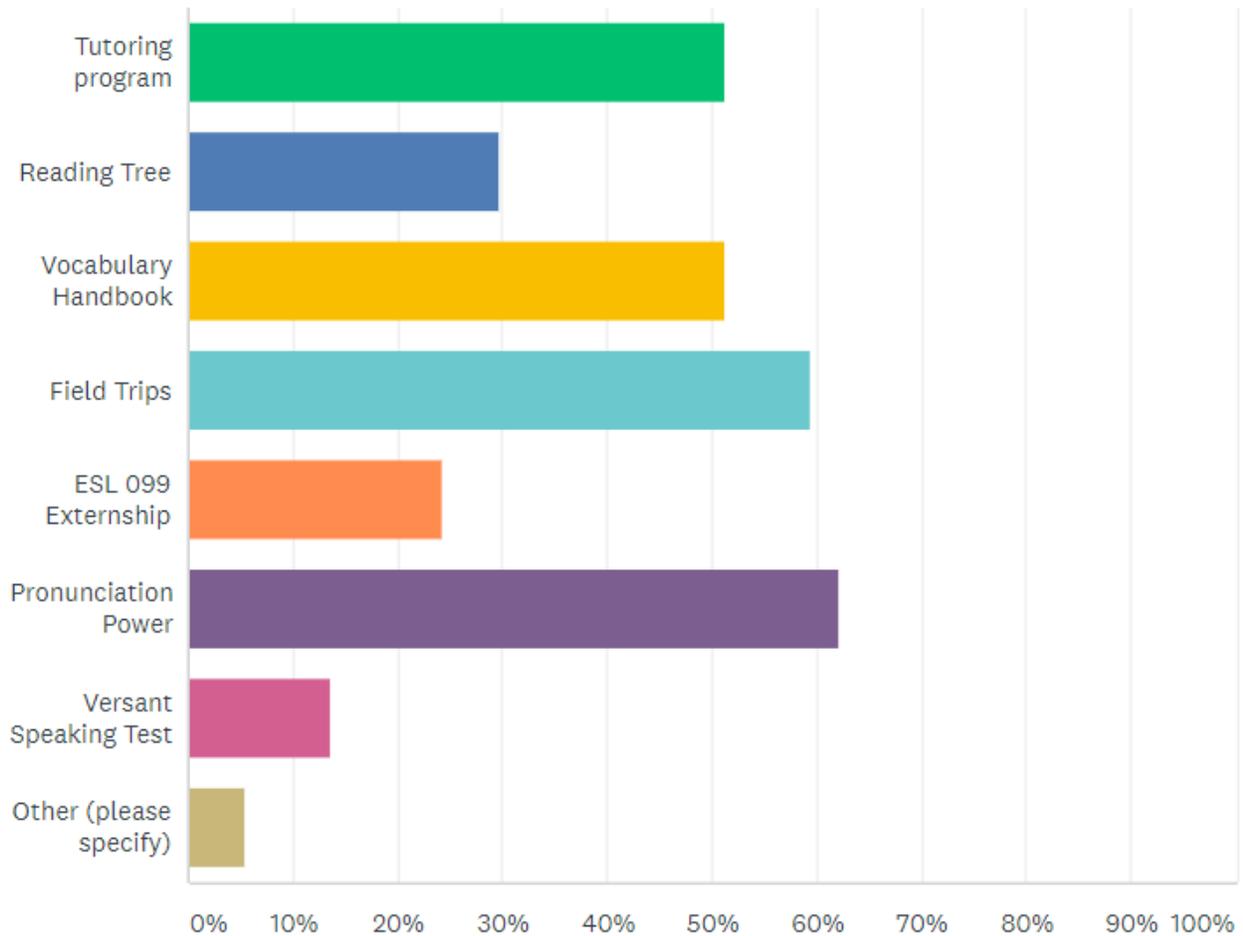


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.38%	29
No	21.62%	8
TOTAL		37

Q6

What ESL activities outside the class help you learn English? Choose all you like.

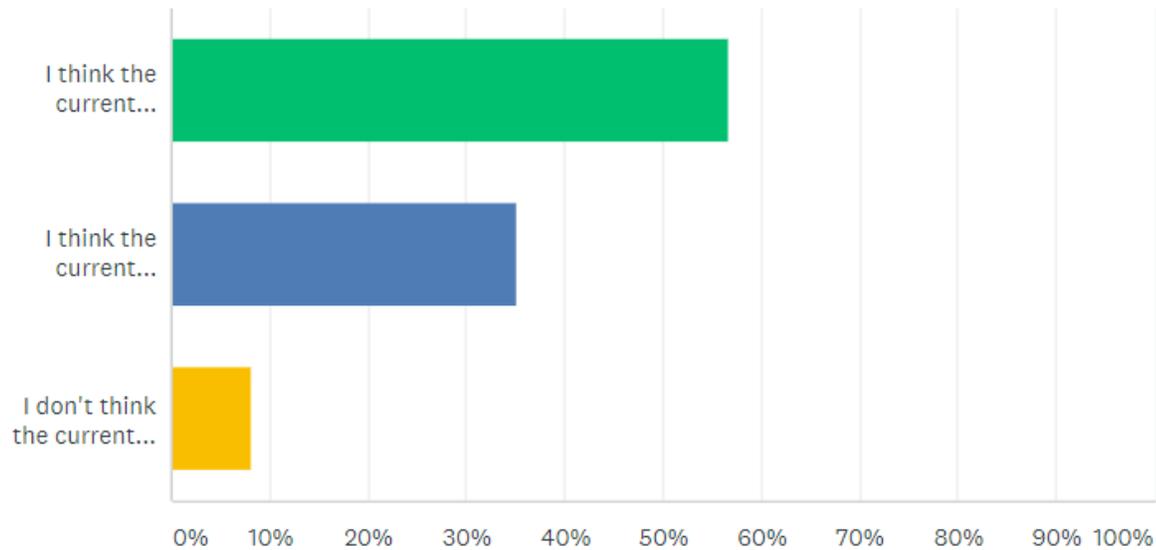
Answered: 37 Skipped: 0





Do you think the ESL promotion policy is clear and fair?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I think the current promotion policy is clear and fair: using course grades (80% or higher), English Writing Test, English Speaking Test, and CaMLA as a reference.	56.76% 21
I think the current promotion policy is fair but not clear to me yet; I want to understand it better.	35.14% 13
I don't think the current promotion policy is fair (explain why):	Responses 8.11% 3
TOTAL	37