

Student Attitudes on Reading Week  
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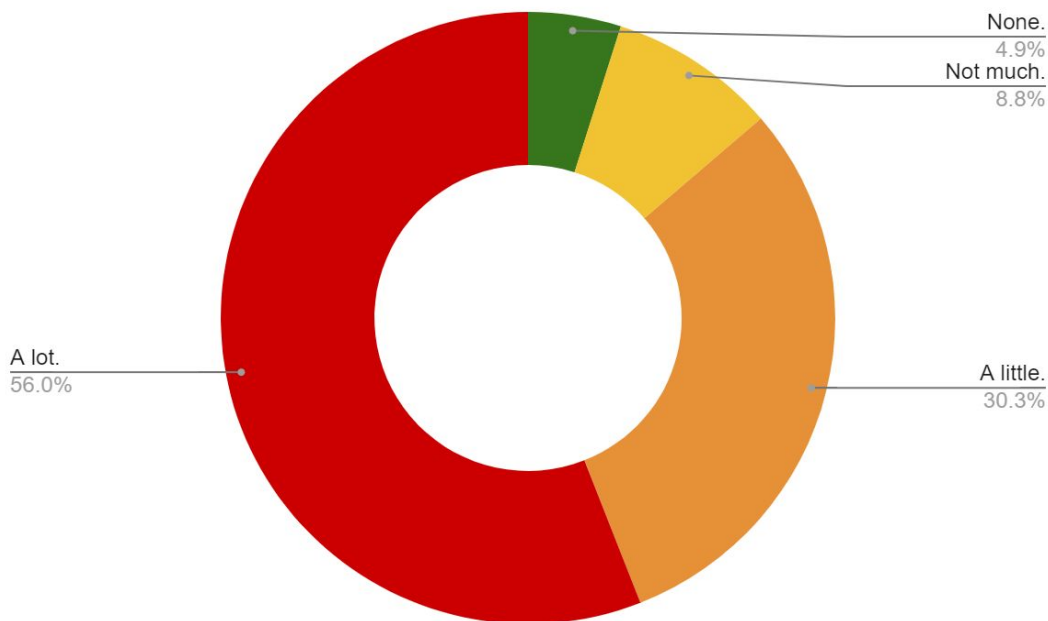


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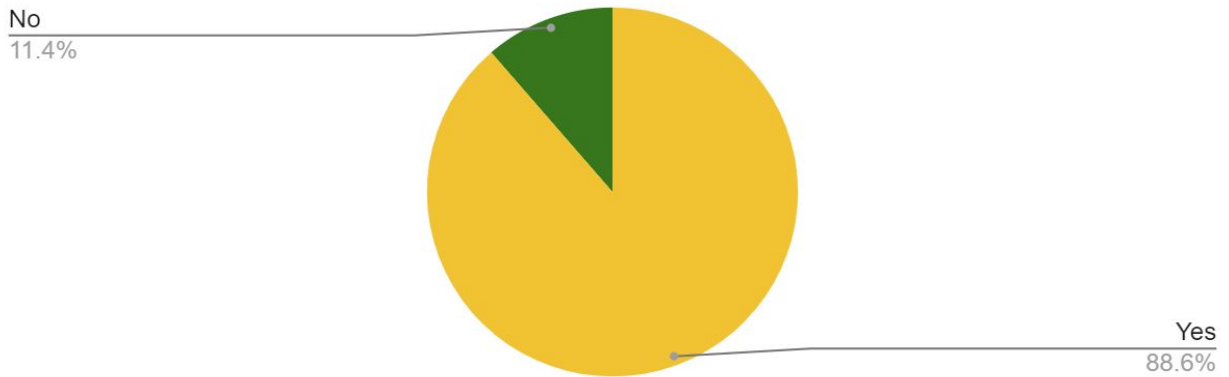
The Fall Term reading week (November 9-13 this year) is one of the UASU’s most visible advocacy victories. Two small surveys on the UASU Perks platform explored the value students see in reading week, and how they spend their time.

SURVEY	DATES	QUESTIONS	RESPONDENTS
Survey 1	Nov 9-15, 2020	2 multiple choice, 1 text field	511
Survey 2	Nov 10-12, 2020	2 multiple choice, 1 text field	211

Survey 1: “This reading week, how much school work do you have to catch up on?”



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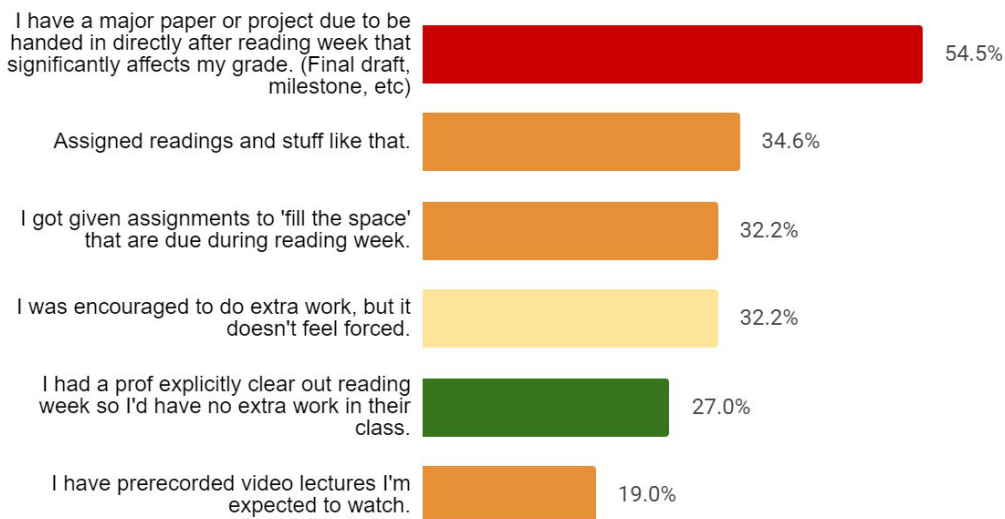
Survey 1: "Overall, are there any specific ways that you think having a Fall reading week can benefit your mental health?"



## Survey 2: "Did you know that fall reading week at the U of A is a relatively new thing and that it came about through a lot of work from the Students' Union?"

40.5% no, 59.5% yes. Many 'yes' and 'no' respondents added appreciative notes. Unprompted, some linked reading week to burnout and suicide. A handful of 'yes' respondents noted sentiments like "It's the only thing I hear over and over again from [the] SU."

## Survey 2: "Help us get a sense of how respectful profs are being about reading week. (Select all options that apply)"



## Survey 2: "What are you up to during reading week? (Select all that apply)"

