

IL of LIS students at the University of Zagreb

Pros or just average millennials?

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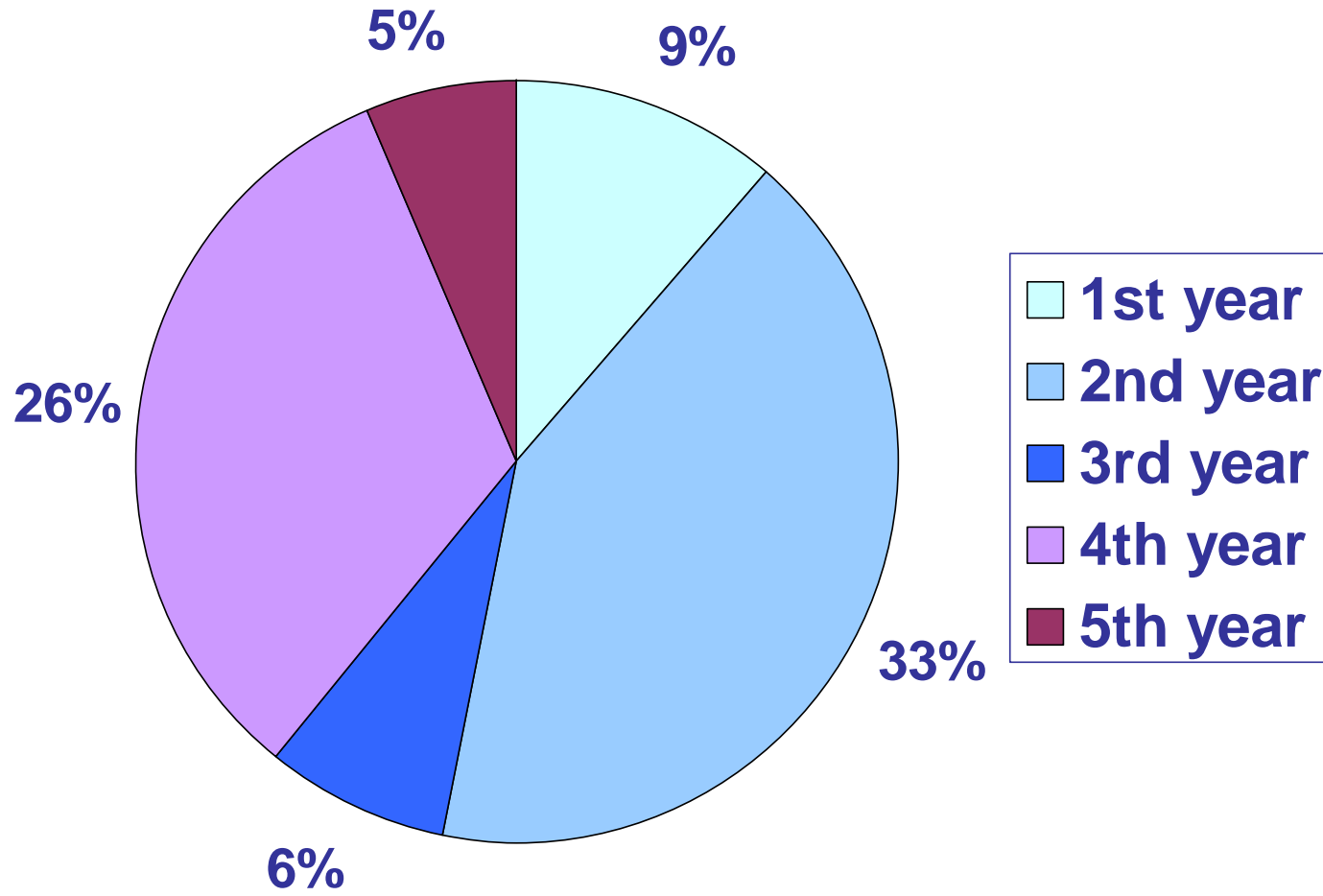
Introduction

- growth of IL movement
- higher education sector
- acquiring, developing, demonstrating individual skills and competencies
- Library and Information Science students
- transferability of IL to learning situations

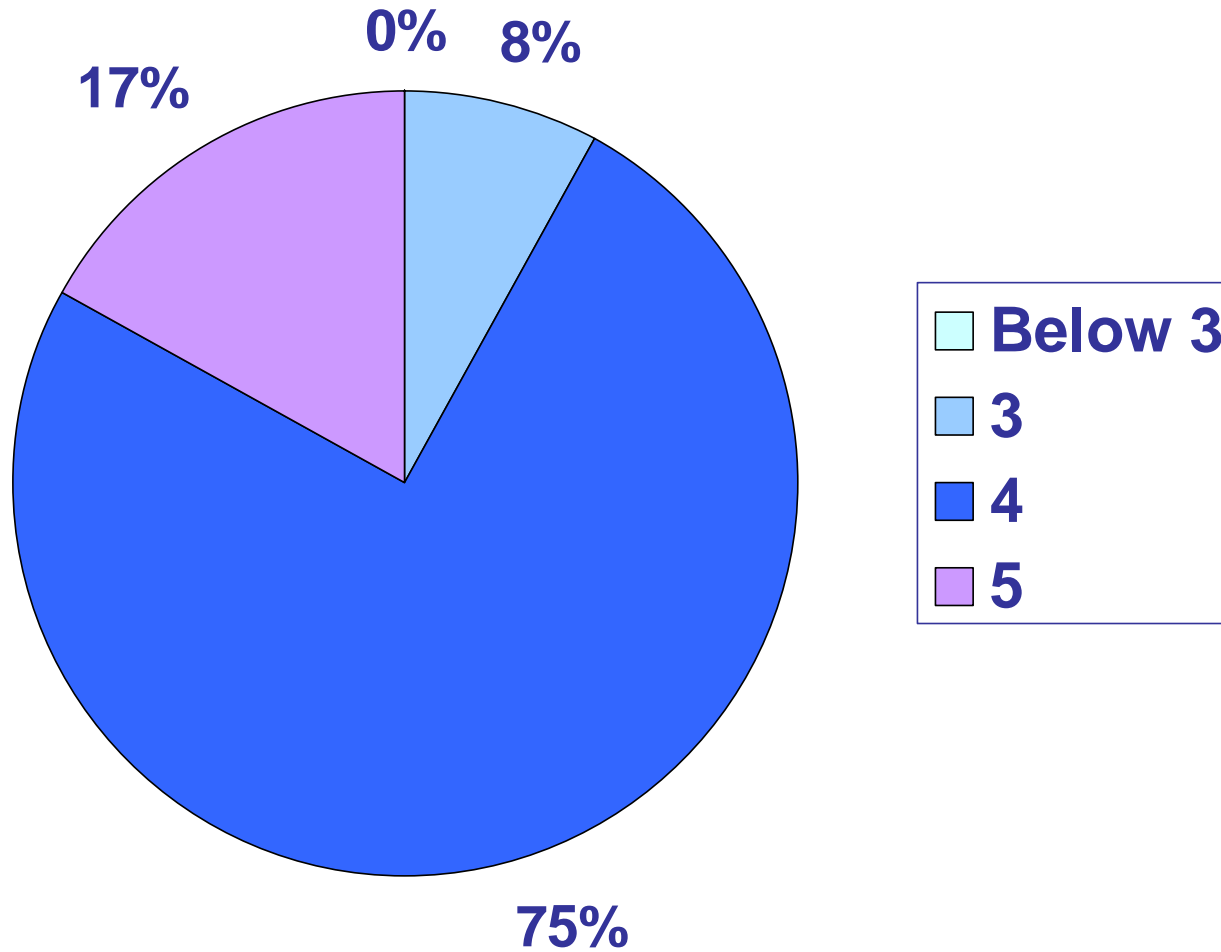
Methodology and sample

- online questionnaire
- undergraduate & graduate students – 498
- 199 answers (110 complete)
- November 2012 – January 2013
- comparison with other millennials

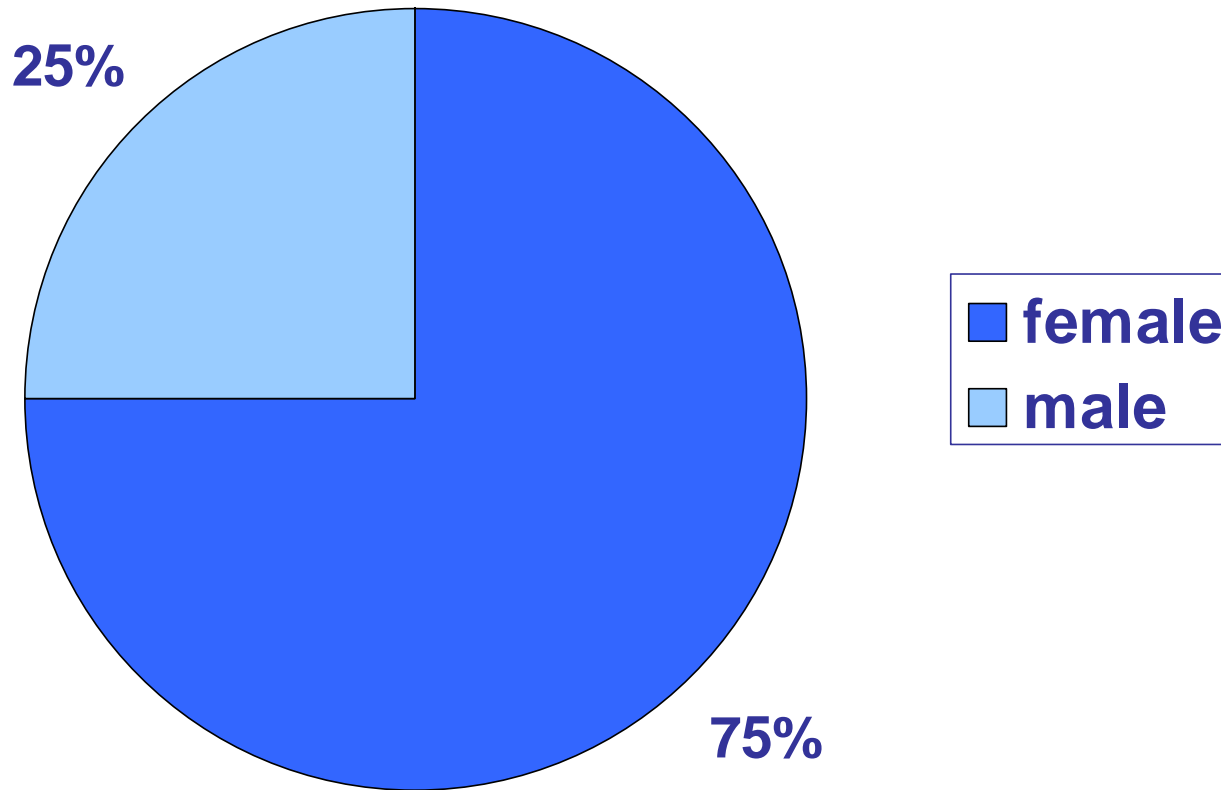
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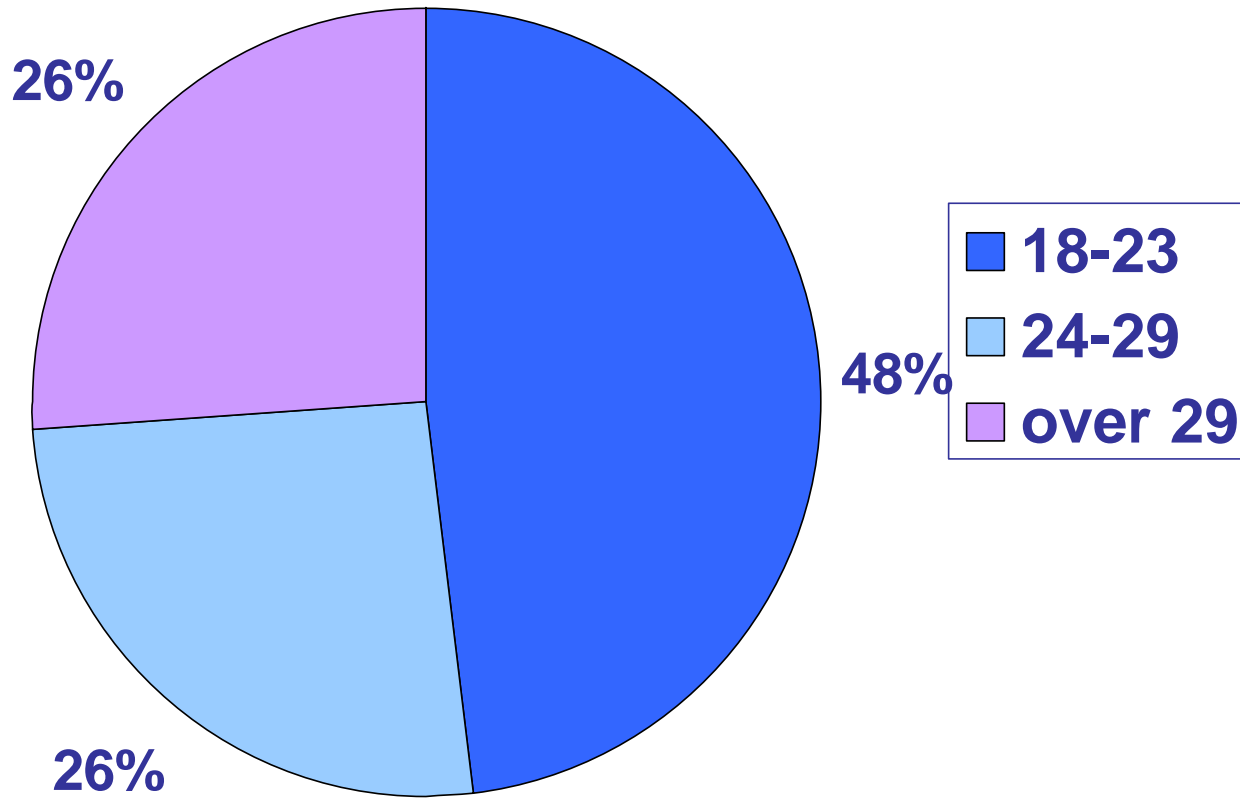
GPA (grade point average)



Gender



Age



What is the most difficult for you about searching information for assignments?

1	Getting started
2	Finding grey literature
3	Defining a topic
4	Having to sort through all the irrelevant results
5	Coming up with search terms

What is the most difficult for you when preparing your assignments?

1	Knowing whether my use of a source constitutes plagiarism
2	Knowing whether I've done a good job
3	Re-phrasing what is already well expressed in a source
4	The writing part
5	Evaluating the sources I've found

How often do you consult these resources during your assignments?

1	Search engines
2	Library shelves
3	Library catalogues
4	Course readings
5	Encyclopaedias

How often do you consult these people for providing information during your assignment?

1	Classmates
2	Librarians
3	Instructors
4	Family or friends

When you find a source through the library, what do you consider?

1	How current the source is
2	Whether instructor mentioned the source
3	Whether you have used the source before
4	Whether it has a reference list
5	Whether the author gives credit for using someone else's ideas

When you find a source “out on the Web”, what do you consider?

1	How current the Web site is
2	Whether the Web site has links to other resources on the Web
3	Whether the Web site has reference list
4	Whether instructor mentioned using the Web site
5	Whether you have ever heard of the Web site before

How important is each of the following when preparing your assignments?

1	Passing the course
2	Getting the paper finished
3	Learning something new
4	Getting a good grade
5	Meeting the paper-length requirement

How often do you use each of these for communicating with instructor or librarian?

1	Desktop or laptop, e-mail
2	Face to face contact
3	Cell phone, e-mail
4	Cell phone, voice
5	Desktop or laptop, social networks or tweets

Other studies

- Reeb, B., D'Ignazio, J., Law, J. & Visser, M. (2006)
- O'Brien, H. L. & Symons, S. (2007)
- Currie, L., Devlin, F., Emde, J. & Graves, K. (2009)
- Head A. J. & Eisenberg M. B. (2010)
- Porter, B. (2011)
- ...

Conclusion

- LIS students partly share the same kind of difficulties as average millennials
- higher efficiency of LIS students in handling study and research tasks

Conclusion

- IL education should pay more attention to the overall research process, in particular the initial part of the process

Thanks for your attention!