

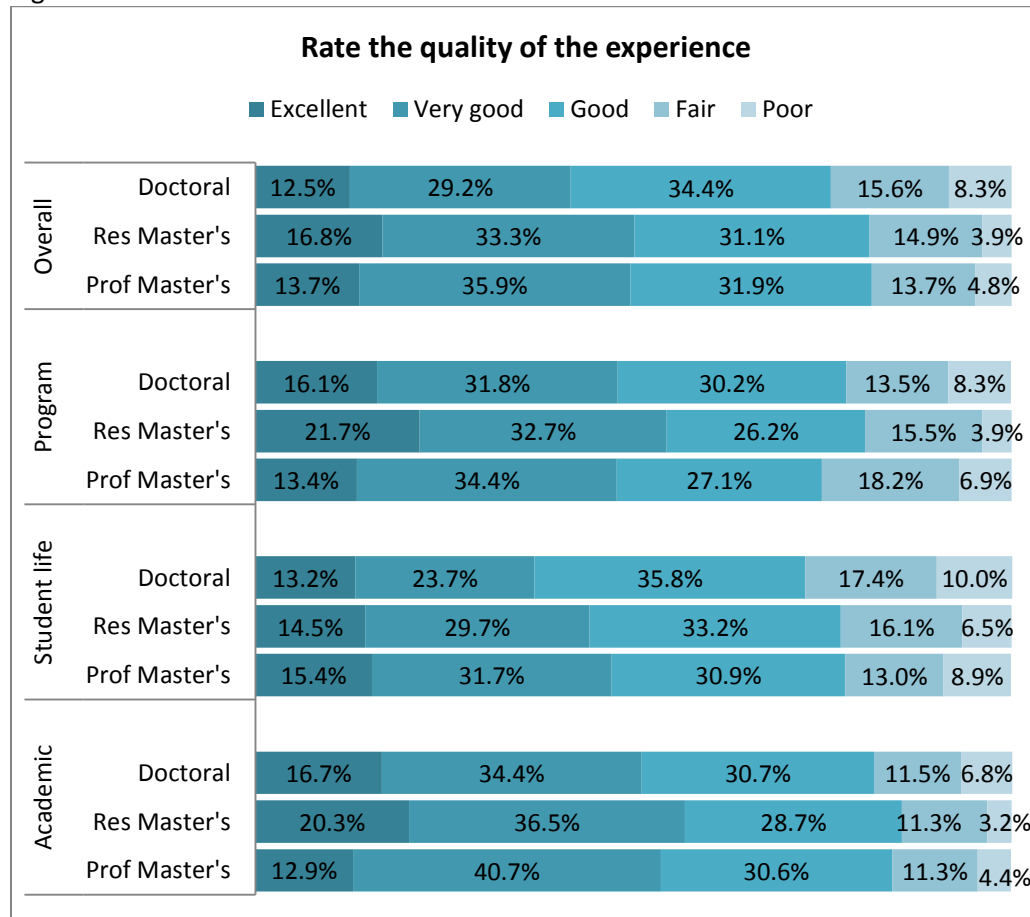
Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey (CGPSS) 2013 Summary of Results

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The CGPSS was administered to all registered graduate students in the Winter 2013 semester. Of the 1,991 who were emailed a survey link, 391 were Doctoral students, 707 were in a research Master’s program and 893 were in a professional Master’s program. The professional Master’s programs include MBA, MEN, MM, MN, MED (course based only) and MSW (all those offered off campus). The overall survey response rate was 41.2%, slightly higher than the 39% rate when the survey was last conducted in 2010. The response rate by program level was 52.2% for Doctoral students, 48.8% for research Master’s and 30.5% for professional Master’s students.

Overall, more than 8 in 10 respondents (84.1%) rated the quality of their academic experience in graduate studies as excellent, very good or good. About three-quarters (74.9%) of professional Master’s respondents rated the quality of their program as good or better compared to 80.6% of research Master’s and 78.1% of Doctoral respondents (Figure 1).

Figure 1:



Regardless of program level, work and financial commitments represented the biggest obstacle to academic progress with nearly 3 in 10 saying it is a major obstacle. Course scheduling is a greater obstacle to academic progress for respondents in professional Master’s programs. Program structure was an obstacle for nearly 6 in 10 Doctoral and professional Master’s respondents (Figure 2).

Figure 2:

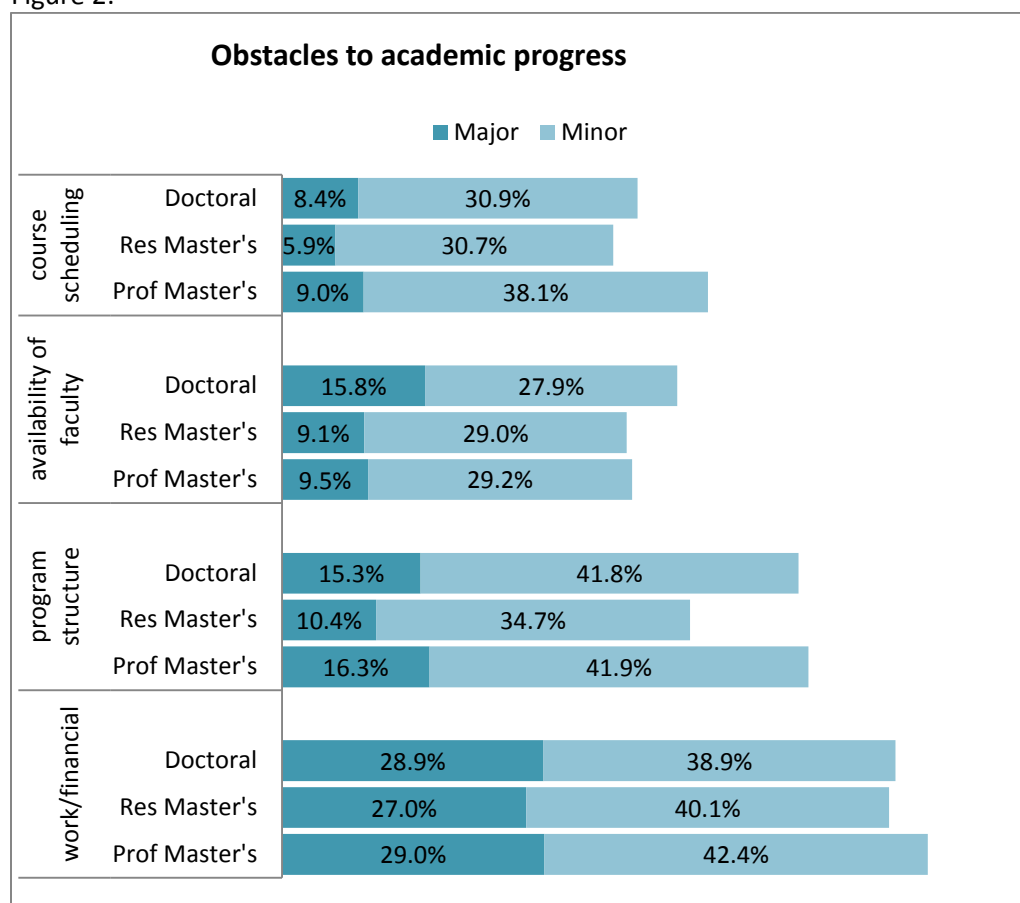
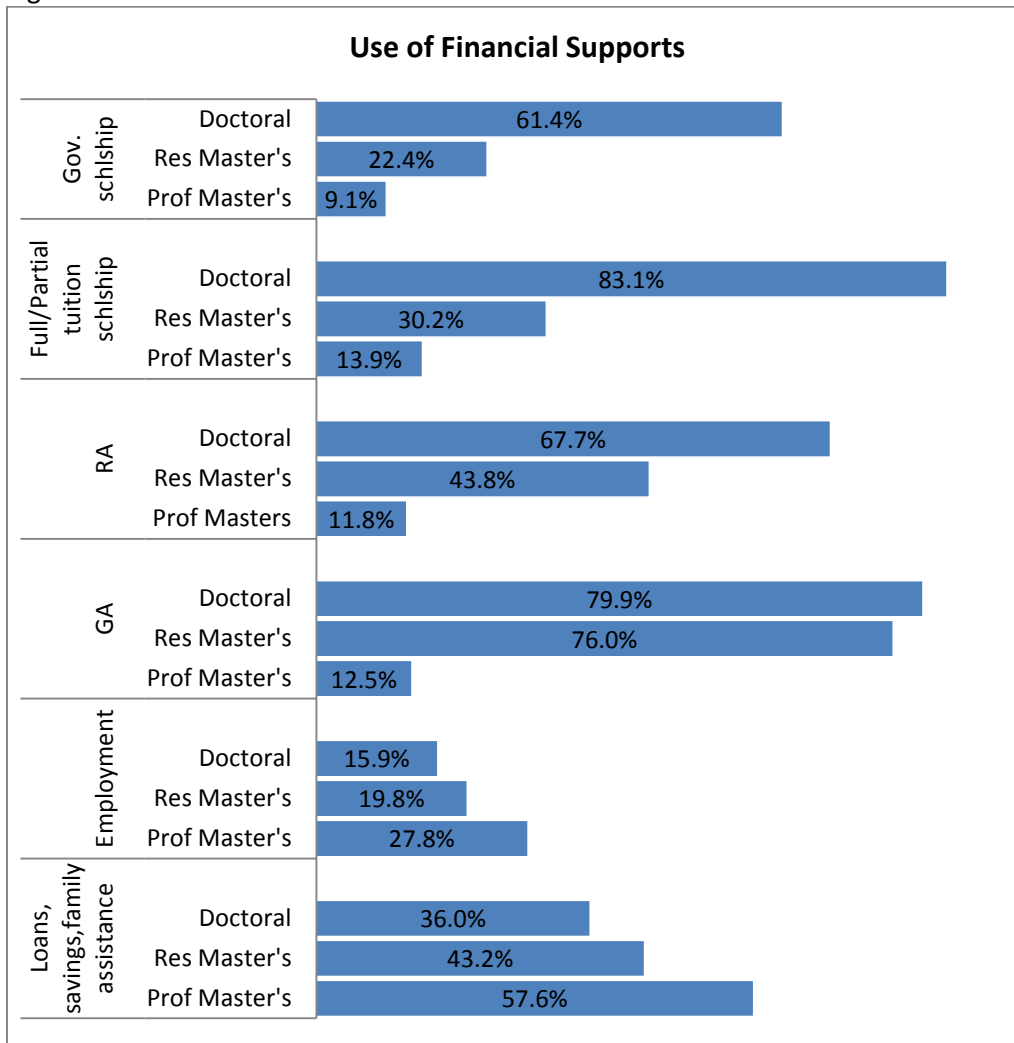


Figure 3 shows that Doctoral and research Master’s respondents used various sources of financial support whereas those in professional Master’s programs were more likely to rely on loans and savings as well as their own employment income. Nearly 6 in 10 (57.8%) UWindsor respondents said the advice they received within their program on availability of financial support was positive including 7.7% who said excellent, 19.5% who said very good and 30.6% who said good.

There are some notable differences in usage of financial supports since 2010; in the 2010 CGPSS, 63.2% of research Master’s respondents had GAs compared to 76% in 2013; in 2010, 13.4% of research Master’s and

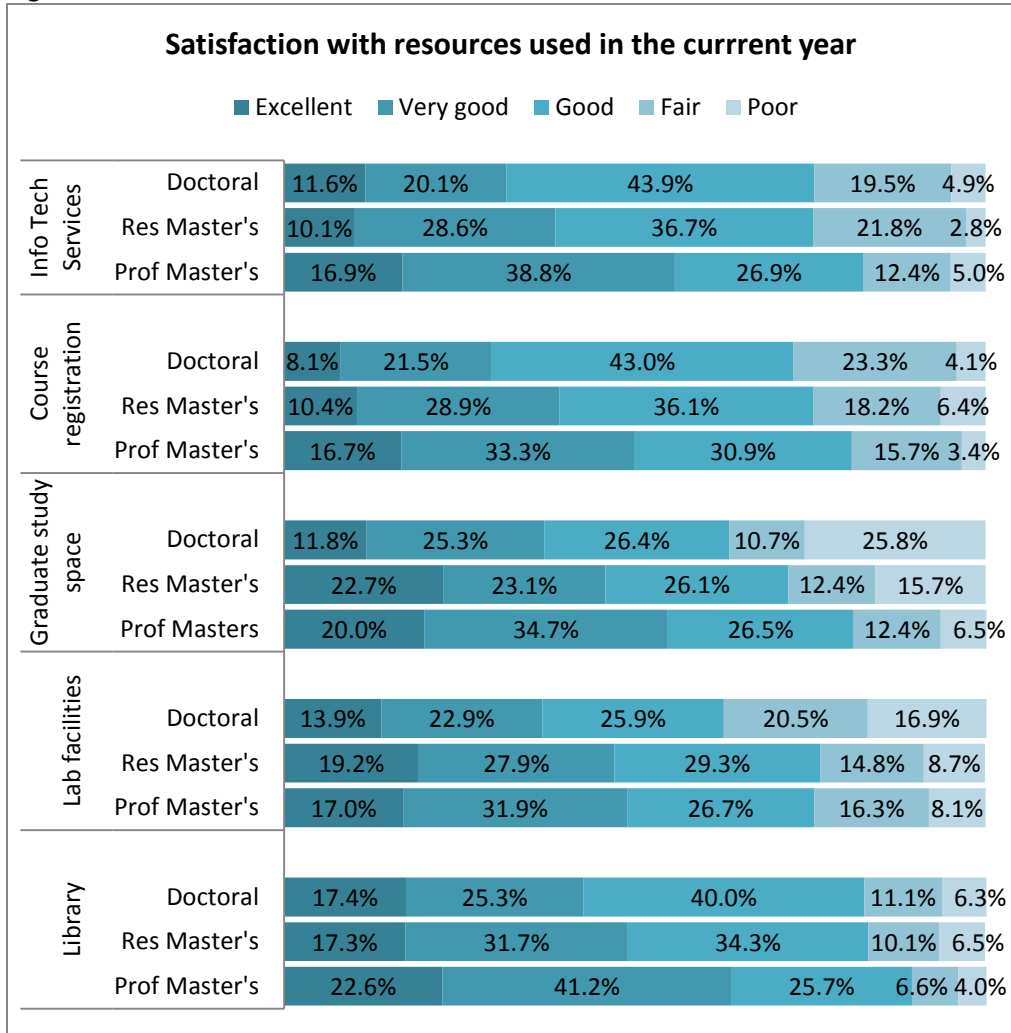
54.9% of Doctoral respondents had government scholarships compared to 22.4% and 61.4% in 2013 respectively.

Figure 3:



Doctoral respondents were generally not as satisfied as Master's students with the university academic resources they had used in the current year. In particular, less than 4 in 10 (36.8%) Doctoral students said the lab facilities were excellent or very good compared to 47.1% of the research Master's respondents. As well, 37.1% of Doctoral respondents said the graduate study space was excellent or very good compared to 45.1% of those in a research Master's program (Figure 4).

Figure 4:



Consistent with past CGPSS surveys, Doctoral and research Master’s respondents were quite satisfied with their advisors. About 9 in 10 said their advisor gave constructive feedback and was available for regular meetings (Figure 5).

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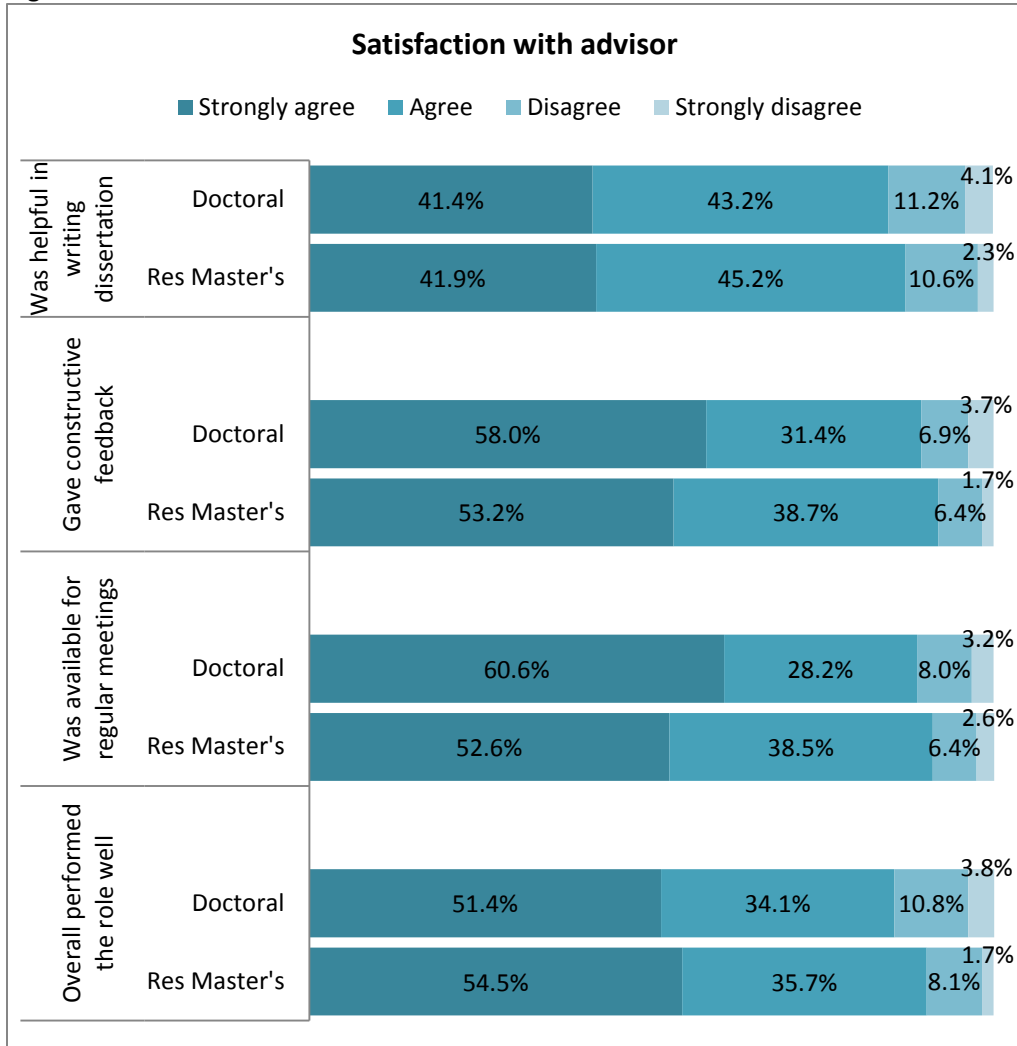
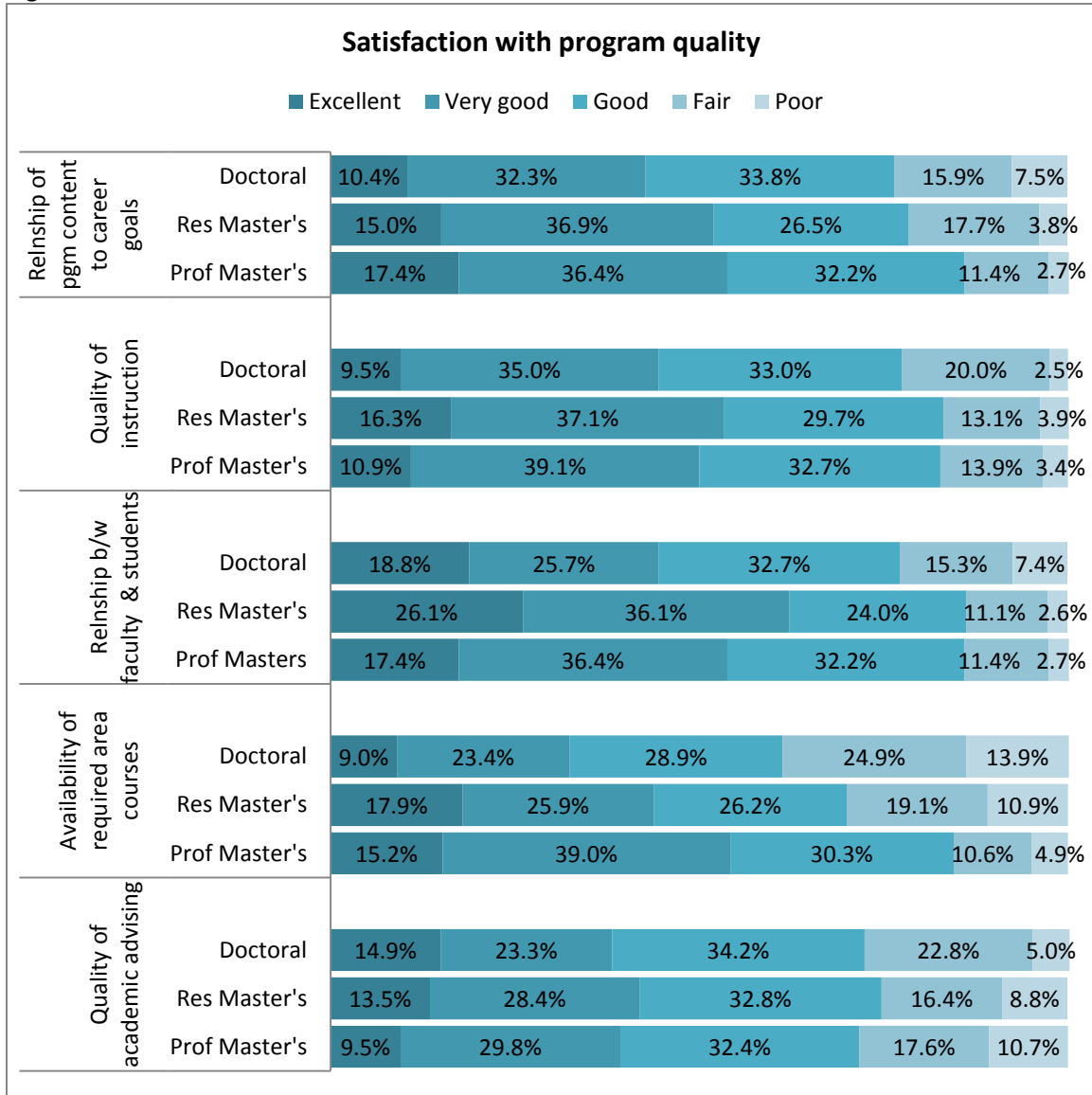


Figure 6 shows that nearly 9 in 10 (86%) professional Master’s respondents said the relationship of program content to their professional goals was excellent, very good or good. This is somewhat higher than the ratings given by Doctoral and research Master’s respondents.

In comparison with the 2010 CGPSS results, Doctoral respondents were less satisfied with their relationships with faculty in their program; 44.5% said the relationship was excellent or very good in 2013 compared to 53% in 2010.

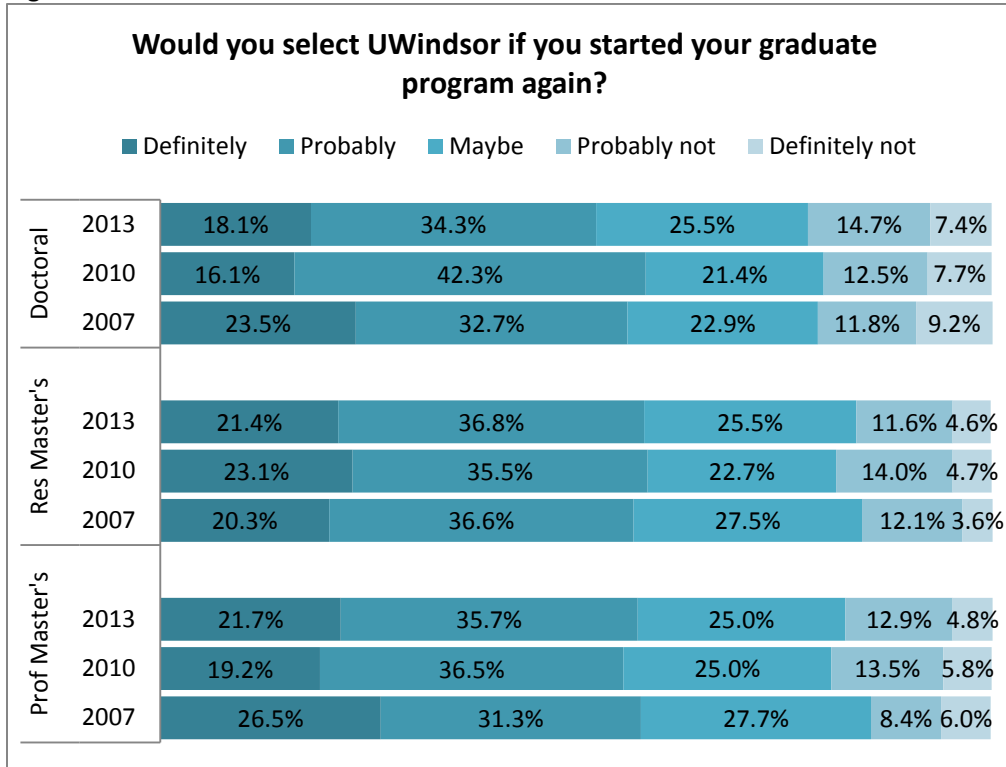
Professional Master’s respondents were more satisfied with the availability of courses required to complete their degrees in the 2013 survey; 54.2% said excellent or very good in 2013 compared to 44.2% in 2010.

Figure 6:



Regardless of program level, about 8 in 10 respondents would select UWindsor (definitely/probably/maybe) if they were to start their graduate studies again. This result has been stable over three CGPSS administrations in 2007, 2010 and 2013 (Figure 7).

Figure 7:



More than 8 in 10 respondents would recommend UWindsor to someone considering their program, consistent with past CGPSS administrations (Figure 8).

Figure 8:

