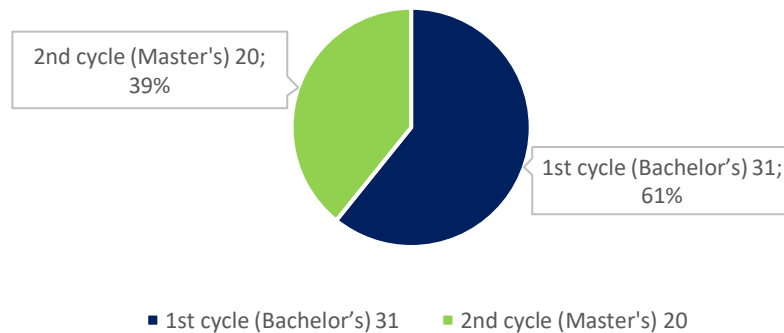


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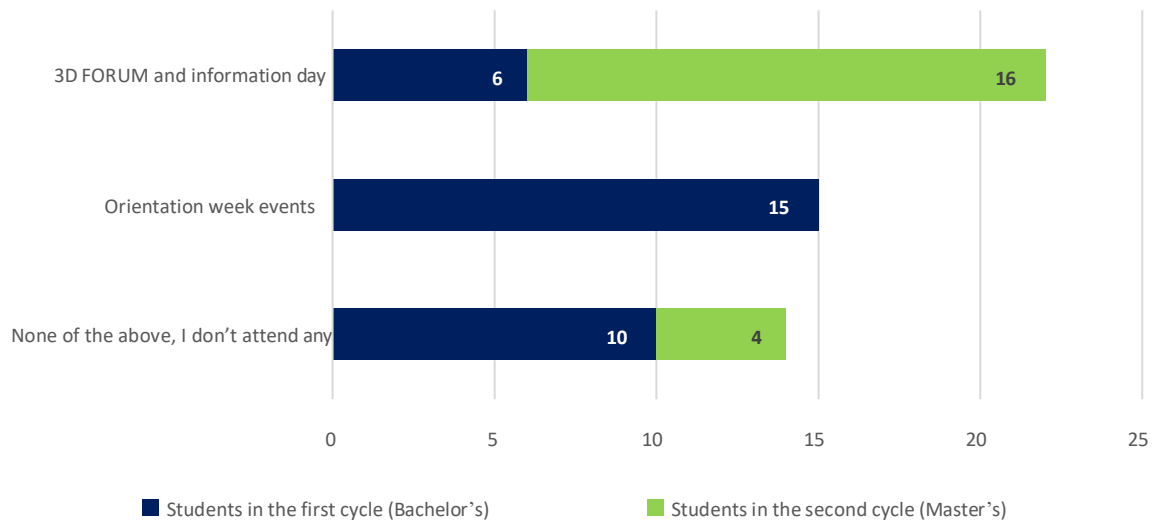
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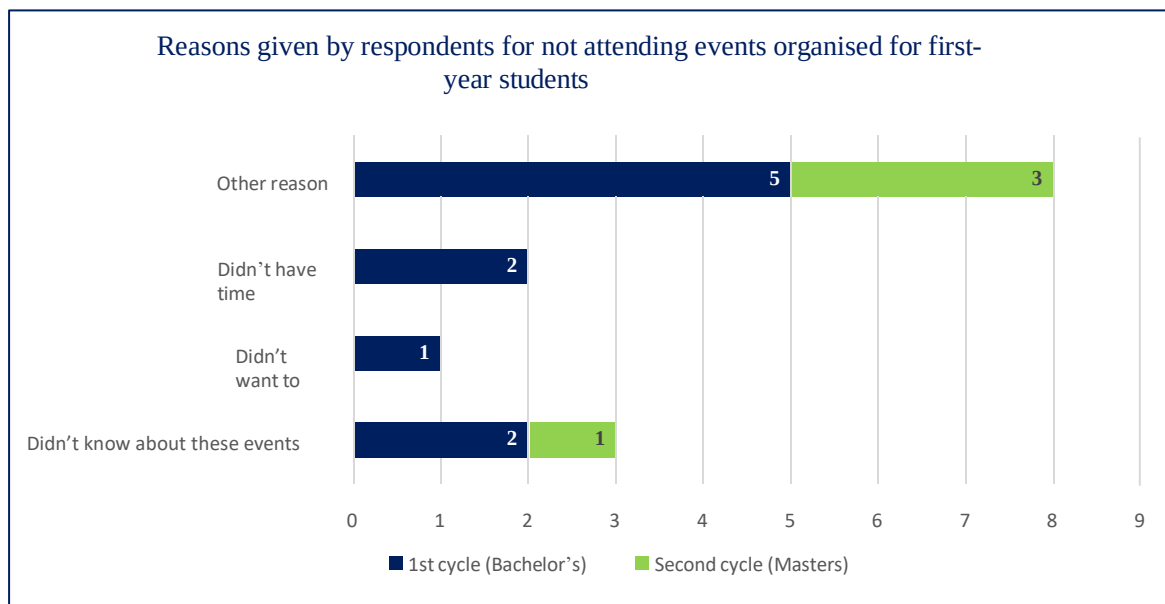
Survey period:	16 October 2025 – 12 November 2025
Mailings sent:	Administrators were asked to send the survey to all first-year students
Number of respondents:	51
Target audience of the survey:	all first-year students in the autumn semester of 2025: 1st cycle (undergraduates); 2nd cycle (postgraduates) and 3rd cycle (doctoral students)

Breakdown of respondents by level of study



Attendance at organised activities by respondents' level of study (number)

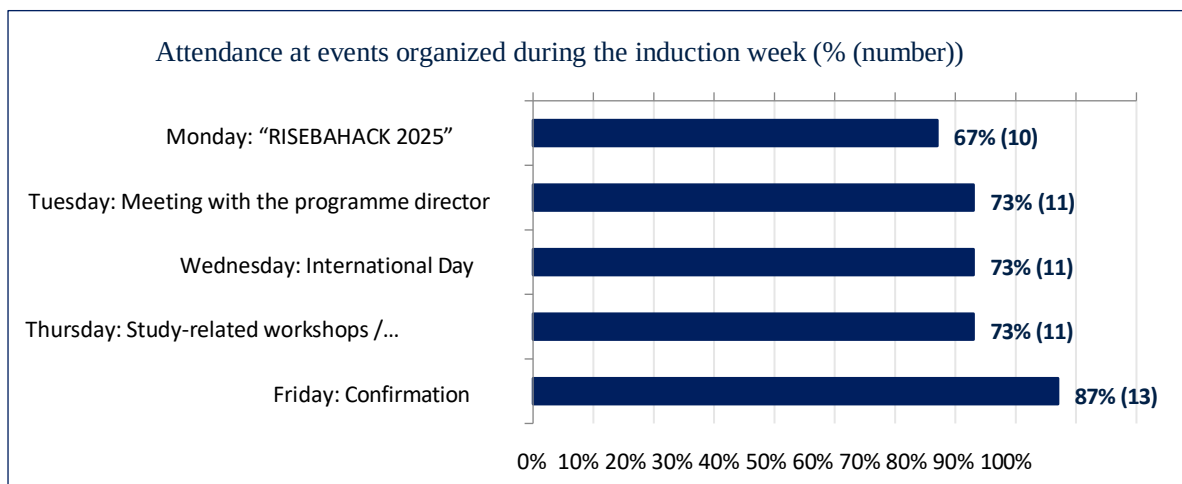




Of the 8 respondents who cited other reasons for not attending the events organised for first-year students, 2 stated that this was due to work, 1 due to illness, whilst two provided comments relating to the fact that enrolment was still open at the time of these events, or that a study contract had not yet been drawn up.

Orientation week event

Of the 51 respondents who took part in the survey, 15 attended the orientation week events, of whom:



Ievadnedēļas pasākumu apmeklētāju sniegtais vidējais vērtējums



Vidējais vērtējums: **3.2** / 4

In response to the open-ended question **“What did you like the most?”**, those who attended the Orientation Week events replied as follows:

- *Wednesday*
- *Meeting with the programme director*
- *Monday's event was good, but a bit long.*

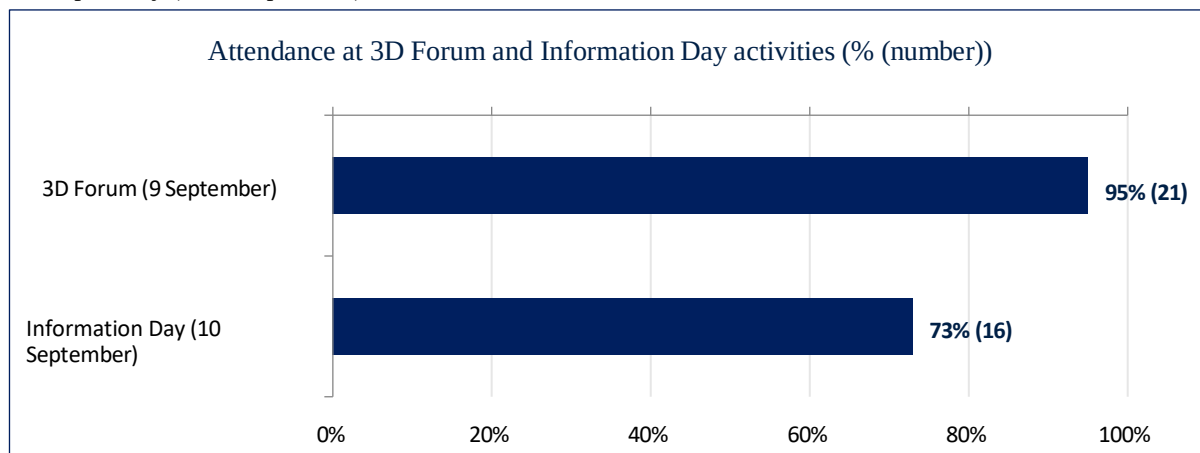
- *I really liked the attitude and responsiveness in answering unclear questions. I also liked the guest lecturers, whose lectures weren't boring at all. I liked the facilities at Aisteres Hall. I only attended the first part of the induction week, as I don't like competitive physical activities. I liked the schedule for the induction week itself. It really helped me get to know my fellow students and others, as well as the dean and other staff.*
- *They helped me understand what would happen and how things would work once the course started, and they also helped me settle in.*
- *It's hard to say – perhaps there was some sort of ceremony and five days...*
- *Induction*
- *International Day*
- *I liked all the information provided; it helped a lot once the school work actually began*

In response to the open-ended question '**What would you suggest improving?**', those who attended the Orientation Week events replied as follows:

- *Everything was fine*
- *Shorter days (the 1 September event lasted until 5.00 pm, which I thought was too long)*
- *It would be great if, after the initiation ceremony, instead of going to a bar, we could have something like a picnic – preparing and eating shashlik and so on. Something like that.*
- *In my opinion, everything was fine. I just didn't like the fact that the tasks in the hackathon were very unclear and strangely structured, but that's more the fault of the hackathon organisers. The rest was fantastic*
- *The initiation ceremony had less sport, more mess and more fun.*
- *As for the content, the start-up guy was absolutely pointless; it seemed like he was just advertising. Not relevant at all. It was strange that we were asked to design a logo for RISEBA, and even if someone's logo had been found useful, there were no measures in place to ensure any communication... So, you just turn up at university and they ask you to do unpaid work... You've paid for your university place. Well, that's an interesting move, you know, ha-ha. It was the same with the start-up thing when we were given a 'problem'. The problem was that this wasn't a problem we could solve; it was a problem that required funding and knowledge of the field... We were given absolutely no information on that. It was hard to understand what they wanted from us... It was also strange that people started coming up with out-of-the-box ideas... prototypes... But we weren't designing houses or even apps... Everything was strange. Some days there was enough food, and on others, I just turned up a bit later and there was none left... Pizza's great, but not for everyone. Still, it was fine. No one actually knew there'd be any food. Zero information. In the end, not many people stayed on, because the event made no sense. The talk from the bank was a proper bore... Why put people through that??? For a few promo codes? OK... So, you see a lot of strange things... If you work on them or turn them around, I think there'll be more trust, respect and cooperation.*
- *Shorten the duration of some events, as they were too long*
- *"RISEBAHACK 2025" felt far too long, and it would have been better if teams had been formed with new year students so we could get to know each other more quickly – rather than with students from other specialisms.*
- *I enjoyed the hackathon, but I think it would be better to hold it on a different day, not the first day. I think the first day should be shorter and focus solely on introductions.*

3D FORUMS “Business × Art × Technology” and Open Day (9–10 September)

Of the 51 respondents who took part in the survey, 22 attended the 3D FORUMS “Business × Art × Technology” and Open Day (9–10 September) events, of whom:



3D FORUMS “Bizness × Māksla × Tehnoloģijas” un info dienas pasākumu apmeklētāju sniegtais vidējais vērtējums



Vidējais vērtējums: **3.5** / 4

In response to the open-ended question “**What did you like the most?**”, those who attended the 3D FORUM “Business × Art × Technology” and the Information Day (9–10 September) events replied as follows:

- *Presentations by Lelde Kovaļova, Juris Žagars and Didzis Jaunzems*
- *3D Forum*
- *Jura Žagara’s presentation*
- *Interesting stories, inspiring participants*
- *Stories of experience*
- *Everything was very useful, well-organised and beautifully presented. It was also a real pleasure to listen to people who are experts in their field.*
- *Thank you, that was inspiring. Everything was explained very clearly at the information day.*
- *Žagars*
- *It was organised in an inclusive way*
- *Inspiring stories from experts in various sectors*
- *What I enjoyed most were the talks given by experienced professionals*
- *3D FORUM, guest speakers – for inspiration and new knowledge, introduction to the teaching staff*
- *Speeches by the teaching staff and guest speakers with inspiring presentations*
- *Inspiring lectures*

In response to the open-ended question “**What would you suggest improving?**”, those who attended the 3D FORUM “Business × Art

× Technology’ and the information day (9–10 September) as follows:

- *Speakers should strictly adhere to the time and topic; organise tables for students of a specific course so they can get to know their fellow students. Clear signage to the main hall is essential.*
- *Refurbish school desks and tables that show signs of wear and tear*
- *Engage the audience so that the whole event does not turn into a lecture*
- *Keep the event on schedule and stick to the programme*
- *It’s hard to say, perhaps just that there should be more activities of this sort. :)*
- *So far, I like everything*
- *More inspiring people who share their experiences*
- *Keep it up*
- *Engage the audience, shorter speeches*
- *Snacks and drinks*
- *Include practical information about the study process in this event as well, rather than having a separate Zoom session. Seating arrangements at the tables should be organised by study programmes and groups so that we can start getting to know one another.*

Summary completed on 9 December 2025.