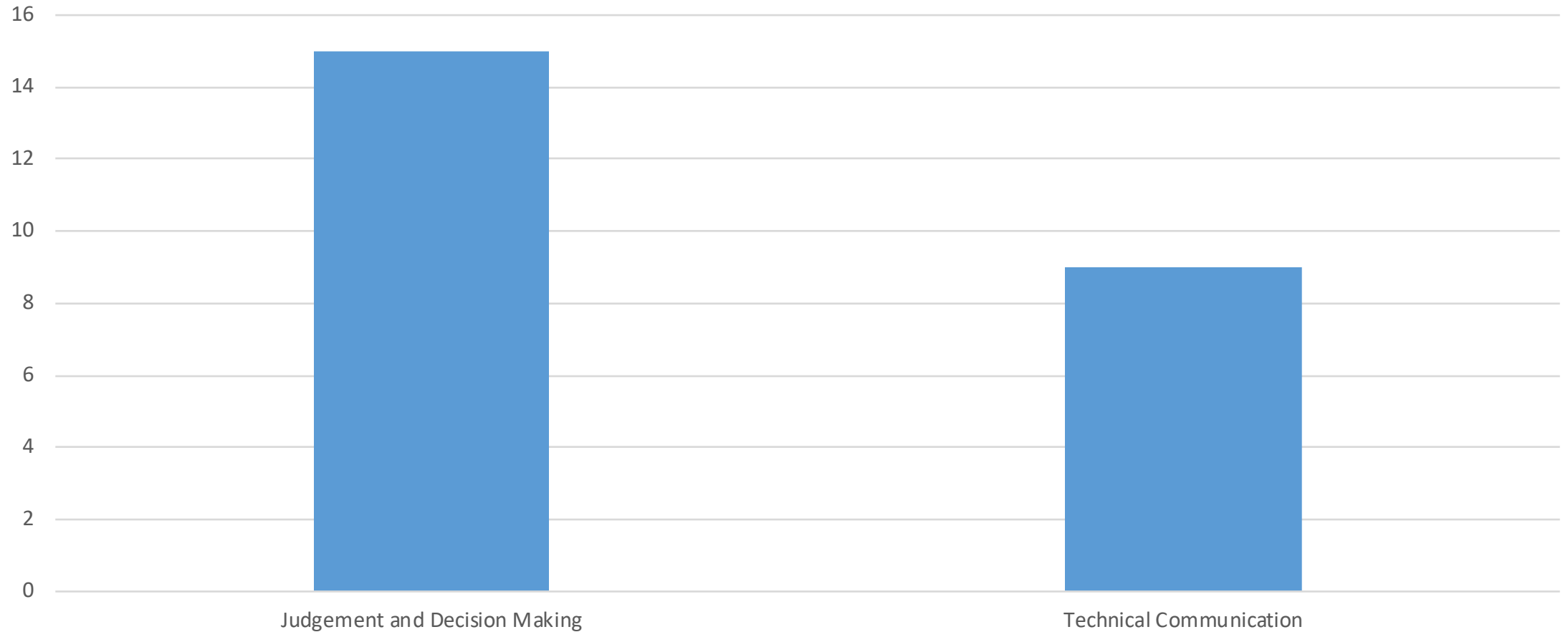


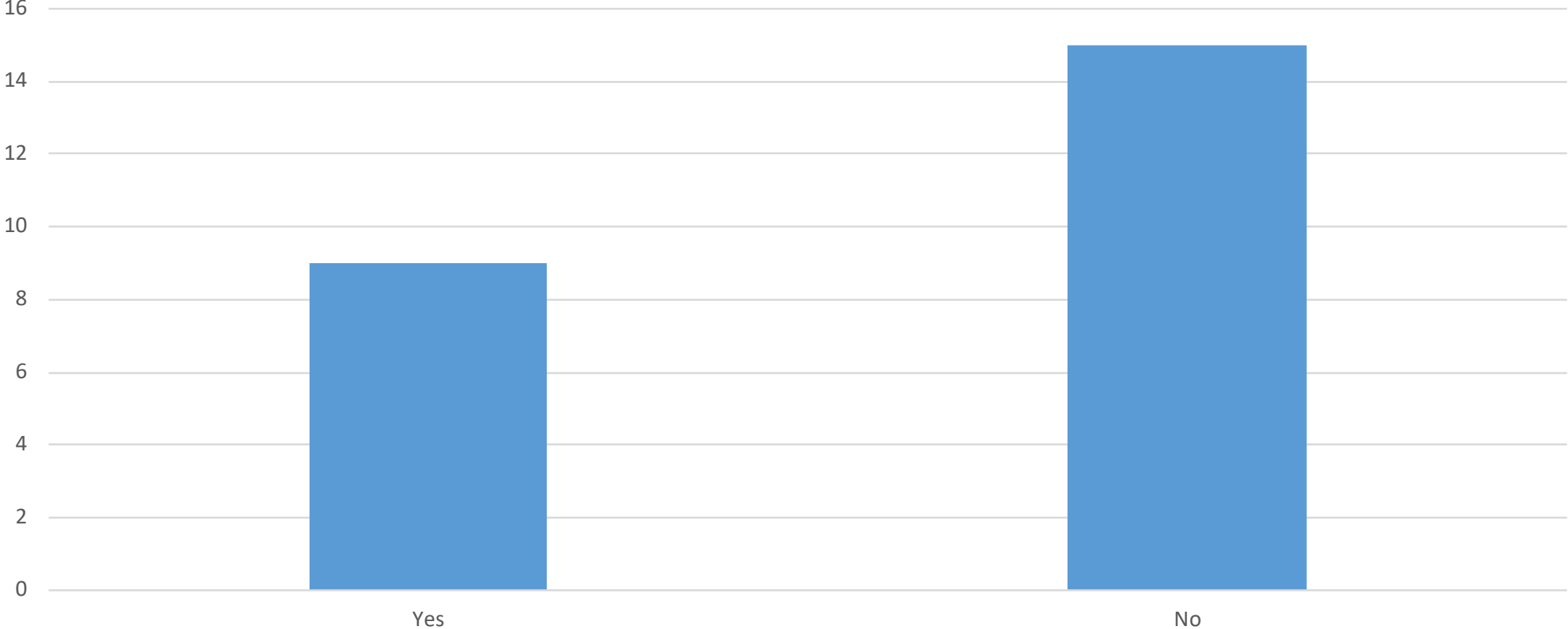
Intensive Online Courses

December 2019/January 2020

Which course did you take?

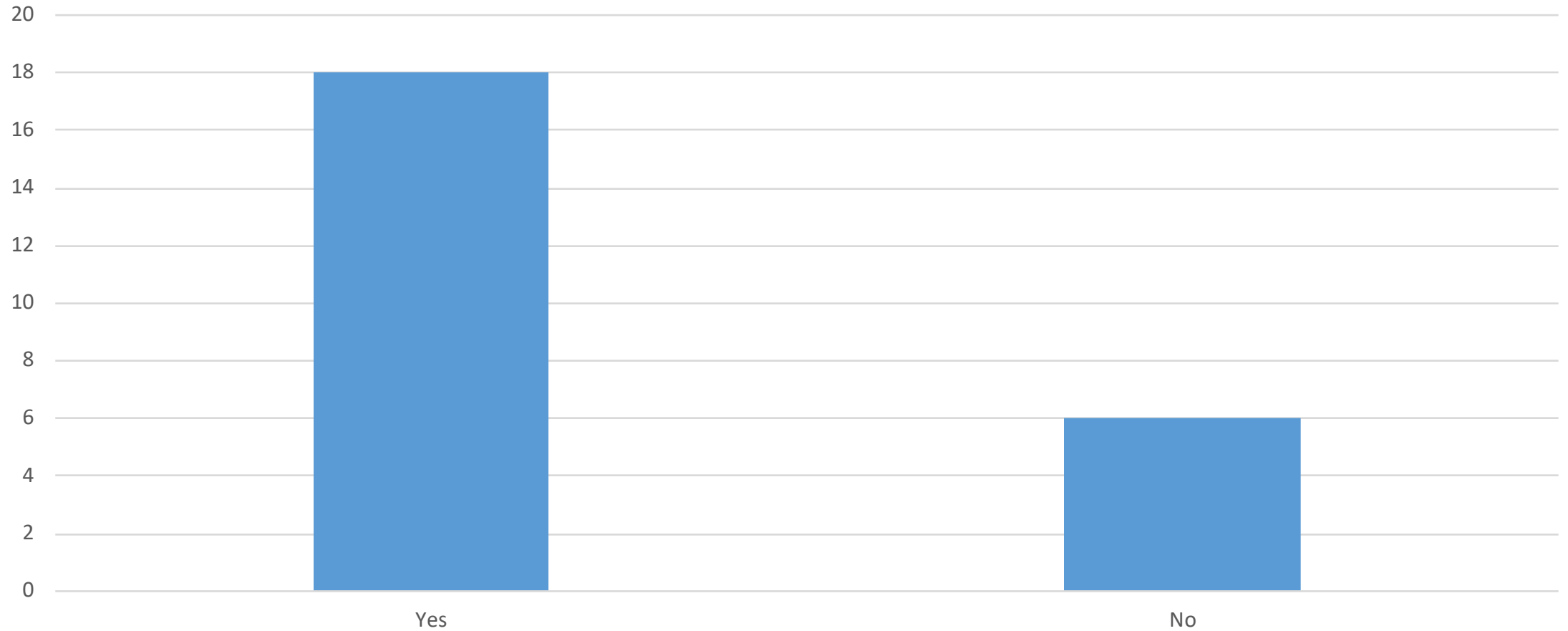


Did you encounter any difficulties registering for the course?



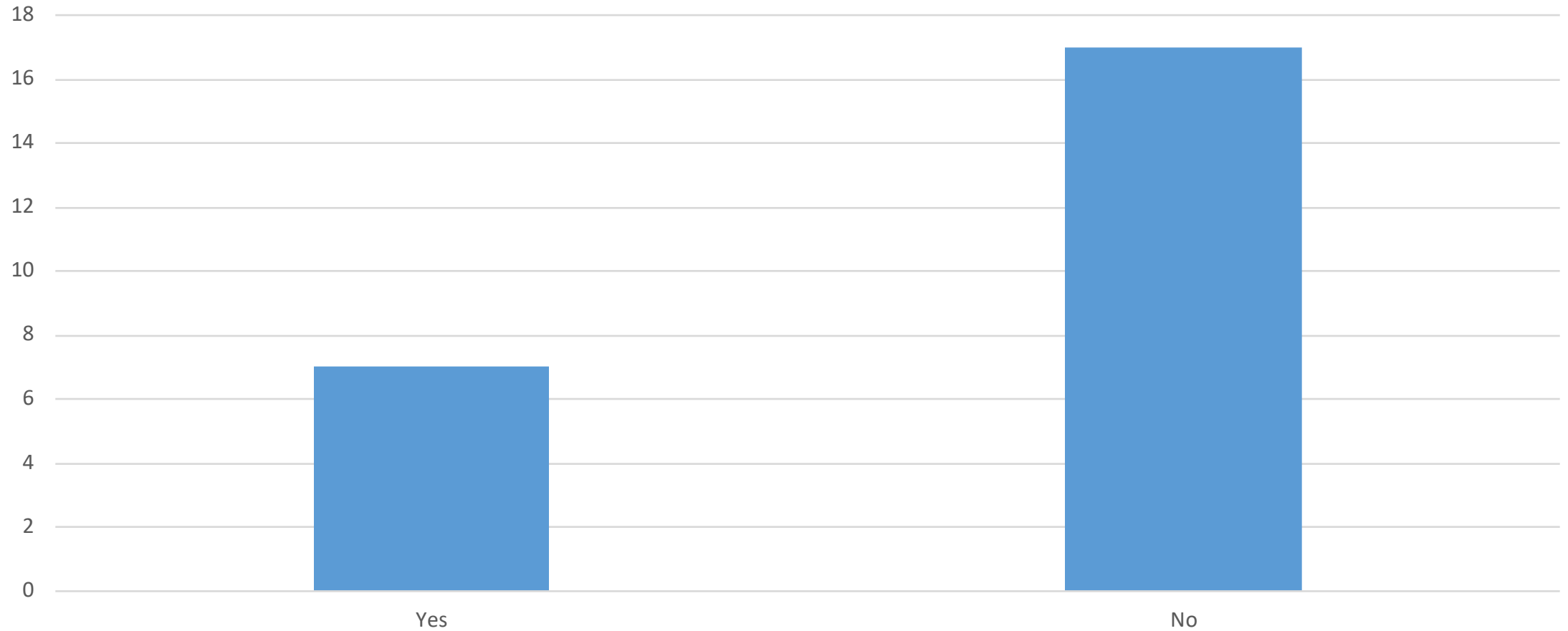
- I had to get permission to register for the course as I already had 18 credit hours for the Fall 19 semester and it counted towards those hours.
- Was waitlisted, then had to get a credit limit increase for Fall to sign up after waitlist. Didn't realize I'd have needed an increase earlier, so it took me more than 24 hours to get one - luckily I was near the tail end of the section so losing my place in line didn't matter.
- didn't see the error message preventing me from registering for the course. because technically it was in the fall semester I had to email at least 4 people including the registrars office, my academic adviser, the teacher of the course, and some random other guy who could actually put me in the course. very difficult to register for.
- Distinguishing which one of the online courses was the 10-day one. I almost missed the class until I sent an email to the department about my concerns.
- Registration and permit errors that were not valid.
- It got filled up quickly, but luckily I got a spot. (3 similar responses)

Did you receive adequate information about the format of the course and course expectations before the course started?



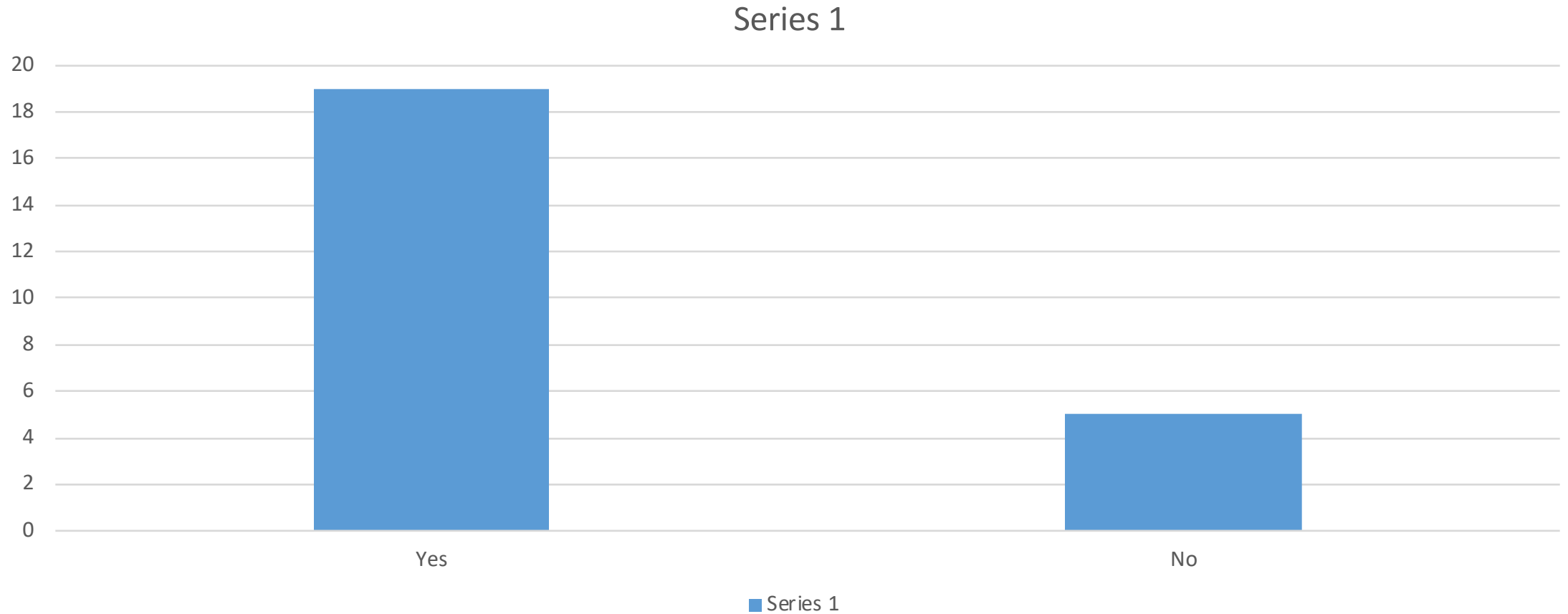
- The syllabus was posted prior so that was fine. However, the topics ranged broadly in the course which was difficult to prepare for and learn. Also half of the discussion questions were posted the day before they were due in the late evenings and the latter half of videos were not made accessible until half way through the course.
- Though a daily schedule was given. It needs to be expressed that this can take you longer. Like full day of studying.
- when I eventually got in the syllabus was good at explaining it
- I wanted a general schedule for how the course was going to look like so I could possibly drop it if I felt I would not be able to pass. I was never emailed information about the course until about 5 days before it started. In which the professor told us we need a textbook, and if I had wanted a hard copy it would have taken about 2 weeks to arrive, so I would not have had it for the course. Luckily, I found a pdf version to buy.
- A clear and specific schedule for day-to-day agenda (3 similar responses)

Did you encounter any technical difficulties during the course?

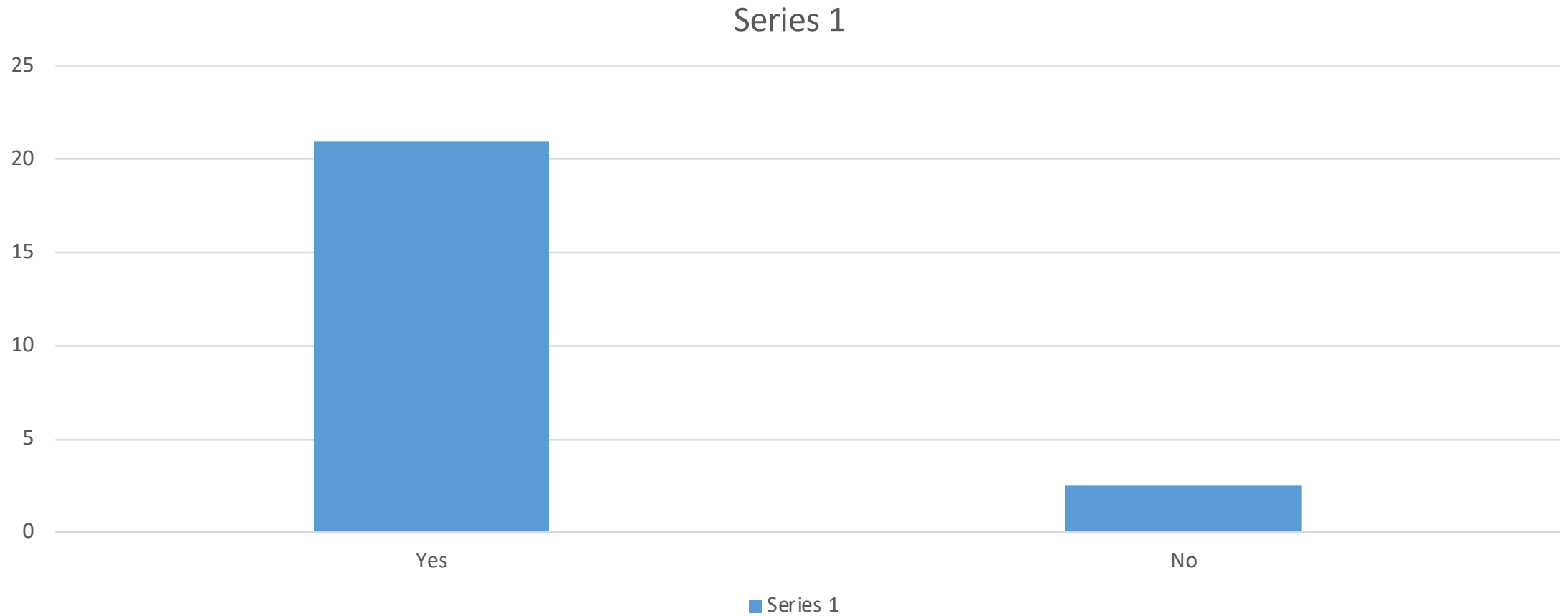


- There were some parts of the course that was not needed/purposely left of the class for the winter session. For example the HTML class did not require students to access some IIT shared site drive web catalog. This caused some confusion for students as we sought to communicate quickly with each other about clarifications. However, the professor was very responsive to questions so most questions were eventually resolved.
- Please please please let future students know that the only day to drop is the first day. I was unaware of this, and I know its up to the student to know the add drop date. But during normal semesters, teachers and professors both reiterate the add drop date so students know. I had to take an incomplete and complete the course later during the winter break due to confusion between the prof, myself, and the registrar. Thankfully, I was able to complete the course, but it was very stressful to navigate that route.
- The Chinese international student have problem on vpn
- This was not the fault of the professor. But on the 2nd day of the course, Blackboard locked out all of us from the course. By the time it was fixed, it was late at night, and I was tired so it affected my assignments for the day.
- The video lectures did not always load right away and took an hour sometimes
- Blackboard was momentarily unavailable, however I emailed the professor about it and the issue was resolved in a few hours. Also one time my internet cut off in the evening so I had to walk to a friend's house to use his internet.

Would you take another intensive online course if it helped you fulfill a graduation requirement?



Would you recommend this type of course to a friend?



Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your experience in the course?

Generally positive....

- Thank you! I'd take all my courses like that, one at a time, if I could. I prefer to intensely focus on one subject and hope that you expand the selection of intensive courses that are available.
- I actually enjoyed the course. I wish the Professor could have gone more in depth on some of the topics, but overall it was a good experience.
- I really enjoyed the course, would have been nice to know the expectations well ahead of time
- I really liked this option. It allowed me to catch up on my humanities credits. I think this is a very beneficial program
- This course single handedly offered me the chance to graduate on time, when all I needed was a single additional humanities requirement that didn't fit into my schedule in my final semester.
- I found COM 421 especially helpful in meeting my graduation requirements. It was particularly helpful in terms of how it was slotted since I was in a bad situation where if I wanted to graduate in a specific amount of time, one of my regular semesters would have had to have 18 credit hours. Thank you.
- It's very self disciplined. It's only worth it if you are willing to commit to the hours.
- Professor Trout is great

Grading and feedback issues

- I still haven't gotten the majority of my grades back yet from the course. The professor was kind enough to schedule an office hour-like session over Google Hangouts on the 7th or 8th day of the course to address concerns with the previous homework assignments, the finals, and the assignment we were working on. I am still curious as to how I did in the course as there were a great amount of information from a broad sweep of topics taught in a short time. The close deadlines and requirements to speak so frequently with other classmates to ensure completion of discussion questions and group summaries was highly stressful. We had students who were in other countries; matching their time zone was difficult. Luckily, the group I was in had a member who was in the Chicago area and was responsive to the group introduction email I posted. Other members, to today, I have no idea what their experiences were beyond their individual posts to the forum. I wish there was a greater opportunity to further explore that discussion with a team. However, through and through, this was an interesting course and the professor was kind, going out of his way to address students.

More grading and feedback....

- Ridiculously hard. Frustrating. I would've rather taken the course in person for ten days than to go through an online course. Not getting answers to questions immediately is annoying when you're already crunched on time and you're getting pushed. The professor only checked his email once a day!! We as students are putting in over 6 hours daily and he can't check his email more than once. I think this was ridiculous. An in-person course would probably make such a great difference than this online one.
- The grading of the course shouldn't be so harsh. That's a lot of information packed into 10 days. I think there should be some leniency.
- I spent roughly 12 hours a day on the course and was consistently up till 3-4 in the morning and yet somehow I got an A. When I thought I did bad on an assignment I did good and when I thought I didn't do good on an assignment I did bad. Feedback is hard to implement when the course is moving so fast. I greatly preferred the book reading vs the article readings. The assignments pertaining to the professor's book were kind of agree with him or you fail with policies like gun control and abortion. The older book was very informative and unbiased.
- The only thing I found difficult was that we did not receive grades, yet we were expected to improve on later assignments. It is hard to know if you are meeting expectations if no feedback is provided.

Cost issues

- The price was not good.
- It would have been nice to have financial aid count toward tuition for this course as well