

Breaking Down Silos

CAMPUS COLLABORATION TO DELIVER COURSE READINGS @ WESTERN UNIVERSITY

In August 2016, Western Libraries launched a Course Readings & syllabus service using Ares via the LMS (Sakai). This was the culmination of two years of hard-fought collaboration across a siloed library and university environment.



Partners across campus



After one semester

5527
Items

779
Courses

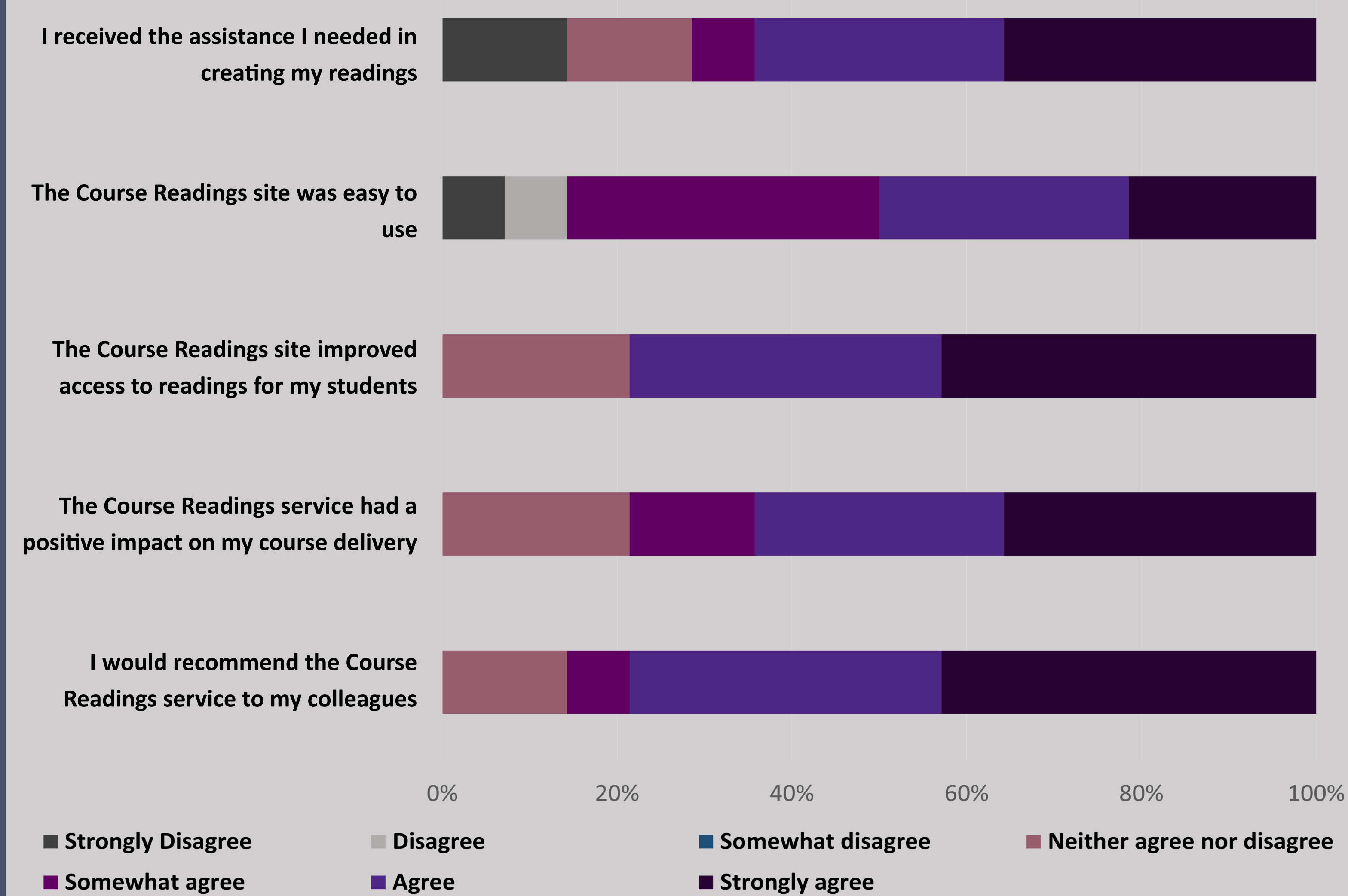
12.4%
Of Total Courses

47%
Print Books

39%
Articles, Links,
& eBooks

9%
Scanned
Excerpts

Instructors



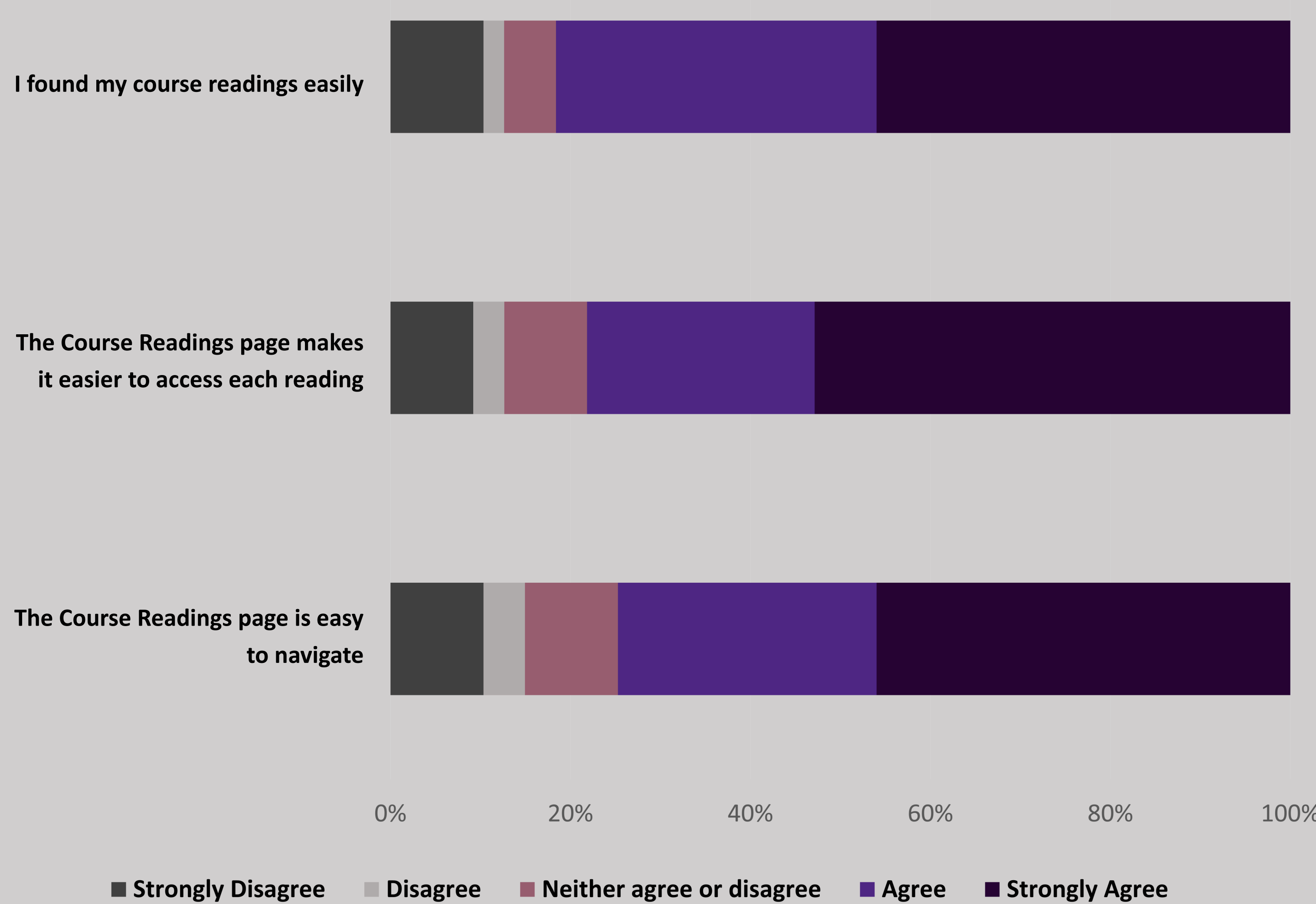
"This is such a fabulous service and I'm truly delighted to be able to take advantage of it."

"I am writing to say THANK YOU to the library system for this amazing new service. Not only does the service save me time as the instructor (which is nice), but more importantly it helps the students to be able to efficiently and accurately access their readings. I find that this creates opportunities to reduce students' stress and can lead them to better focus on their learning. Whoever came up with this service is a genius. So THANK YOU, THANK YOU."

"I really appreciate having this for myself and for my students. My students have also mentioned they really like having the readings all in one "tab." Thank you for the support and for providing this service!"

"Many thanks for your efficient work on this. I have been raving about the new service to my colleagues."

Students



"Love it!!!"

"Beautiful program, love it."

"I love this service! So easy to get readings done for class...no excuses now!"

"This feature is AMAZING. It is very useful and reduces the amount of time it takes to find an article. I found without this feature, I sometimes wouldn't read the articles or chapters because I had to go find them whereas now I am doing them because it is very easy access."

"I really appreciated this service. It saved me so much time throughout the course, not having to spend ages finding all the articles. Thank you so much for all of your efforts."



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