

STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVES ON GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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INTRODUCTION

Generative AI (GenAI) can generate text, images, or media using models that learn from input data patterns and structure.¹

While GenAl tools hold significant promise for enhancing the student learning experience, they also carry the risk of misuse and impacting academic integrity.

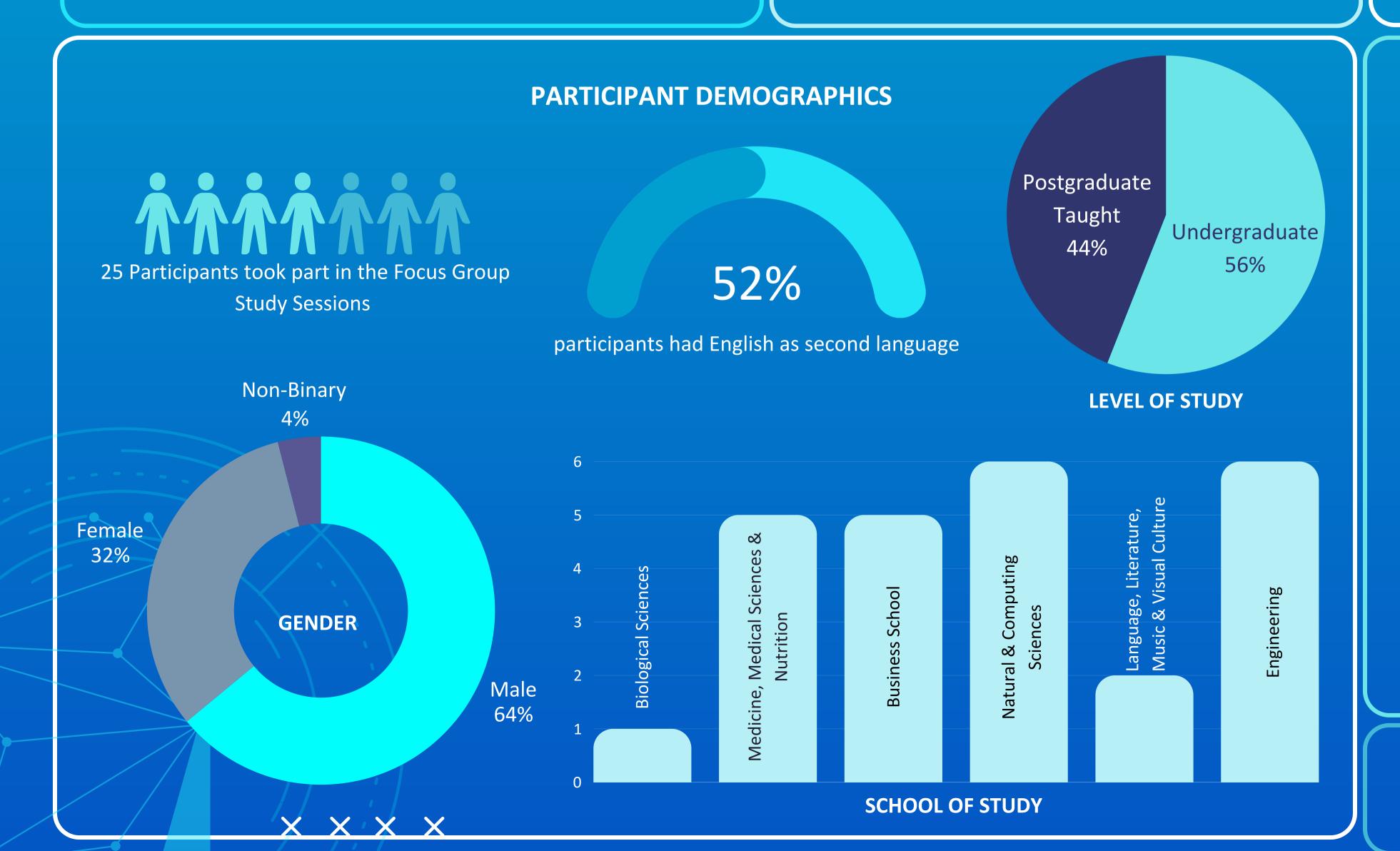
AIM

This research aimed to examine student attitudes towards GenAl and assessment practices, highlighting benefits, challenges, and ethical considerations. Insights gained will guide effective and inclusive educational practices for the future.

METHODOLOGY

Students of all levels and disciplines were invited to focus groups to discuss academic integrity, ethical implications of using GenAI, and ways to support and inform students in using these tools.

Participants were presented with scenarios describing student use of GenAI and asked for their views. Open-ended questions were also asked during the sessions.



EMERGING THEMES



SKILLS GAINED & SKILLS LOST: Students using GenAl might enhance their skills, but in some cases, they may lose the opportunity to further develop a vital skill.



RESPONSIBILITIES: Staff are responsible for designing authentic assessments that are resistant to plagiarism and students are responsible for abiding by guidance on academic integrity.



DETECTION TOOLS: Educating students as well as staff on the purpose and limitations of plagiarism detection tools.

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