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Table 1. Student Mode of Study (n = 230)

Mode	Frequency	Percent
On-campus	162	70.43
Off-campus	29	12.61
Both (mixed mode)	39	16.96

Note. Figures taken from 2015 calendar.

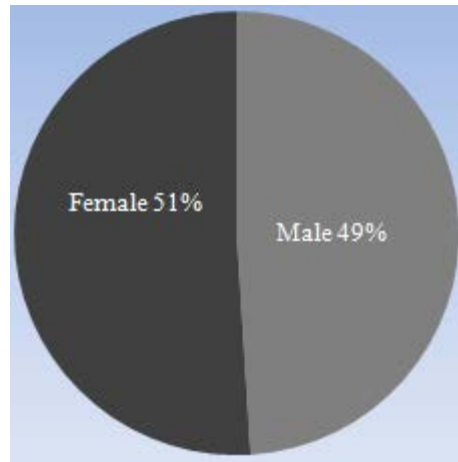
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Figure 1. Pie chart of population (n = 230)

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