

Launching the *Expert Learner Seminar Series* in Blended Learning Mode

Building on the foundation of work from previous years, in 2019 the Expert Learner Seminar Series (ELSS) was launched in blended learning mode at CityU. The aim of ELSS is to help new university students achieve their academic potential, while blended learning aims to offer students a combination of 1) face-to-face teaching and learning, as well as 2) on-line learning.

The series was held approximately over the first six weeks of Semester A, 2019.

The first seminar provided an overview of expert learning and an introduction to the topics which students would study in the series. Students also completed the Learning and Studies Strategy Inventory (LASSI) in the first session.



WEEK 1

A one-hour, face-to-face seminar was held the first week.

WEEK 2 - 6

Students took part in four, on-line, video-based seminars on learning and study strategies using Canvas as a platform.



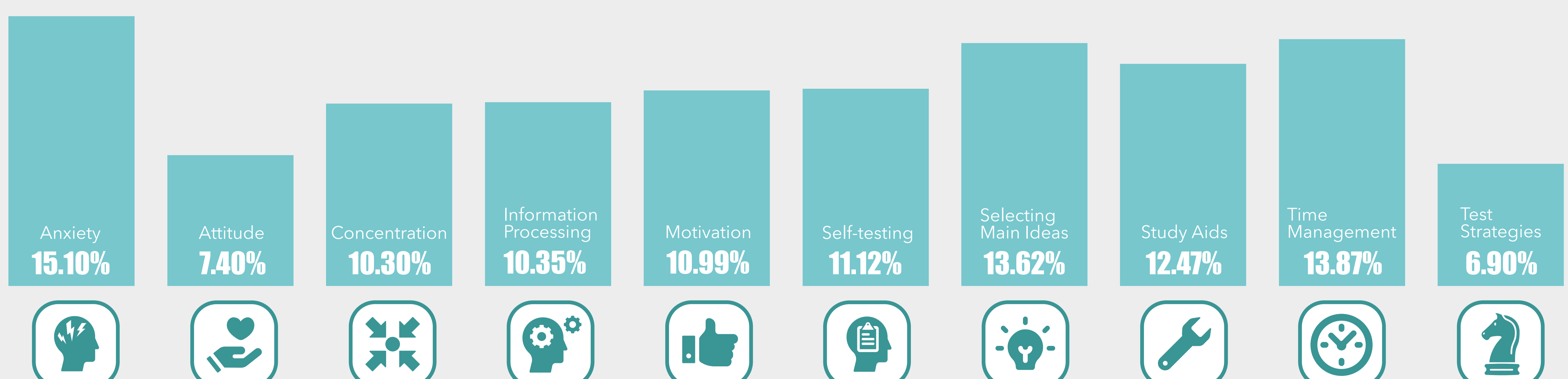
A total of 99 first-year undergraduate students completed the seminars, including the pre- and post- LASSI.



FINAL WEEK

Students met again in a face-to-face seminar for a summary and conclusion of the series and to re-take LASSI.

Overall Increase, LASSI Pre- to LASSI Post: 11.1%



As the graph shows, the pre- and post- LASSI scores increased by an average of 11.1% during that time, with significant, positive gains in each individual category of learning and studying strategies as constructed by LASSI.