

Who studies at the Multidisciplinary Institute in the Baixada Fluminense?

On-line questionnaire results from 499 students at the Nova Iguaçu Campus of the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro between January and April 2017.

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1- Collection details and research timeline

These data represent the responses of a questionnaire developed by the "Cost of Opportunity" research team¹ at the Instituto Multidisciplinar (IM) campus of the Universidade Federal Rural de Rio de Janeiro (UFRRJ) in Nova Iguaçu, Rio de Janeiro. This questionnaire was thought up by a research team composed of students and faculty of the UFRRJ. 499 out of the 3500 students of the IM responded to the survey. Summaries of the data collected were presented in the Cost of Opportunity conference in March 2017 in Durham, North Carolina.

The questionnaire (Appendix B) was shared using a Google Form format which provides an online link to the survey. The format does not require input for every question, so missing values do appear in some of the responses. This link was distributed repeatedly through email to UFRRJ-IM students. It was also posted in various Facebook groups exclusive to those students. These emails and posts were posted various times through January, February, March, and April 2017. Out of the 499 responses, only two were submitted after February, the last submitted April 13, 2017. Using a Google Form tool, the responses were exported into an Excel spreadsheet.

Ana Paula Teixeira, Carla Castanha, Debora Luisa, Juliane Marinho, and Louise Vailante, students from the UFRRJ-IM, first presented these data as research at the "Cost of Opportunity" conference hosted by the Duke University Bass Connections project of the same name on March 27, 2017. Their data findings were presented as part of the "Challenges, Dreams, and Struggles" English-language panel on the barriers to higher education in the Baixada Fluminense. See Appendix A for their original presentation, "Quantitative Findings: College Exam Prep Courses, Student Body, and Fellowships.

The data were edited and processed by John Victor Sena Alencar in June 2017 as part of the Bass Connections project, the Global Brazil Humanities Lab of the Duke Franklin Humanities Institute, and the Duke Brazil Initiative.

¹ Translated from e-mail correspondence from Renan Arjona to John Victor Sena Alencar on June 15, 2017: "The idea of sharing this questionnaire was brought up in a group meeting to enrich our research, in December 2016. So, we deliberated over the questions ourselves with the purpose to gather more information about the students of the IM".

2- Data overview

The data² include 499 form responses to the 15 questions detailed in the questionnaire (Appendix A). 63% of the respondents identified as female, and 36% as male (Table 1). An overwhelming majority (83%) of respondents were between the ages of 18 and 30 years, with 60% between 18 and 24 years old (Table 2). 42% of respondents identified as white, 30% as brown or mixed, and 24% as black; Asian descendant and indigenous respondents represented 3% and 0.5% of the respondents, respectively (Table 3).

Some of the questions reflected the socio-economic level and familial situation of each respondent. 50% of respondents work while studying, 49% reported not working (Table 4). A minor but significant 16% responded as being the head of their household (Table 5). Over half (54%) of survey respondents reported a total household income³ equivalent to less than three minimum salaries (Table 6), while 17% reported a total household income over five minimum salaries. In reference to education levels, around 33% of both respondents' mothers and fathers completed, at most, a primary school education (Tables 7 & 8); on the other hand, 31% of mothers at least attended some college compared to 22% of fathers. The top three cities⁴ respondents were from were Nova Iguaçu (40%), Rio de Janeiro (18%), and Belford Roxo (10%) (Table 9); other cities with significant representation among the respondents include São João de Meriti, Mesquita, Duque de Caxias, and Queimados.

Finally, the questionnaire covered information relating to respondents' studies. The areas of studies best represented by the survey's respondents include history (21%), administration (17%), pedagogy (15%), economics (10%), tourism (10%), computer science (10%), and literature (8%) (Table 10). Three-quarters of the respondents attend school at night, while 21% and 15% attend in the morning and afternoon⁵, respectively (Table 11). 70% of respondents were between their first

² The dataset is available internally as a Microsoft Excel file and a DTA file.

³ Income is often measured in relation to the minimum salary or wage in Brazil. The federal minimum wage as of January 1, 2017 was around \$290 per month.

⁴ The data also included information on the neighborhood, or *bairro*, of each survey respondent. These were not included among the data analyses or the tables.

⁵ Students may attend school during more than one shift.

and eighth semester in college (Table 12). A quarter of respondents receive some form of $bolsa^6$, or scholarship (Table 12). Of those students, 56% receive *auxílio permanência*⁷, while 35% receive for *graduação*⁸.

A few cross-tabulations review interesting trends within the data relating to patterns in career choice between different groups of students. Table 14 breaks down area of study by race. Pedagogy was studied by more than 15% more black students than the average percentage; literature had greater black respondent representation. Fewer black and white students study tourism. Administration also had lower representation among black students.

Table 15 breaks down area of study by sex. Both pedagogy and literature are areas of study where women predominate, while male respondents make up a large portion of those who study computer science and economics.

Lastly, Table 16 divide area of study by *bolsista*⁹ status. Despite only a quarter of respondents being *bolsistas*, over half of respondents studying literature have *bolsas*. Administration and economics offer an opposite narrative with *bolsistas* representing 12% and 10% of their totals, respectively.

⁶ Students may have more than one *bolsa*.

⁷ A form of need-based aid that funds resources like housing, meal plans, and transportation.

⁸ Graduate school-related scholarships.

⁹ Scholarship or financial aid recipient.

3- Data Tables

Table 1: Summary statistics on sex.

Sexo [Sex]	Frequency ¹⁰	Percentage ¹¹
Feminino [Female]	317	63.40
Masculino [Male]	179	35.80
	4	0.80
Total	500	100.00

Table 2: Summary statistics on age range.

Faixa etária [Age range]	Frequency	Percentage	Cumulative ¹²
Abaixo de 18 anos [Less	5	1.00	1.00
than 18 years old]			
<i>De 18 a 24 anos</i> [18 to 24	301	60.20	61.20
years old]			
<i>De 25 a 30 anos</i> [25 to 30	115	23.00	84.20
years old]			
De 31 a 40 anos [31 to 40	44	8.80	93.00
years old]			
Acima de 40 anos [Over 40	33	6.60	99.60
years old]			
	2	0.40	100.00
Total	500	100.00	

 ¹⁰ Number of respondents who selected specified response.
¹¹ Percentage of respondents who selected specified response out of total number of respondents.
¹² Sum of percentage values up to this response category

Table 3: Summary statistics on race.

Como você se considera? [What race do you	Frequency	Percentage
identify with?]		
Amarelo(a) [Yellow/Asian or Asian descendant]	15	3.00
Preto(a) [Black]	119	23.80
Branco(a) [White]	212	42.40
Indígina [Indigenous]	2	0.40
Pardo(a) [Brown or Mixed]	150	30.00
	2	0.40
Total	500	100.00

Table 4: Summary statistics on employment status.

<i>Você trabalha?</i> [Do you work?]	Frequency	Percentage
Não [No]	244	48.80
Sim [Yes]	252	50.40
	4	0.80
Total	500	100.00

Table 5: Summary statistics on head of household status.

É chefe de família? [Are you the head of your	Frequency	Percentage
household?]		
Não [No]	416	83.20
Sim [Yes]	78	15.60
	6	1.20
Total	500	100.00

Qual o valor da renda bruta familiar?	Frequency	Percentage	Cumulative
[What is your household income?]			
Menos que 1 salário mínimo [Less than	23	4.60	4.60
1 minimum salary]			
Mais que 1 menos que 2 salários	134	26.80	31.40
mínimos [More than 1 but less than 2			
minimum salaries]			
Mais que 2 menos que 3 salários	116	23.20	54.60
<i>mínimos</i> [More than 2 but less than 3			
minimum salaries			
Mais que 3 menos que 4 salários	89	17.80	72.40
mínimos [More than 3 but less than 4			
minimum salaries]			
Mais que 4 menos que 5 salários	46	9.20	81.60
<i>mínimos</i> [More than 4 but less than 5			
minimum salaries]			
Mais que 5 salários mínimos [More	87	17.40	99.00
than 5 minimum salaries]			
	5	1.00	100.00
Total	500	100.00	

Table 7: Summary statistics on mother's education level.

<i>Qual o grau de escolaridade da sua mãe?</i> [What is the highest level of	Frequency	Percentage	Cumulative
education completed by your			
mother?]			
Não ingressou na escola básica [No	10	2.00	2.00
primary school]			
Fundamental incompleto [Some	109	21.80	23.80
primary school]			
Fundamental completo [Completed	38	7.60	31.40
primary school]			
Ensino médio incompleto [Some	40	8.00	39.40
secondary school]			
Ensino médio completo [Completed	148	29.60	69.00
secondary school]			
Ensino superior incompleto [Some	51	10.20	79.20
college/higher education]			
Ensino superior completo [Completed	102	20.40	99.60
college/higher education]			
	2	0.40	100.00
Total	500	100.00	

Table 8: Summary statistics on father's education level.

<i>Qual o grau de escolaridade do seu pai?</i> [What is the highest level of education completed by your	Frequency	Percentage	Cumulative
father?]			
Não ingressou na escola básica [No	14	2.80	2.80
primary school]			
Fundamental incompleto [Some	102	20.40	23.20
primary school]			
Fundamental completo [Completed	60	12.00	35.20
primary school]			
Ensino médio incompleto [Some	39	7.80	43.00
secondary school]			
Ensino médio completo [Completed	170	34.00	77.00
secondary school]			
Ensino superior incompleto [Some	41	8.20	85.20
college/higher education]			
Ensino superior completo [Completed	69	13.80	99.00
college/higher education]			
	5	1.00	100.00
Total	500	100.00	

Qual a cidade onde mora? [What city do you	Frequency	Percentage
live in?]		
Belford Roxo	50	10.00
Duque de Caxias	22	4.40
Japeri	8	1.60
Magé	3	0.60
Maricá	2	0.40
Mesquita	34	6.80
Nilópolis	19	3.80
Niterói	1	0.20
Nova Iguaçu	198	39.60
Paracambi	2	0.40
Petrópolis	2	0.40
Queimados	22	4.40
Rio de Janeiro	88	17.60
São Gonçalo	2	0.40
São João de Meriti	40	8.00
Volta Redonda	1	0.20
	6	1.20
Total	500	100.00

Table 9: Summary statistics on city of residence.

Table	10:	Summary	statistics	on	area	of	study.
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Em qual curso está matriculado? [What is your	Frequency	Percentage
area of study?]		
Administração [Administration]	85	17.00
Ciência da Computação [Computer Science]	48	9.60
Direito [Law]	10	2.00
Economia [Economics]	52	10.40
Geografia [Geography]	24	4.80
História [History]	103	20.60
Letras [Literature]	41	8.20
Matemática- Bachelarado [Mathematics -	1	0.20
Bachelor's]		
Matemática- Licenciatura [Mathematics-	9	1.80
Education Certificate]		
Pedagogia [Pedagogy]	75	15.00
Turismo [Tourism]	49	9.80
	3	0.60
Total	500	100.00

Table 11: Summary statistics on school shift.

Qual turno você frequenta? [What time of day do	Frequency	Percentage
you take classes]		
Manhã [Morning]	107	21.40
Tarde [Afternoon]	74	14.80
Noite [Night]	375	75.00

Table 12: Summary statistics on semester attending.

<i>Qual período está cursando?</i> [How many semesters have you been	Frequency	Percentage	Cumulative
attending the university?]			
1	42	8.40	8.40
2	60	12.00	20.40
3	45	9.00	29.40
4	59	11.80	41.20
5	33	6.60	47.80
6	48	9.60	57.40
7	53	10.60	68.00
8	58	11.60	79.60
9	38	7.60	87.20
10	16	3.20	90.40
11	11	2.20	92.60
12	18	3.60	96.20
13	5	1.00	97.20
14	6	1.20	98.40
15	2	0.40	98.80
18	1	.20	99.00
	5	1.00	100.00
Total	500	100.00	

Possui bolsa? [Do you have a scholarship?]	Frequency	Percentage
Não [No]	374	74.80
Sim [Yes]	126	25.20
Apoio técnico [Work-study]	4	0.80 (3.17)
Pesquisa (Pibic, Proic) [Research]	26	5.20 (20.63)
Auxílio permanência [Need-based aid]	71	14.20 (56.35)
Extensão (Proext, Biext) [Public policy]	7	1.40 (5.56)
Graduação (Monitoria, Pibid, Pet) [Graduate	43	8.60 (34.13)
school]		
Total	500	100.00

Table 14: Area of study and race.

	Como você se considera? [What race do you identify with?]						
	(percentage	(percentage of students in department who identify with specified race)					
Em qual curso	Amarelo(a)	Preto(a)	Branco	Indígina	Pardo(a)		Total
está	[Yellow/As	[Black]	(a)	[Indigen	[Brown		
matriculado?	ian or		[White]	ous]	or		
[What is your	Asian				Mixed]		
area of	descendant]						
study?]							
Administração	8	13	39	0	25	0	85
[Administratio	(9.41)	(15.29)	(45.88)	(0.00)	(29.41)	(0.00)	(100.00)
n]							
Ciência da	0	12	21	1	14	0	48
Computação	(0.00)	(25.00)	(43.75)	(2.08)	(29.17)	(0.00)	(100.00)
[Computer							
Science]							
Direito [Law]	0	2	6	0	2	0	10
	(0.00)	(20.00	(60.00)	(0.00)	(20.00)	(0.00)	(100.00)
Economia	0	10	24	0	18	0	52
[Economics]	(0.00)	(19.23)	(46.15)	(0.00)	(34.62)	(0.00)	(100.00)
Geografia	0	5	12	0	7	0	24
[Geography]	(0.00)	(20.83)	(50.00)	(0.00)	(29.17)	(0.00)	(100.00)
História	1	23	47	0	32	0	103
[History]	(0.97)	(22.33)	(45.63)	(0.00)	(31.07)	(0.00)	(100.00)
Letras	0	14	17	0	10	0	41
[Literature]	(0.00	(34.15)	(41.46)	(0.00)	(24.39)	(0.00)	(100.00)
Matemática-	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bachelarado	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(100.00)	(0.00)	(100.00)
[Mathematics							
- Bachelor's]							

	Como você s	e considera	? [What]	race do you	ı identify w	ith?]	
	(percentage	(percentage of students in department who identify with specified race)					
Em qual curso	Amarelo(a)	Preto(a)	Branco	Indígina	Pardo(a)		Total
está	[Yellow/As	[Black]	(a)	[Indigen	[Brown		
matriculado?	ian or		[White]	ous]	or		
[What is your	Asian				Mixed]		
area of	descendant]						
study?]							
Matemática-	1	2	3	0	3	0	9
Licenciatura	(11.11)	(22.22)	(33.33)	(0.00)	(33.33)	(0.00)	(100.00)
[Mathematics-							
Education							
Certificate]							
Pedagogia	1	29	26	1	18	0	75
[Pedagogy]	(1.33)	(38.67)	(34.67)	(1.33)	(24.00)	(0.00)	(100.00)
Turismo	4	9	17	0	19	0	49
[Tourism]	(8.16)	(18.37)	(34.69)	(0.00)	(38.78)	(0.00)	(100.00)
	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(33.33)	(66.67	(100.00)
)	
Total	15	119	212	2	150	2	500
	(3.00)	(23.80)	(42.40)	(0.40)	(30.00)	(0.40)	(100.00)

Table 15: Sex and area of study.

	Sexo [Sex]				
	(percentage of students in department of specified sex)				
Em qual curso está	Feminino	Masculino		Total	
matriculado?	[Female]	[Male]			
[What is your area					
of study?]					
Administração	58	27	0	85	
[Administration]	(68.24)	(31.76)	(0.00)	(100.00)	
Ciência da	11	36	1	48	
Computação	(22.92)	(75.00)	(2.08)	(100.00)	
[Computer Science]					
Direito [Law]	8	2	0	10	
	(80.00)	(20.00)	(0.00)	(100.00)	
Economia	21	31	0	52	
[Economics]	(40.38)	(59.62)	(0.00)	(100.00)	
Geografia	16	8	0	24	
[Geography]	(66.67)	(33.33)	(0.00)	(100.00)	
História [History]	61	42	0	103	
	(59.22)	(40.78)	(0.00)	(100.00)	
Letras [Literature]	33	8	0	41	
	(80.49)	(19.51)	(0.00)	(100.00)	
Matemática-	1	0	0	1	
Bachelarado	(100.00)	(00.00)	(00.00)	(100.00)	
[Mathematics –					
Bachelor's]					
Matemática-	3	6	0	9	
Licenciatura	(33.33)	(66.67)	(00.00)	(100.00)	
[Mathematics-					

	Sexo [Sex]						
	(percentage of students in department of specified sex)						
Em qual curso está	Feminino	Masculino		Total			
matriculado?	[Female]	[Male]					
[What is your area							
of study?]							
Education							
Certificate]							
Pedagogia	68	6	1	75			
[Pedagogy]	(90.67)	(8.00)	(1.33)	(100.00)			
Turismo [Tourism]	36	13	0	49			
	(73.47)	(26.53)	(0.00)	(100.00)			
	1	0	2	3			
	(33.33)	(0.00)	(66.67)	(100.00)			
Total	317	179	4	500			
	(63.40)	(35.80)	(0.80)	(100.00)			

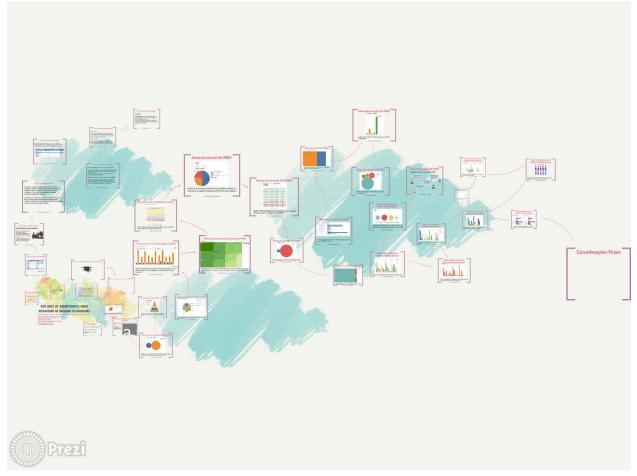
	Possui bolsa? [Do you have a scholarship?]					
	(percentage of students in department that have a					
	scholarship)					
Em qual curso está matriculado?	<i>Não</i> [No]	Sim [Yes]	Total			
[What is your area of study?]						
Administração [Administration]	75	10	85			
	(88.24)	(11.76)	(100.00)			
Ciência da Computação [Computer	37	11	48			
Science]	(77.08)	(22.92)	(100.00)			
Direito [Law]	9	1	10			
	(90.00)	(10.00)	(100.00)			
Economia [Economics]	47	5	52			
	(90.38)	(9.62)	(100.00)			
Geografia [Geography]	13	11	24			
	(54.17)	(45.83)	(100.00			
História [History]	78	25	103			
	(75.73)	(24.27)	(100.00)			
Letras [Literature]	19	22	41			
	(46.34)	(53.66)	(100.00)			
Matemática- Bachelarado	0	1	1			
[Mathematics – Bachelor's]	(0.00)	(100.00)	(100.00)			
Matemática- Licenciatura	7	2	9			
[Mathematics- Education	(77.78)	(22.22)	(100.00)			
Certificate]						
Pedagogia [Pedagogy]	52	23	75			
	(69.33)	(30.67)	(100.00)			
Turismo [Tourism]	35	14	49			
	(71.43)	(28.57)	(100.00)			
	2	1	3			

Table 16: Scholarship status and area of study.

	<i>Possui bolsa?</i> [Do you have a scholarship?] (percentage of students in department that have a					
	scholarship)					
Em qual curso está matriculado?	<i>Não</i> [No]	Sim [Yes]	Total			
[What is your area of study?]						
	(66.67)	(33.33)	(100.00			
Total	374	126	500			
	(74.80)	(25.20)	(100.00)			

4- Appendix:

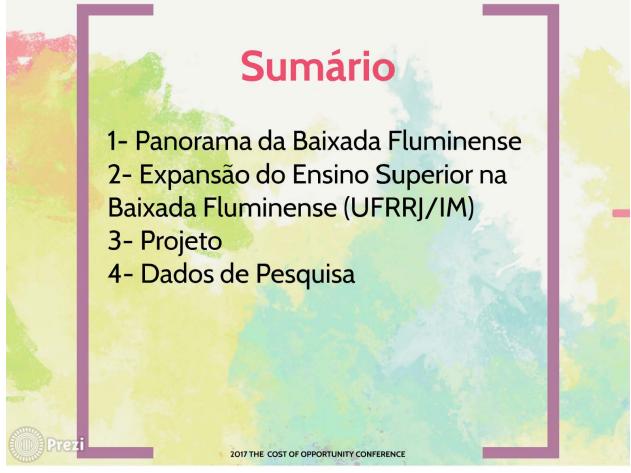








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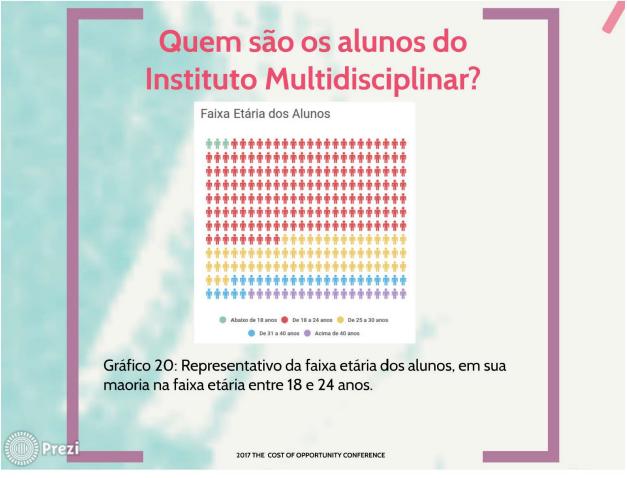
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Quem são os alunos do Instituto Multidisciplinar?

Alunos bolsistas e não bolsistas



Gráfico 22: Número de bolsistas(PIBIC, PIBID, IC, etc.) entre os alunos que responderam ao formulário da pesquisa. Prezi

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Appendix B: Questionnaire

- 1. Sexo [Sex]
- 2. Faixa etária [Age range]
- 3. Como você se considera? [What race do you identify with?]
- 4. Você trabalha? [Do you work?]
- 5. É chefe de família? [Are you the head of your household?]
- 6. Qual o valor da renda bruta familiar? [What is your household income?]
- 7. Qual o grau de escolaridade da sua mãe? [What is the highest level of education completed by your mother?]
- 8. Qual o grau de escolaridade do seu pai? [What is the highest level of education completed by your father?]
- 9. Qual a cidade onde mora? [What city do you live in?]
- 10. Qual o bairro onde mora? [What neighborhood do you live in?]
- 11. Em qual curso está matriculado? [What is your area of study?]
- 12. Qual turno você frequenta? [What time of day do you take classes?]
- 13. Qual período está cursando? [How many semesters have you been attending the university?]
- 14. Possui bolsa? [Do you have a scholarship?]
- 15. Especifique sua bolsa. [Specify your scholarship.]