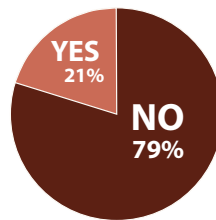


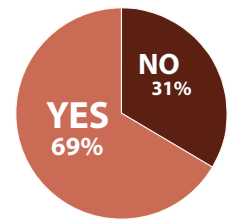
# THE MEANINGFUL WRITING PROJECT

**707** surveys from seniors at 3 schools  
**27** one-to-one interviews with seniors  
**160** surveys from faculty who taught the classes in which students wrote their meaningful writing project  
**60** one-to-one interviews with faculty

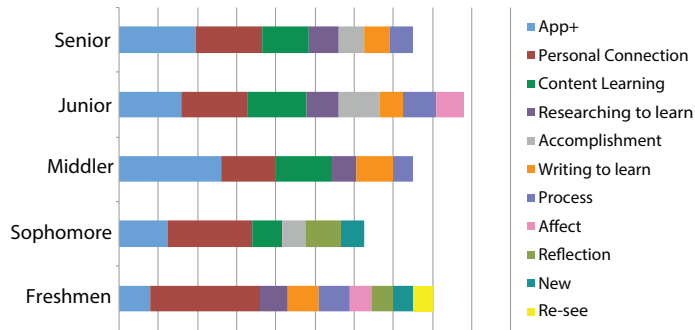


For the project you've described as meaningful, had you previously written anything similar?

For the project you've described as meaningful, are there ways in which this writing project might contribute to the kinds of writing you hope to do in the future?



## WHY MEANINGFUL VARIED BY WHEN WRITTEN



**52%**

wrote their MWP in their major

**17%**

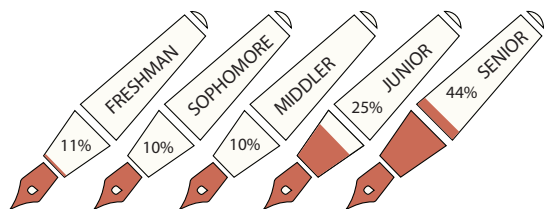
wrote their MWP in an elective course

**29%**

wrote their MWP in a general education course

**52%**

wrote their MWP in a required course



**NEARLY HALF THE STUDENTS SURVEYED WROTE THEIR MWP IN THEIR SENIOR YEAR**

28 students went out of their way to say they had no meaningful writing as undergrads

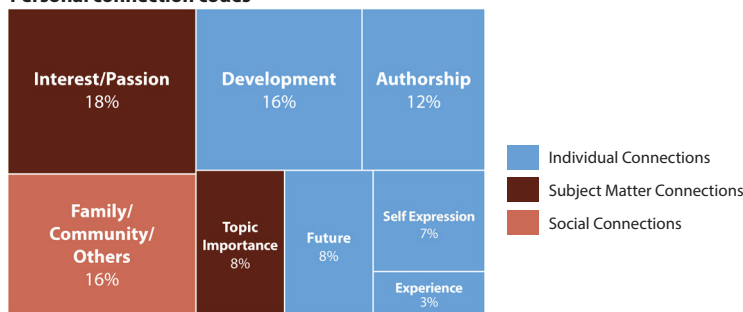
## WHY MEANINGFUL? FOUR MOST FREQUENT REASONS

Personal Connection  
 App+  
 Content Learning  
 Researching to Learn

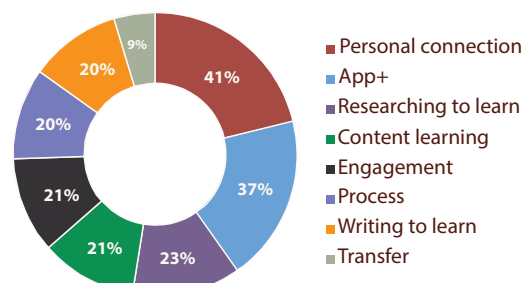


**MORE THAN 1 IN 3 STUDENTS DESCRIBED PERSONAL CONNECTION AS A REASON WHY THEIR PROJECT WAS MEANINGFUL**

### Personal connection codes



## WHY MEANINGFUL? FACULTY RESPONSES



Northeastern: RU/H, 17,107 degree-seeking undergraduates, 7,638 grad students, 32% of applicants admitted, 83% graduate within 6 years, annual tuition/fees in 2013/14: \$41,686

Oklahoma: RU/VH, 21,359 degree-seeking undergraduates, 8,779 graduate students, 80% of applicants admitted, 66% graduate within 6 years, annual tuition/fees in 2013/14: \$8,915

St. Johns: DRU, 11,147 degree-seeking undergraduates, 4,819 grad students, 53% of applicants admitted, 55% graduate within 6 years, annual tuition/fees in 2013/14: \$37,26

Source: College Board

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