The benefits of being a student of applied statistics

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Faculty of Technical Sciences	6.97%
Medical Faculty	18.60%

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Faculty of Philosophy	26.92%
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- Second year (module: Social Sciences):
  - Analysis of categorical data (Obligatory)
  - Structural Equations (Obligatory)
  - Advanced linear modeling (Obligatory)
  - Methodology of researches in psychology of personality (Elective)
  - Principles of modern scientific communication (Elective)
  - Survival analysis (Elective)

- Student practice: Practice in the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

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  - Demographics
  - Expectations of students before enrolling in studies and what is achieved of these expectations
  - Student satisfaction with studies for every semestar
  - Assesment of gained knowledge, or things they can do

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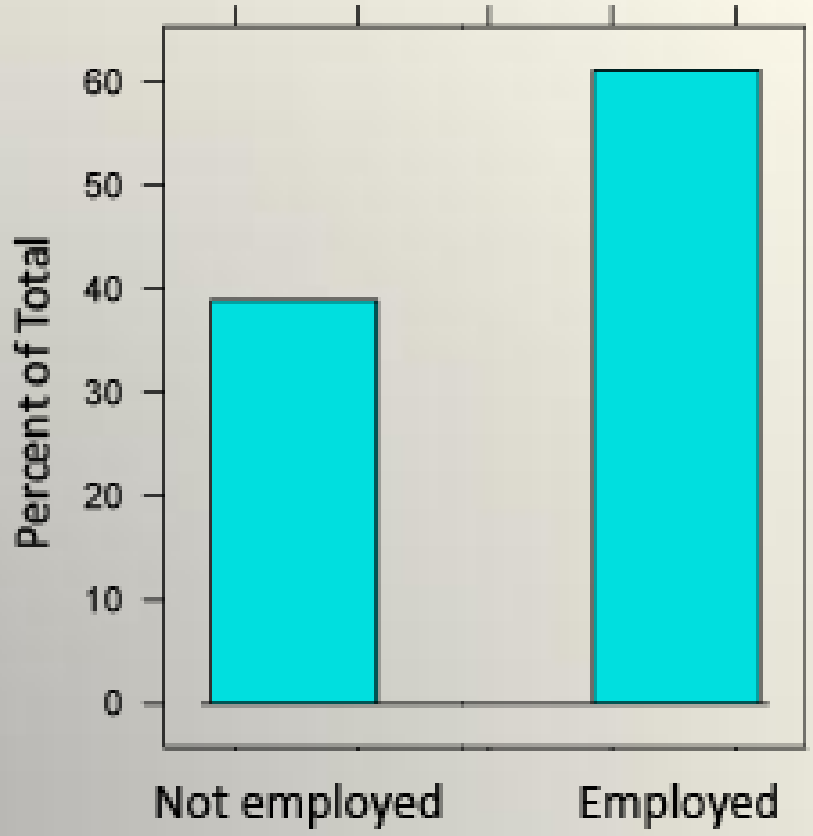

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1. Various statistical topics (from economy, mathematics, social sciences...)
2. Professors from different faculties
3. Mathematical basis for every statistical procedure
4. Knowledge how to apply learned statistical procedures
5. Large number of practical examples
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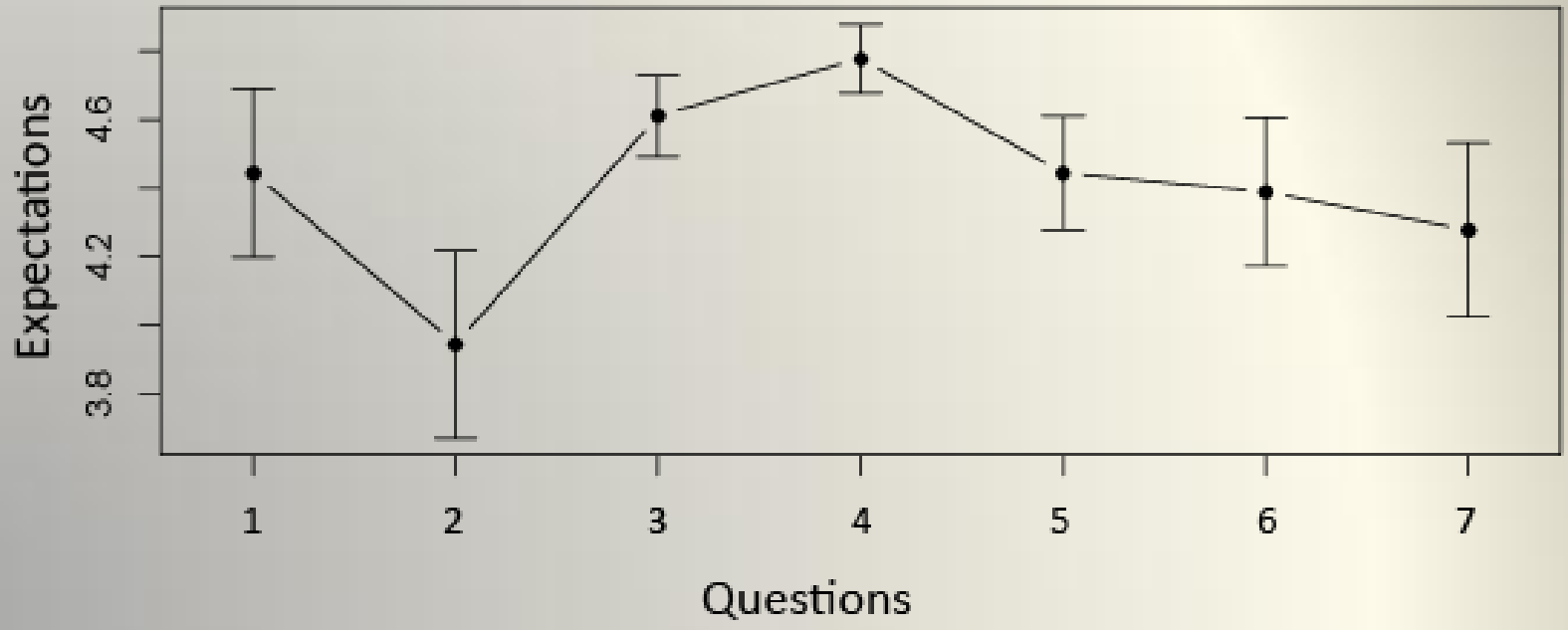

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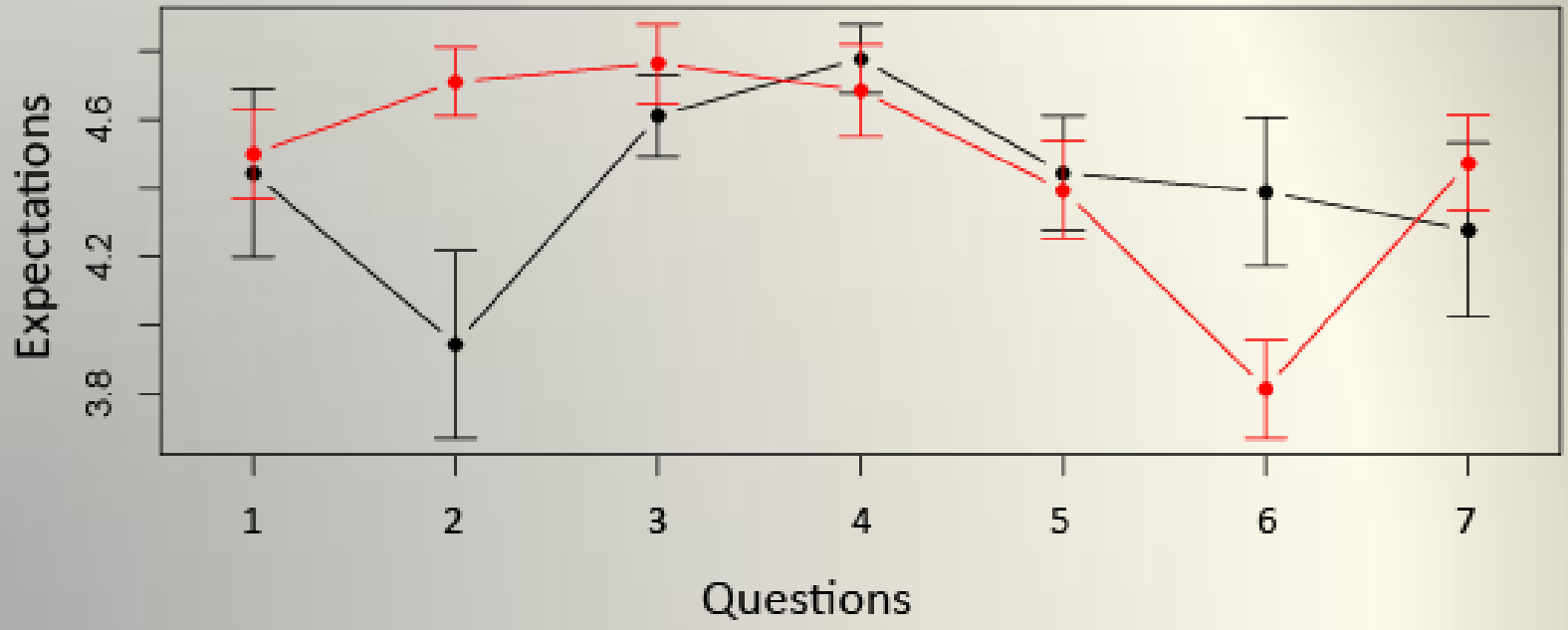

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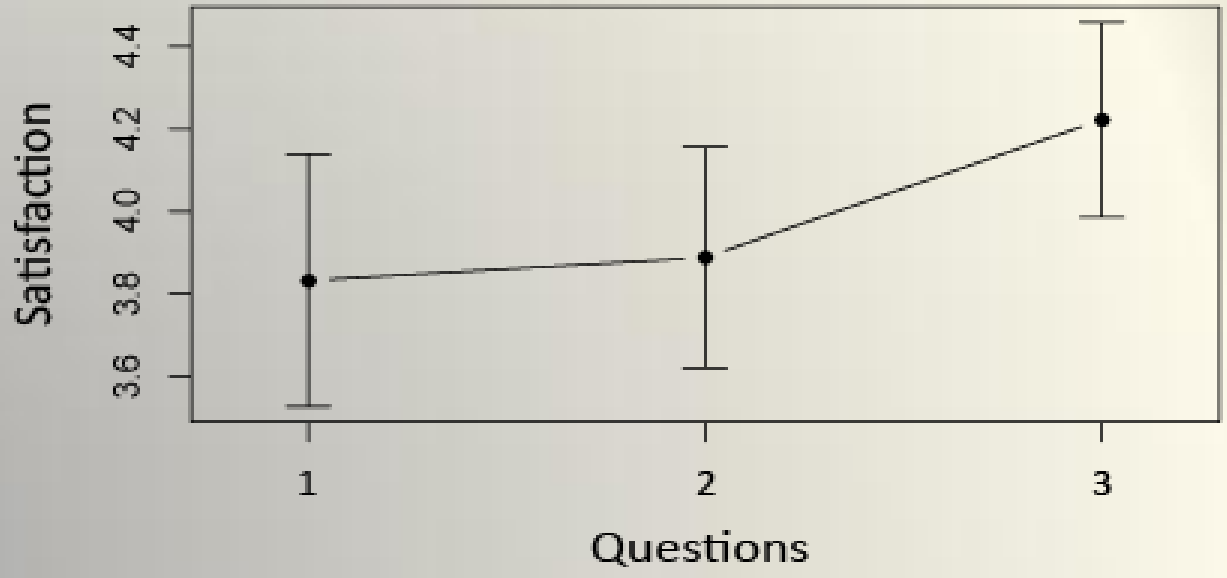

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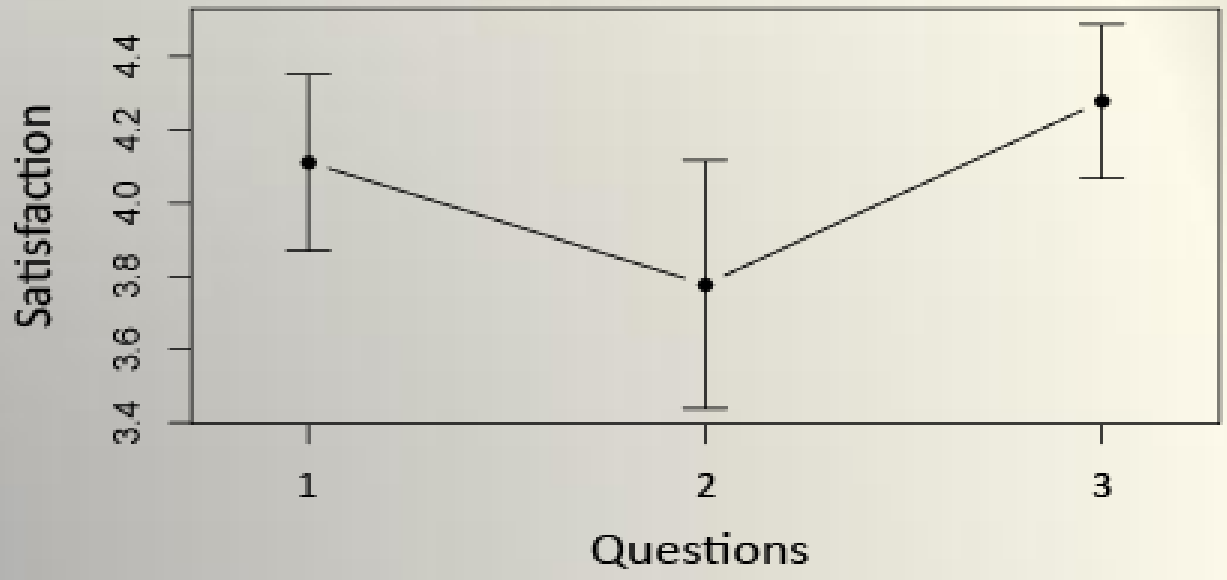

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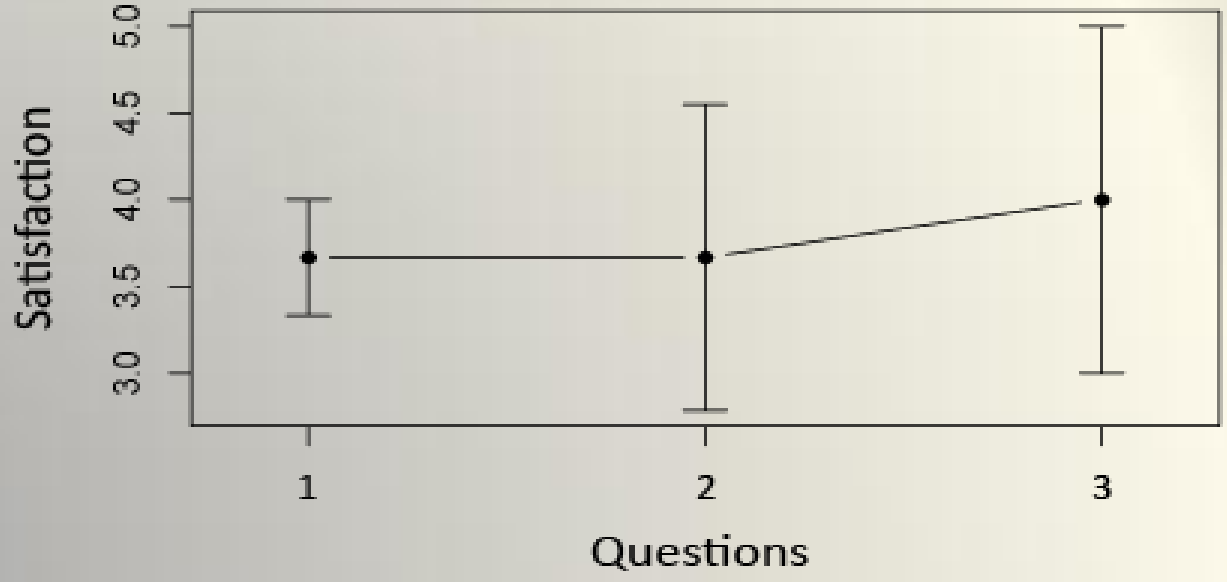

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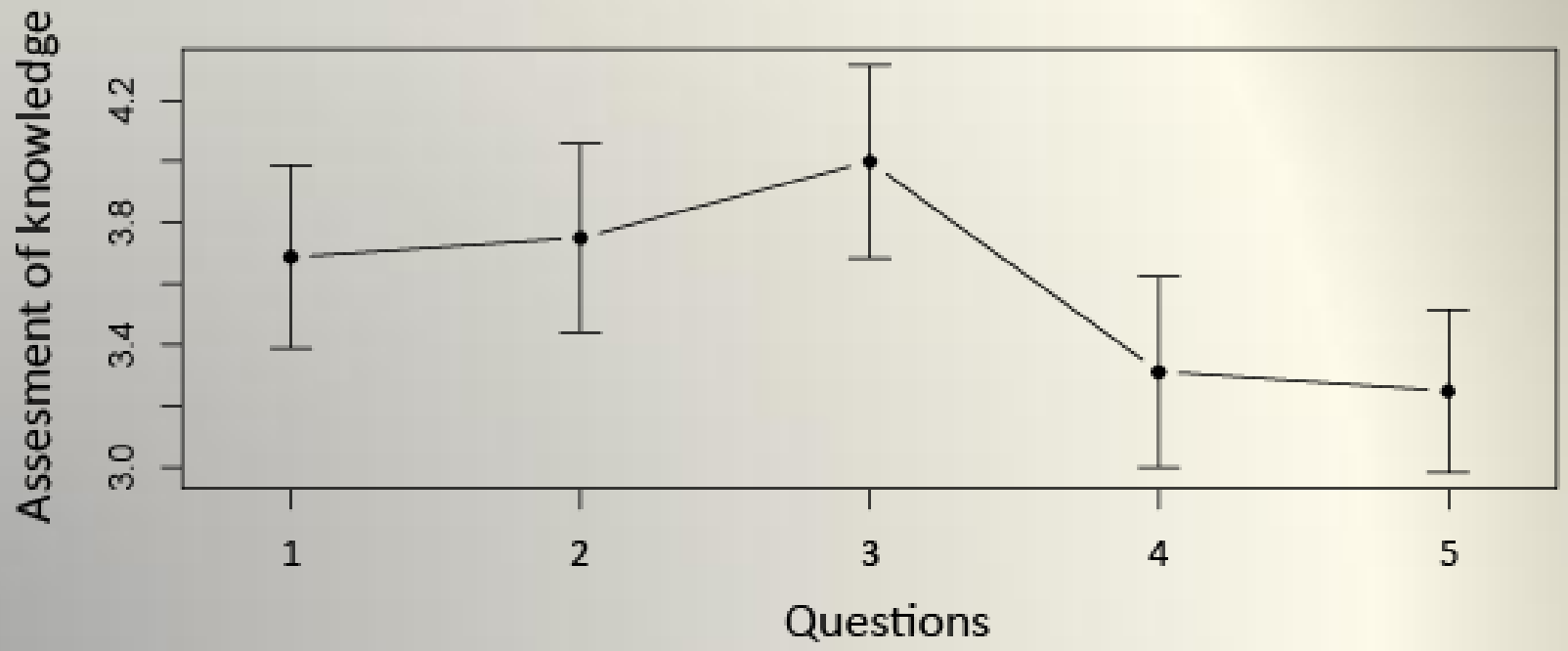

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1. Lectures that are held in blocks
2. Quality of the professors
3. Additional lectures (Professors from Slovenia and IPSOS strategic marketing)

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- If we take information about the studies and results from a survey, we can see that small number of people are enrolled every year. But, these people have high motivation for dealing with scientific problems in statistics and other scientific fields

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- As for now, these studies are offering and producing skilled and motivated future statisticians

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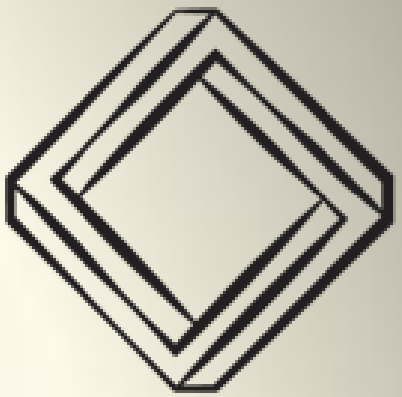

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