

Academic Review Questionnaire

Current Graduate Students

2012

The objective of this survey is to gather feedback from students currently enrolled in a graduate program on their experiences.

Learning Outcomes

To what extent does your academic program contribute to developing your strength in the following:

[Very little, Some, Quite a bit, Very much]

1. Working effectively with others;
2. Writing clearly and effectively;
3. Speaking clearly and effectively;
4. Thinking critically and analytically;
5. Solving complex real-world problems;
6. Having a broad spectrum of knowledge;
7. Designing and implementing independent research;
8. Applying problem solving skills;
9. Analyzing ideas, experiences, methods and data;
10. Synthesizing ideas, information or experiences into new understandings or methods;
11. Evaluating points of view, decisions, or information sources;
12. Recognizing the limits to your knowledge.

Program

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

[Strongly disagree, Disagree, Unsure/Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree]

1. Required courses are consistently available when I need to take them.
2. There is an adequate range of non-required/elective course offerings in my program every year.
3. Library holdings and other Library resources relating to my program are adequate.
4. Teaching facilities and equipment used in my program are adequate.
5. The program meets the expectations I had when I first enrolled in it.

Teaching

Please indicate the proportion of courses in your program that exhibit the following characteristics:

[None, Some, Most, All]

1. Generally, grading is fair and well explained.
2. Questions and alternate viewpoints are encouraged.

3. Course instructors are readily available for consultation.
4. Course instructors provide high quality teaching.
5. Course instructors create a climate that encourages learning.
6. Course instructors encourage students to be independent learners.

Academic Advising

1. When you have needed advice about your program (e.g., about course selections or meeting program requirements), have you been able to speak to someone associated with your program who could help you?
[Never, Rarely, Usually, Always, Not applicable/Never required advice]
2. When you obtained advice, how would you rate the quality of advising that you received?
[Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent]

Graduate Support

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:

1. The amount of funding that I am receiving for my graduate program is adequate.
[Strongly disagree, Disagree, Unsure/Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree]
2. Have you held a Teaching Assistant position?
Yes No
3. If yes, to what extent would you say the experience has been an important part of your development as a graduate student?
[Not important, Not very much, To some extent, To a great extent]
4. If yes, to what extent would you say the Teaching Assistant duties are manageable given your program requirements (courses, thesis/MRP, etc.)?
[Not manageable, Not very much, To some extent, To a great extent]
5. Have you held a Research Assistant position?
Yes No
6. If yes, to what extent would you say the experience has been an important part of your development as a graduate student?
[Not important, Not very much, To some extent, To a great extent]
7. If yes, to what extent would you say the Research Assistant duties are manageable given your program requirements (courses, Thesis/MRP, etc.)?
[Not manageable, Not very much, To some extent, To a great extent]

8. Have you held a Research Fellowship position?
 Yes No
9. If yes, to what extent would you say the experience has been an important part of your development as a graduate student?
 [Not important, Not very much, To some extent, To a great extent]
10. If yes, to what extent would you say the Research Fellowship duties are manageable given your program requirements (courses, Thesis/MRP, etc.)?
 [Not manageable, Not very much, To some extent, To a great extent]

Graduate Supervision

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:
 [Strongly disagree, Disagree, Unsure/Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree]

1. My Thesis/MRP Supervisor is providing the support I need to complete my thesis/MRP.
2. My Thesis/MRP Supervisor is available for guidance with my thesis/MRP.
3. My Thesis/MRP Supervisor provides excellent feedback on my thesis/MRP.
4. My Thesis/MRP Supervisor provides feedback on my thesis/MRP in a timely manner.

Supervisory Committee

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:
 [Strongly disagree, Disagree, Unsure/Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree]

1. My Supervisory Committee is providing the support I need to complete my thesis/MRP.
2. My Supervisory Committee is available for guidance with my thesis/MRP.
3. My Supervisory Committee provides excellent feedback on my thesis/MRP.
4. My Supervisory Committee provides feedback on my thesis/MRP in a timely manner.

Research

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:
 [Strongly disagree, Disagree, Unsure/Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree]

1. I am satisfied with the opportunities I have to collaborate on research with others associated with my program.
2. I am satisfied with the opportunities I have to engage in independent research as part of my program.
3. I am satisfied with the opportunities I have to present my research at conferences.
4. I am satisfied with the opportunities I have to publish my research.
5. I am satisfied with the quality of the office space provided to me as a graduate student.

6. I have been able to get adequate access to the research equipment that I need.
[Strongly disagree, Disagree, Unsure/Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree, Not applicable]
7. I have been able to get adequate access to the research space that I need.
[Strongly disagree, Disagree, Unsure/Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree, Not applicable]
8. I have been able to get adequate access to the technical support that I need.
[Strongly disagree, Disagree, Unsure/Neutral, Agree, Strongly agree, Not applicable]

Overall Evaluation

1. Based on your experiences, how would you describe the overall quality of your program?
[Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent]

2. What are some of the strengths of your program?

3. In what ways might the program be improved?

4. What have you learned from the faculty members and courses in your program that you consider particularly valuable/rewarding?

5. Do you have any further comments about your program?

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