

PhD Student Exit Survey Indiana University, Bloomington

Informed Consent Statement

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Description of Survey and Individual Confidentiality

The Graduate School has developed this survey instrument in collaboration with five other graduate institutions which are members of the American Association of Universities (Duke, Princeton, Rutgers, UC-Berkeley, and UC-San Diego). These schools will share comparative data that has been aggregated by degree program. Typically, data will be aggregated in five-year sets. No data will be collected or shared that would allow identification of an individual respondent. We will request only minimal demographic data and on the survey instrument not request your name in order to maintain the confidentiality of your responses. There will be no effort or means by which to match your signature on this consent form with your survey responses, either in the computer form of the survey or the paper form. We hope, therefore, that you will answer all questions candidly and honestly, as the ability of the Graduate School to respond to perceived problems within academic programs would be constrained if we could not initially discover them. We expect that completion of the survey should take approximately 15 minutes.

Risks and Benefits

We do not foresee any significant risks to you in participating in this survey, nor are there measurable benefits to you as an individual. The survey will, as stated above, afford the University Graduate School a firmer sense of overall graduate student satisfaction in the various degree programs and, to that extent, will allow us to react more quickly than we otherwise could in situations where there are problems or difficulties. There will be no compensation paid to you as a result of your participation in this survey.

Participation

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If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, you may contact the Bloomington Campus Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (HSC), Carmichael Center L03, 530 E. Kirkwood Ave., Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 47405, telephone 812-855-3067; iub_hsc@indiana.edu.

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I have read this form and received a copy of it. I have had all my questions answered to my satisfaction. I agree to take part in this study.

Signature of Subject

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Please circle the degree program you were enrolled American Studies - Combined Degree	in:
Anatomy Countries Degree	Human Performance
Anthropology	Instructional Systems Technology
Art History	Interior Design
Astronomy	Italian
Actrophysics	Japanese
Astrophysics - Astronomy	Language Education
Astrophysics - Physics	Law & Social Science
Biochemistry	Leisure Behavior
Biology	
Business	Library & Information Science
Central Eurasian Studies	Linguistics
Chemical Physics - Chemistry	Mass Communications - Jour
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Chemistry	Mathematical Physics Mathematics
Chinese	
Classical Studies - Latin & Greek	Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology
Cognitive Science - Combined Degree	Near Eastem Languages & Cultures Neural Sciences
Communication & Culture	Pathology
Comparative Literature	Phamacology
Computer Science	Philosophy
Counseling Psychology	Physics
Criminal Justice	·
Curriculum & Instruction	Physiological Optics
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Physiology
Economics	Plant Sciences
Educational Psychology	Political Science
English	Portuguese
Environmental Science	Psychology
Folklore & Ethnomusicology	Public Affairs
French	Public Policy
Genetics	Religious Studies
Geography	Stavic Languages & Literatures
Geology	Sociology
Germanic Studies	Spanish Spanish
Health Behavior	Special Education
Higher Education	Speech & Hearing Sciences
History	TESOL Thorses
History & Philosophy of Science	Theatre & Drama
History of Education/Philosophy of Education	Zoology
Subfield: (be specific - e.g., chemistry/organic; history	y/Chinese).
When did you first enroll as a graduate student in this	s program? (Select semester and provide)
☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐	
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When will you receive your degree? (Select semester	and provide year
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Section I: Satisfaction with Program

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following

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a. The intellectual caliber of the faculty in my program				
b. Program's ability to keep pace with recent developments in my field				
c. Adequacy of facilities				
d. Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty				
e. Training in research methods				
f. Amount of financial support				
g. Quality of academic advising and guidance				<u> </u>
h. Professional relationship with my dissertation supervisor				<u> </u>
i. Helpfulness of staff members in my department or program				<u> </u>
j. Faculty effort in helping me find employment upon graduation				
k. The opportunity to interact across disciplines				
I. Overall, satisfaction with your program				i i
Section II: Climate of Program and Quality of	Interaction	ons		
To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Select only one response for each item)		Strongly Agree	Agree Di	Strongly Disagre
a. Students in my program are treated with respect by faculty				
b. Faculty members are willing to work with me				
c. Rapport between faculty and graduate students in program is good				
d. My own relationships and interaction with faculty are good				
e. There are tensions among faculty that affect students				
f. Financial support for graduate students is distributed fairly				
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g. Students in my program are collegial				
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Section III: Program Course Work				
Please rate each of the following: (Select only one response for each item)	Excellent	Very Good	Fair	Poor
a. Availability of area courses I needed to complete my program				
b. Quality of instruction in my courses				
c. Encouragement to take courses outside my program				
d. Overall, the quality of course work in my program				
Section IV: Qualifying Examination and Disserta	tion			
How much do you agree with each of the following statements? (Select only one response for each item)	St	rongly Agree Agr	ee Disagre	Strongly Disagree
a. Coursework, seminars, labs, reading courses, etc. adequately prepared me for a				
b. The process of selecting my dissertation committee was satisfactory				
How helpful was/were your advisor(s) for each of the following activities? (Select only one response for each item)	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at All Helpful
a. Preparing for written qualifying exams	Ò			
b. Preparing for the oral qualifying exam	Q			
c. Finding a dissertation topic				
d. Writing a dissertation prospectus or proposal				
e Doing research for the dissertation				
f. Writing the dissertation				
Dissertation workshop(s):		Yes	No	Don't Know
Did the university and/or your program provide coaching and workshops for students doctoral dissertations?	dents writing			
b. Did you attend workshops for students writing doctoral dissertations?				
IF YOU DID NOT ATTEND A WORKSHOP, PLEASE CONTINUE ON THE NEXT	PAGE.			
What did you find useful about the dissertation workshop?				
What other kinds of workshops should be made available to students writing	ng doctoral d	lissertations	?	

Section V: Program Support

Please check the box if you participated in any of the following activities during your graduate experience. Also, indicate your level of satisfaction with activities you participated in.	Check if Yes	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
a. Did you serve as a teaching assistant?						
b. Did you serve as a lab assistant?						
c. Did you serve as a discussion or recitation leader?			Q			
d. Did you teach a course of your own design?						
e. Did you take a teaching orientation class?		Q	Q			
f. Did you take a course or workshop on teaching?						
g. Did you have regular meetings with faculty as part of teaching preparation?		O				
h. Did you have procedures that provided for regular feedback on your teaching?						
i. Did you have a range of teaching experiences with increasing responsibilities?						
j. Did you receive advice on funding opportunities?						
k. Did you receive advice on writing grant proposals?						
Did you receive advice on publishing your work?						
m. Did you have assistance in developing professional contacts outside your program?						
n. Did you receive advice on career options within academia?						
o. Did you receive advice on career options outside academia?						
p. Did you receive advice about research positions?						
Presentations and Publications Answer each question and provide a number in the box.				Che	ck if Numb	oer
Does your program offer organized seminars or colloquia at which graduate student How many times did you present your research?	s can pr	esent their re	search?			
b. Does your program offer departmental funding for students to attend national or reg How many times were you funded by your program?	b. Does your program offer departmental funding for students to attend national or regional meetings? How many times were you funded by your program?					
c. Did you attend any national scholarly meetings? How many times did you attend during your graduate career?						
d. Did you deliver any papers or present a poster at national scholarly meetings? How many times did you present during your graduate career?						
e. Have you co-authored in a refereed journal with your program faculty? How many articles did you co-author?						
Have you published as sole or first author in a refereed journal? How many articles did you publish as sole or first author?]	

Section V: Program Support (continued)								
Financial Support Please check all of the following forms of support you received in each year you were enrolled in your program.	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
a. U. S. government fellowship	而	\ln	\Box				\Box	十二
b. U. S. government traineeship	計							
c. Foreign government fellowship	H	H			H			
d. External (to university) non-government fellowship		H		H				
e. University funded fellowships	計							
f. Graduate research assistantship						H	H	
g Graduate teaching assistantship		H						
h. Other part-time research employment							一	
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j. Residence assistantship					믐	片	片	
k. FULL tuition scholarships or waivers		H			H		冒	
PARTIAL tuition scholarships or waivers								
m. Other campus employment						一		
n. Off campus employment							뭄	
o. Employee benefit or employer funding						計	旹	
p. Loans, savings, or family assistance	H						吊	
Section VI: Dissertation Chair/Main Advisor Dissertation advisors engage in a variety of mentoring activities. For each statement, indicate the extent that it DESCRIBES THE BER dissertation advisor or chair. (Select only one response for each iter	HAVIOR (of your	Str	ongly gree	Agree	Disa	agree	Strongly Disagree
 My dissertation advisor was knowledgeable about formal degree requi 		***************************************	$\top \Gamma$	_	$\overline{\Box}$	17	\neg	
b. My dissertation advisor served as my advocate when necessary			17					
 My dissertation advisor helped me secure financial support for my grad 	duate wor	k	17				7	
d. My dissertation advisor considered me a source of labor to advance his	s/her res	earch					7	
e. My dissertation advisor gave me constructive feedback on my work							7	n
My dissertation advisor returned my work promptly	-						\exists	H
g. My dissertation advisor promoted my professional development						7	7	一一
 My dissertation advisor provided information about multiple career path 	ns		17	7		17		
. My dissertation advisor would support me in any career path I might ch			1	7		+	<u> </u>	
My dissertation advisor assisted me in my search for employment			1	7		+	7	一一
Overall, performed the role well			+-	_		- -		

Section VII: Overall Evaluation of Your Program a	nd India	na Univ	ersity			
Overall, how would you rate: (Select only one response for each item)	Excellent	Very Good	Fair	Poor		
a. your experience at Indiana University?						
b. your experience in the doctoral program?		-				
c. the quality of the doctoral program?						
Indiana University and Your Program (Select only one response for each item)	Definitely Would	Probably Would	Probably Would Not	Definitely Would Not		
a. If you were to start your graduate career again, would you select IU?						
b. If you were to start your graduate career again, would you select the same field of study?						
c. If you were to start your graduate career again, would you select the same dissertation supervisor?						
d. Would you recommend IU to someone considering the same program you have just completed?						
Section VIII: Employment Status and Expectation Please indicate the ONE item below which BEST describes your immediate po		ntus.				
a. Employed or have a definite job offer related to your most recent degree						
b. Employed, but not in my field						
c. Negotiating with one or more specific organizations (in or out of field)						
d. Under consideration for a position but have not received final word (in or out of field)						
e. Seeking employment in my field, no offers at this time						
f. In military service						
g. Scholarship commitment						
h. Paid or volunteer work for the Peace Corps, Vista, etc.						
i. Not seeking employment at this time						

Section VIII: Employment Status and Expectations (continued)
IF YOU HAVE PROFESSIONAL WORK AS OF SEPTEMBER AFTER RECEIVING YOUR DEGREE.

What BEST describes your professional employment? (Select only one response)	
. Postdoctoral researcher or fellow	
o. Researcher, academic setting	
c. Researcher, nonacademic setting (e.g., national lab/industry/medical center)	
f. Tenure track faculty position	
e. Non-tenure track faculty position	
. Professional services to individuals	
g. Manager or administrator	
h. Other nonacademic position (<i>please describe</i>)	
Will this employment be in the field of your academic training?	NO NO
How would you categorize your employer? (Select only one response)	
a. U. S. federal government	
b. State or local government	
c. Industry or business	
d. Nonprofit organization or foundation	
e. College or university	Coore
f. Community or junior college	
g. Self-employed, private practice, or consultant	
h. Other type of employer (please describe)	
Where is this employer located? In the United States Outside the t	Initial States

What is your present citizenship status? (Select only one response) a. U. S. Citizen b. Permanent resident of the U. S. c. Citizen of (please specify country) To which racial or ethnic group do you belong? (Select all that apply) a. Asian/Asian American b. African American	
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c. Filipino	
d. Chicano	
e. Native American	
f. Latino	
g. Puerto Rican	
n. White	
n. Other (please specify)	
Section X: Comments	
Which aspects of your doctoral program pleased you the most?	

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