

Postgraduate Survey (PGS) Pilot Questions 2022

Motivation for study

- 1) What was your motivation for postgraduate study? (please tick all that apply)
- To enable me to progress to a higher-level qualification (e.g., PhD)
 - To progress in my current career path
 - To change my current career
 - To improve my employment prospects
 - As a requirement to enter a particular profession
 - To meet the requirements of my current job
 - To develop a specialist set of skills and knowledge
 - Returning to higher education after a break
 - For personal interest
 - To continue on from my undergraduate studies
 - Other

Information

- 2) When choosing what to study, how clear was the information provided about your course?
- Very clear
 - Fairly clear
 - Not very clear
 - Not at all clear
 - I don't know/this does not apply to me
- 3) When choosing what to study, how comprehensive was the information provided about your course?
- Very comprehensive
 - Fairly comprehensive
 - Not very comprehensive
 - Not at all comprehensive
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 4) How well did the information reflect the course content?
- Very well
 - Fairly well
 - Not very well
 - Not at all well
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

Course design and content

- 5) How clear are the course learning aims?
- Very clear
 - Fairly clear
 - Not very clear
 - Not at all clear
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 6) Overall, how appropriate is the mix of breadth and depth of content on your course?
- Very appropriate
 - Fairly appropriate
 - Not very appropriate
 - Not at all appropriate
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 7) How often is your course content up-to-date, and informed by current thinking?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

Course organisation and management

- 8) How well organised is your course?
- Very well
 - Fairly well
 - Not very well
 - Not at all well
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 9) How well have any changes in the course or teaching been communicated?
- Very well
 - Fairly well
 - Not very well
 - Not at all well
 - There have not been any changes / I am not aware of any changes
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

Teaching and learning

- 10) How often are teaching staff good at explaining the subject matter?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 11) How often does your course intellectually stimulate and challenge you?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 12) How helpful were the opportunities you have had to work with other students?
- Very helpful
 - Fairly helpful
 - Not very helpful
 - Not at all helpful
 - I have not had opportunities to work with other students
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 13) How often does your course encourage you to think critically?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 14) How well supported have you been to study independently?
- Very well
 - Fairly well
 - Not very well
 - Not at all well
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

Assessment and feedback

- 15) How often are the criteria for assessments provided in advance?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 16) How often are the assessment criteria clear?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 17) How often have assessments allowed you to demonstrate what you have learnt on your course?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 18) How often has feedback helped you to improve your work?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

Dissertation or major project

- 19) What stage have you reached with your dissertation or major project?
- Not started [\[go straight to question 21\]](#)
 - At the planning stage [\[go straight to question 21\]](#)
 - Started
 - Completed
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me [\[go straight to question 21\]](#)
 - I don't have a dissertation or major project on this course [\[go straight to question 21\]](#)
- 20) How well has the supervision for your dissertation or major project met your needs?
- Very well
 - Fairly well
 - Not very well
 - Not at all well
 - I don't have a dissertation or major project on this course
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

Learning resources

- 21) How easy is it to access the learning resources (either digital or physical), provided by your institution when you need to?
- Very easy
 - Fairly easy
 - Not very easy
 - Not at all easy
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 22) How well do the learning resources (either digital or physical) provided by your institution support your learning?
- Very well
 - Fairly well
 - Not very well
 - Not at all well
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

Academic Support

- 23) How often have you been able to contact staff when you need to?
- Very often
 - Fairly often
 - Not very often
 - Rarely or never
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me
- 24) How well have you been supported to meet the academic challenges of postgraduate study?
- Very well
 - Fairly well
 - Not very well
 - Not at all well
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

Student voice

- 25) How content have you been with the opportunities to give feedback on your course?
- Very content
 - Fairly content
 - Not very content
 - Not at all content
 - I don't know / this does not apply to me

26) How open are staff to hearing what students have to say about the course?

- Very open
- Fairly open
- Not very open
- Not at all open
- I don't know / this does not apply to me

Summative questions

27) How well has your course helped you to develop the knowledge and skills you need for your next steps?

- Very well
- Fairly well
- Not very well
- Not at all well
- I don't know / this does not apply to me

28) Overall, how would you rate the quality of your course?

- Very good
- Fairly good
- Not very good
- Not at all good
- I don't know / this does not apply to me