

IUPUI Graduate and Professional Survey

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Campus Results

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SATISFACTION WITH IUPUI

	N	Mean	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
How would you rate your entire graduate/ professional educational experience at IUPUI?	1654	3.05	22%	63%	13%	2%

Scale: Excellent = 4, Good = 3, Fair = 2, Poor = 1

	N	Mean	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No
Would you recommend your program to a prospective graduate student?	1652	3.36	48%	43%	8%	2%

Scale: Definitely Yes = 4, Probably Yes = 3, Probably No = 2, Definitely No = 1

Please indicate your levels of satisfaction with the following aspects of your graduate/professional education at IUPUI during the current academic year.

	N	Mean	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
How satisfied are you with the quality of your academic experiences at IUPUI?	1650	3.18	29%	62%	8%	2%
How satisfied are you with the quality of your interactions with faculty at IUPUI?	1643	3.20	33%	56%	8%	2%
How satisfied are you with your interactions with other graduate/professional students at IUPUI?	1605	3.15	31%	55%	12%	2%
How satisfied are you with your interactions with staff in your program's graduate office?	1528	3.11	30%	55%	10%	5%
How satisfied are you with your interactions with staff in the IUPUI Graduate Office?	979	3.08	27%	59%	10%	4%
How satisfied are you with your interactions with staff in your academic program/department?	1576	3.20	33%	56%	8%	2%

Scale: Very Satisfied = 4, Satisfied = 3, Dissatisfied = 2, Very Dissatisfied = 1

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

To what extent has your graduate education at IUPUI during the current academic year contributed to your development in the following areas?

	N	Mean	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Acquiring in-depth knowledge in your discipline	1612	3.28	46%	38%	14%	2%
Skills and knowledge of research in your discipline	1595	3.12	39%	39%	18%	5%
Understanding of the norms or standards of practice in your profession/field	1606	3.10	37%	41%	18%	4%
Writing clearly and effectively	1581	2.77	26%	36%	25%	12%
Making effective presentations	1552	2.65	23%	34%	28%	15%
Acquiring knowledge about career opportunities in my field	1579	2.56	22%	30%	30%	18%

Scale: Very Much = 4, Quite a Bit = 3, Some = 2, Very Little = 1

GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL ADVISING

	N	Academic advisor	Thesis/dissertation chair	Faculty member in your graduate program	Faculty member in other program	Principal investigator on a research project	Other
Which of the following best describes your PRIMARY ADVISOR during the current academic year?	1613	30%	7%	42%	2%	3%	15%

Answer the following questions based on your PRIMARY advisor.

	N	Mean	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My advisor is well informed about graduation requirements	1299	3.35	48%	43%	5%	4%
My advisor is available to give me constructive feedback in a timely manner	1313	3.28	46%	41%	7%	6%
I have received adequate advice on the standards for academic writing in my field	1174	3.01	33%	43%	15%	9%
I have received adequate advice on appropriate career choices available to me	1220	2.93	30%	43%	16%	11%

Scale: Strongly Agree = 4, Agree = 3, Disagree = 2, Strongly Disagree = 1

CURRICULUM & DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about your academic experiences during the current academic year at IUPUI.

	N	Mean	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Information on the degree requirements for my program is clear	1640	3.29	44%	45%	8%	3%
Information about prerequisites for courses is clearly presented	1588	3.32	43%	49%	7%	2%
Information on the requirements for candidacy exams is clearly presented.	1061	3.11	33%	50%	11%	5%
The process of selecting a thesis committee is clear	627	2.69	21%	40%	25%	14%
Thesis requirements are clear	673	2.72	19%	44%	26%	11%
The standards on how to avoid plagiarism and other violations of the standards of academic integrity are clear	1506	3.32	42%	50%	6%	2%
Classes are available at times that fit my schedule	1546	3.02	30%	49%	14%	7%
Required courses are offered in the sequence I need them	1555	3.00	27%	51%	16%	6%
There are sufficient elective classes available in my program	1492	2.77	21%	45%	22%	11%

Scale: Strongly Agree = 4, Agree = 3, Disagree = 2, Strongly Disagree = 1

ASSISTANTSHIPS

	N	Yes	No
During the current academic year, have you had an assistantship at IUPUI?	1635	14%	86%

	N	TA	RA	GA
If so, what kind:	237	31%	40%	29%

(TA=Teaching Assistantship, RA=Research Assistantship, GA=Graduate Assistantship)

IF TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

	N	Mean	1 - 2	3 - 4	5+
How many semesters have you assisted in a course?	65	2.45	68%	22%	11%

	N	Yes	No	Don't Know
Have you participated in the Preparing Future Faculty program?	74	5%	86%	8%

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about your teaching assistantship during the current academic year at IUPUI.

	N	Mean	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Teaching assistants in my program are appropriately prepared and trained before entering the classroom	70	2.76	24%	49%	6%	21%
There are adequate opportunities in my program to get teaching experience	72	3.07	28%	56%	13%	4%
I receive feedback about my teaching from a faculty member several times during the semester	69	2.55	20%	33%	28%	19%
I receive feedback about my teaching from student evaluations during the semester	66	2.97	33%	39%	18%	9%
The time I spend on my assistantship adversely affects my graduate education.	72	2.38	18%	24%	36%	22%

Scale: Strongly Agree = 4, Agree = 3, Disagree = 2, Strongly Disagree = 1

ASSISTANCESHIPS CONT'D.

IF RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

	N	Mean	1 - 2	3 - 4	5+
How many semesters have you assisted in a faculty member's research?	90	3.41	61%	19%	20%

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following items concerning your Research Assistantship

	N	Mean	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Research assistants in my program are appropriately prepared and trained before participating in a research project	85	3.11	28%	55%	15%	1%
There are adequate opportunities in my program to get research experience	95	3.18	40%	42%	14%	4%
I receive feedback about the quality of my research from a faculty member/committee several times during the semester	92	3.14	39%	41%	14%	5%
There are adequate research facilities available in my program	92	3.11	34%	47%	16%	3%
The time I spend on my assistantship adversely affects my graduate education.	93	2.24	13%	26%	33%	28%

Scale: Strongly Agree = 4, Agree = 3, Disagree = 2, Strongly Disagree = 1

	N	Yes	No	Don't Know
Have you written and submitted your own research grant?	95	15%	85%	
Has a grant you submitted been funded?	86	7%	93%	0%
Have you published one or more research papers on which you were first author?	94	21%	79%	

ASSISTANCESHIPS CONT'D.**IF GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP**

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following items concerning your Graduate Assistantship

	N	Mean	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Graduate assistants in my program are appropriately trained prior to performing the duties required by their assistantships.	63	2.76	22%	44%	21%	13%
There are adequate opportunities in my program to get a graduate assistantship	63	3.03	30%	54%	5%	11%
I receive feedback about the quality of my work from a faculty member/supervisor several times during the semester	64	2.80	27%	39%	22%	13%
The time I spend on my assistantship adversely affects my graduate education.	64	2.14	9%	23%	39%	28%

Scale: Strongly Agree = 4, Agree = 3, Disagree = 2, Strongly Disagree = 1

PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP

	N	Less than a semester	One semester	More than one semester
How many semesters did you participate in the practicum/internship?	345	2%	43%	55%

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following items concerning your Practicum or Internship

	N	Mean	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There are adequate opportunities in my program to participate in practica/internships	397	3.29	45%	42%	10%	3%
My practicum/internship experiences have prepared me for my profession	395	3.34	47%	44%	6%	3%
I have had opportunities to apply what I learned in coursework to my practicum/internship	396	3.36	46%	44%	8%	1%
I was adequately supervised in my practicum/internship experience	396	3.26	43%	44%	10%	3%
The feedback I received on my performance in the practicum/internship was helpful.	377	3.26	40%	49%	9%	2%

Scale: Strongly Agree = 4, Agree = 3, Disagree = 2, Strongly Disagree = 1

UNIVERSITY OFFICES, PROGRAMS, & SERVICES

Please indicate how frequently this academic year you have used the services available from the offices listed below. If you were not aware of the service please mark "Not Aware of." Also indicate the quality of the services you received. Leave the questions about quality of service blank if you have not received any services

OFFICE	N	FREQUENCY OF USE					QUALITY			
		Not Aware of	Never	Seldom	Often	Very Often	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
IUPUI Graduate Office	1611	16%	48%	29%	6%	1%	3%	16%	51%	30%
Student Health Center	1613	13%	62%	21%	3%	0%	12%	20%	52%	17%
Registrar	1612	2%	29%	54%	13%	2%	3%	18%	59%	20%
Financial Aid	1607	3%	41%	35%	16%	5%	6%	15%	47%	33%
Bursar's Office	1610	2%	28%	51%	17%	3%	5%	19%	57%	19%
Child Care	1611	30%	68%	1%	0%	1%	3%	17%	34%	45%
Food Services	1611	8%	45%	27%	15%	5%	10%	32%	47%	10%
Natorium/Rec.Center	1610	12%	73%	10%	3%	2%	14%	28%	43%	16%
Dean of Students	1608	13%	76%	9%	2%	0%	4%	15%	51%	30%
Parking Services	1616	2%	19%	34%	19%	26%	18%	30%	43%	9%
Adaptive Educational Services	1606	37%	60%	2%	1%	0%	10%	16%	45%	29%
International Affairs	1610	26%	63%	5%	5%	2%	4%	11%	44%	41%
Writing Center	1608	25%	68%	6%	1%	1%	5%	15%	41%	40%
Campus Center	1611	13%	48%	28%	9%	3%	2%	16%	53%	29%
Counseling & Psychological Services	1609	20%	74%	4%	1%	1%	9%	14%	36%	42%
Campus & Community Life	1608	20%	71%	6%	2%	1%	8%	21%	53%	18%
On-Campus Housing	1609	14%	83%	2%	1%	1%	10%	20%	45%	24%
IndyGo Transportation	1609	12%	76%	7%	3%	2%	4%	20%	50%	26%

Note. Quality percentages exclude respondents who answered 'not aware of' or 'never used'.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

	N	Mean	Very Often	Often	Seldom	Never
How frequently have you used Oncourse CL this academic year?	1639	3.34	64%	15%	10%	10%
How frequently have you used computer labs on campus this academic year?	1641	2.24	15%	21%	35%	28%
How frequently have you used UITS help/support this academic year?	1641	1.70	2%	9%	46%	43%

Scale: *Very Often* = 4, *Often* = 3, *Seldom* = 2, *Never* = 1

<i>How would you rate ...</i>	N	Mean	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
the overall quality of Oncourse CL?	1470	2.79	18%	52%	22%	8%
the quality of UITS help/support?	940	3.06	30%	50%	16%	4%
the quality of the computer labs on campus?	1215	3.06	25%	59%	15%	2%
the availability of computer labs on campus?	1213	3.02	26%	53%	17%	3%

Scale: *Excellent* = 4, *Good* = 3, *Fair* = 2, *Poor* = 1

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Please answer the following questions with regard to the IUPUI University Library

	N	Mean	Very Often	Often	Seldom	Never
How frequently have you used the University Library at IUPUI this academic year?	1640	2.03	13%	17%	28%	41%

Scale: *Very Often* = 4, *Often* = 3, *Seldom* = 2, *Never* = 1

<i>Satisfaction with Library Experiences</i>	N	Mean	<i>Very Satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very Dissatisfied</i>
How satisfied are you with the hours of operation of the University Library?	1041	3.10	21%	71%	7%	2%
How satisfied are you with your experiences using the University Library in person?	1024	3.21	25%	72%	3%	0%
How satisfied are you with your experiences using the electronic resources of the University Library to obtain needed information?	1030	3.29	37%	57%	5%	1%

Scale: *Very Satisfied* = 4, *Satisfied* = 3, *Dissatisfied* = 2, *Very Dissatisfied* = 1

MEDICAL SCHOOL (LILLY) LIBRARY

Please answer the following questions with regard to the IUPUI Medical School (Lilly) Library

	N	Mean	Very Often	Often	Seldom	Never
How frequently have you used the Medical School (Lilly) Library at IUPUI this academic year?	1625	1.71	12%	11%	12%	65%

Scale: Very Often = 4, Often = 3, Seldom = 2, Never = 1

Satisfaction with Library Experiences	N	Mean	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
How satisfied are you with the hours of operation of the Medical School (Lilly) Library?	567	3.08	19%	71%	7%	2%
How satisfied are you with your experiences using the Medical School (Lilly) Library in person?	554	3.24	29%	67%	3%	1%
How satisfied are you with your experiences using the electronic resources of the Medical School (Lilly) Library to obtain needed information?	567	3.35	41%	53%	5%	1%

Scale: Very Satisfied = 4, Satisfied = 3, Dissatisfied = 2, Very Dissatisfied = 1

LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY

Please answer the following questions with regard to the IUPUI Law School Library

	N	Mean	Very Often	Often	Seldom	Never
How frequently have you used the Law School Library at IUPUI this academic year?	1624	1.43	9%	5%	6%	80%

Scale: Very Often = 4, Often = 3, Seldom = 2, Never = 1

Satisfaction with Library Experiences	N	Mean	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
How satisfied are you with the hours of operation of the Law School Library?	330	3.28	38%	54%	6%	2%
How satisfied are you with your experiences using the Law School Library in person?	326	3.33	39%	57%	3%	1%
How satisfied are you with your experiences using the electronic resources of the Law School Library to obtain needed information?	314	3.34	38%	60%	2%	1%

Scale: Very Satisfied = 4, Satisfied = 3, Dissatisfied = 2, Very Dissatisfied = 1

DENTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

Please answer the following questions with regard to the IUPUI Dental School Library

	N	Mean	Very Often	Often	Seldom	Never
How frequently have you used the Dental School Library at IUPUI this academic year?	1625	1.15	2%	3%	2%	93%

Very Often = 4, Often = 3, Seldom = 2, Never = 1

Satisfaction with Library Experiences	N	Mean	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
How satisfied are you with the hours of operation of the Dental School Library?	117	2.94	21%	59%	15%	6%
How satisfied are you with your experiences using the Dental School Library in person?	114	2.99	23%	59%	13%	5%
How satisfied are you with your experiences using the electronic resources of the Dental School Library to obtain needed information?	115	3.12	22%	71%	4%	3%

Scale: Very Satisfied = 4, Satisfied = 3, Dissatisfied = 2, Very Dissatisfied = 1

STUDENT LIFE

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about your experiences as a graduate student at IUPUI during the current academic year.

	N	Mean	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel like I am a part of IUPUI	1632	2.44	8%	43%	34%	15%
I feel valued as an individual at IUPUI	1624	2.62	9%	54%	28%	9%
It is easy to get involved in organizations at IUPUI	1591	2.54	6%	51%	34%	9%
I have been treated with dignity and respect by other IUPUI students	1625	3.18	24%	71%	4%	1%
I have been treated with dignity and respect by IUPUI faculty	1626	3.22	31%	62%	5%	2%
I have been treated with dignity and respect by IUPUI staff	1622	3.18	27%	66%	5%	2%
I believe that graduate students have an adequate voice in campus policies that affect them	1580	2.60	7%	56%	27%	10%
I feel safe on campus at night	1578	2.84	12%	65%	18%	5%
I am seldom on campus except to attend class	1607	2.86	34%	33%	19%	14%
I know where to find information about how my student fees are used	1614	2.23	5%	33%	42%	20%
I am satisfied with the amount I am paying in student fees	1613	2.21	4%	36%	37%	23%

Scale: Very Satisfied = 4, Satisfied = 3, Dissatisfied = 2, Very Dissatisfied = 1

SOCIAL INCLUSION

<i>I Have Experienced...</i>	Gender		Race/ Ethnicity			Age	Religious Beliefs	Socio-economic Class	Sexual Orientation	Disabilities	
	Male	Female	Total	Minority	Non-Minority	Total					
Negative or disparaging comments	2.2%	5.1%	4.0%	12.8%	1.2%	3.5%	2.8%	4.2%	1.5%	0.5%	0.4%
Not being taken seriously	1.2%	6.0%	4.2%	7.9%	0.7%	2.2%	5.1%	1.1%	1.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Feeling connected to others on campus	0.8%	3.3%	2.4%	7.6%	0.8%	2.3%	4.5%	1.6%	1.1%	0.7%	0.1%
Feeling isolated or unwelcome	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	11.6%	1.1%	3.3%	2.8%	2.5%	1.2%	0.3%	0.4%
Encouragement in pursuing my academic goals	0.8%	5.3%	3.7%	6.4%	0.5%	1.8%	2.8%	0.4%	1.1%	0.4%	0.3%
Offensive language or humor	1.0%	4.7%	3.3%	9.5%	0.8%	2.5%	0.5%	2.2%	0.7%	0.7%	0.3%
Discrimination	1.7%	2.3%	2.1%	10.4%	1.1%	3.0%	1.1%	1.2%	0.7%	0.2%	0.4%
Discouragement in pursuing my academic goals	0.5%	2.1%	1.5%	5.5%	0.5%	1.6%	1.5%	0.4%	0.9%	0.1%	0.3%
Joining a group or organized activity that promotes my interests	0.7%	2.3%	1.7%	8.5%	0.1%	1.8%	0.8%	1.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%
Harassment	0.5%	2.1%	1.5%	2.1%	0.4%	0.8%	0.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
Negative or disparaging comments	13	53	66	42	14	58	47	69	25	8	7
Not being taken seriously	7	63	70	26	8	37	84	19	16	2	4
Feeling connected to others on campus	5	35	40	25	10	38	75	27	19	12	2
Feeling isolated or unwelcome	7	14	21	38	13	55	46	42	20	5	7
Encouragement in pursuing my academic goals	5	56	61	21	6	30	46	7	18	6	5
Offensive language or humor	6	49	55	31	10	42	8	36	11	12	5
Discrimination	10	24	34	34	13	49	19	20	11	4	6
Discouragement in pursuing my academic goals	3	22	25	18	6	26	24	7	15	2	5
Joining a group or organized activity that promotes my interests	4	24	28	28	1	30	13	24	5	2	1
Harassment	3	22	25	7	5	13	3	12	5	2	3

Total Responses = 1676

Total Number of Respondents = 1655

Respondents included 1048 female and 328 minority students. Responses are weighted to adjust for the oversampling of academic units.

*This table was first sorted from left to right from highest to lowest column response subtotals, then from top to bottom from highest to lowest row subtotals. Consequently the upper left hand column shows the most frequently mentioned personal or social attribute and the top row shows the most frequently referenced experiences within the left most column.

OBSTACLES TO ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Please rate the extent to which these factors have been an obstacle to your academic progress during the current academic year.

	N	Mean	Not an Obstacle	Somewhat of an Obstacle	An Obstacle	A serious Obstacle
Work and financial commitments	1571	2.24	29%	33%	22%	15%
Family obligations	1569	1.94	40%	34%	18%	8%
Availability of faculty	1566	1.45	67%	24%	7%	2%
Program structure/requirements	1571	1.68	54%	29%	12%	5%
Conducting research required for your degree	1553	1.40	72%	19%	7%	3%
Writing the thesis/dissertation	1501	1.30	81%	12%	4%	3%
Course scheduling	1567	1.67	56%	27%	12%	6%
Immigration laws/regulations	1509	1.09	94%	4%	1%	1%

Scale: Not an Obstacle = 1, Somewhat of an Obstacle = 2, An Obstacle = 3, A Serious Obstacle = 4.

FACTORS INFLUENCING YOUR DECISION TO ENROLL AT IU/IUPUI

How important were each of the following factors in your decision to enroll in your program at IU/IUPUI?

	N	Mean	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not at all Important
Reputation of the graduate program at IUPUI	1580	2.99	38%	35%	16%	11%
The university's reputation	1577	2.79	29%	37%	18%	16%
Area of specialization that matched my interests	1580	3.39	60%	26%	8%	6%
Financial support package	1569	2.40	27%	21%	16%	36%
Recommendation of a friend/mentor	1559	2.20	16%	26%	20%	38%
Encouragement from IUPUI program faculty during the decision process	1557	2.23	20%	23%	17%	40%
Quality of IUPUI faculty in my area of specialization	1561	2.83	35%	32%	14%	19%
Location of IUPUI	1559	3.17	51%	27%	10%	12%

Scale: Very Important = 4, Important = 3, Somewhat Important = 2, Not at all Important = 1.