



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

PLANNING
AND COMMUNICATION
DIVISION

SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FIRST-, SECOND-, THIRD- AND FOURTH-YEAR PHD STUDENTS

Information on the PhD Programme	
University	
Department of affiliation	
PhD Programme Name and Code	
Year of study	
PhD Cycle	
Gender (M/F)	
Second-Cycle-Degree University	

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Section A			
1	Does the PhD programme include structured learning activities (courses, seminars, workshops)?	A	Yes
		B	No
2	Does the training predominantly comprise learning activities distinct from those taught in first- and second-cycle degree programmes?	A	Yes
		B	No
3	Do the learning activities include additional modules besides the specific training relevant to your subject domain? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Yes, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, trans-disciplinary modules
		B	Yes, modules related to the acquisition of soft skills, e.g. entrepreneurship, access to competitive funding, publication, enhancement and dissemination of research results, etc.
		C	No
4	What are the assessment methods of the individual learning activities? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Written examinations
		B	Oral examinations
		C	Practical tests
		D	No test

Section B	
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1	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	The objectives of the PhD programme have been communicated/are available in a clear and comprehensive form.
2	The learning activities are consistent with the objectives of the PhD programme.
3	The topics covered in the learning activities are thorough and up-to-date.
4	The learning activities are useful for the development of the doctoral thesis.
5	Learning activities are generally useful for research training.
6	The lecturers of the learning activities are competent.
7	The workload required by learning activities (courses, seminars, workshops) allows me to devote adequate time to research and thesis activities.
8	Ongoing assessments (examinations, presentations, papers) are either totally absent or a mere formality.
9	Overall, I am satisfied with the learning activities offered.

PERFORMED TEACHING ACTIVITIES AND TUTORING

Section A			
5	Did you personally carry out or are you carrying out teaching or teaching support activities (tutoring) during your PhD programme?	A	Yes, both ordinary lessons and supplementary activities
		B	Yes, only ordinary lessons
		C	Yes, only supplementary activities (tutorials, seminars or tutoring)
		D	No

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10	The teaching activities that I do or have done are useful for me from an educational point of view.
11	The preparation I received for teaching is adequate.
12	The workload required by the teaching activity I carry out or have carried out allows me or has allowed me to devote adequate time to the rest of my learning, research and thesis activities.

RESEARCH

Section A			
6	How does the Academic Board monitor research activity during the PhD programme? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Presentation of individual research results
		B	Presentation of group results related to the research activity
		C	Evaluation of research progress at the end of the year
		D	No monitoring
7	Have you presented the results of your thesis or other research work at conferences, workshops, etc.? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Yes, in Italy
		B	Yes, abroad
		C	No
8	Have you published or submitted for publication the results of your thesis or other research work (even together with other authors)? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Yes, in scientific journals
		B	Yes, as book chapters
		C	Yes, in monographs
		D	No
9	During the programme, were your research activities carried out jointly with other universities?	A	Yes
		B	No
10	During the programme, were there any research activities that promoted technology transfer in collaboration with companies?	A	Yes
		B	No

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13	My research activities are mainly related to the topics of my doctoral thesis.
14	The workload required by the research activities allowed me to devote adequate time to learning activities.
15	The research activities were useful to learn how to structure and communicate the results of my work.
16	The research activities were useful in building a network of national or international scientific collaboration.
17	Overall, I am satisfied with my research activities.

SUPERVISION

Section A			
11	What type of supervision do you receive during your PhD?	A	Individual supervisor
		B	Two or more supervisors
		C	Main supervisor(s) and one or more co-supervisors
12	Is at least one of the supervisors or co-supervisors a figure from outside the university?	A	Yes
		B	No

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18	The supervisor(s) and co-supervisor(s) are available and can be contacted easily.								
19	The supervision I received was adequate in relation to my research topic.								
20	Overall, the supervision I received was useful for drafting my training plan.								
21	The supervision I received helped build my network of scientific collaborations.								
22	Overall, I am satisfied with the supervision I received.								

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Section A			
13	Have you received or are you receiving funding for your PhD (scholarship, research grant, etc.)?	A	Yes
		B	No
14	Have you benefited or are you benefiting from the so-called '10% budget' for training and research activities?	A	Yes
		B	No
		C	I am not aware of its existence
15	Is there a working space for PhD student(s) in your PhD programme? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Yes, with workstations (desks, tables, etc.) for individual PhD student(s)
		B	Yes, with workstations (desks, tables, etc.) shared between the PhD student(s)
		C	Yes, a space also shared with other figures
		D	No

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23	The funding I have received or am receiving for attending the PhD programme is adequate.
24	The classrooms and spaces used for learning activities are adequate (you can see and hear well, there is space).
25	The working space for PhD students is adequate (size, air conditioning, etc.).
26	The library and bibliographic services are adequate for my needs.
27	The computer equipment and connections are adequate for my needs.
28	The equipment needed for research activities is adequate and accessible.
29	The information on learning and research activities available on the PhD programme website is comprehensive and up-to-date.
30	The information on deadlines and administrative procedures available on the University intranet (PhD section) is comprehensive and up-to-date.
31	I am satisfied with the support provided by the PhD Programme Coordinator and/or the Academic Board.
32	I am satisfied with the support provided by the administrative offices of the Department.
33	I am satisfied with the support provided by the central administration offices.
34	PhD students are involved in planning learning and research activities.

EXPERIENCES ABROAD

Section A			
16	Have you spent, are you spending or intend to spend periods of study or research abroad, consistent with your PhD project?	A	Yes
		B	No
17	Are the periods abroad compulsory in the PhD project associated with your position?	A	Yes
		B	No
18	How many months have you spent, are spending or are planning to spend in total abroad since the start of your PhD? <i>(insert an integer number)</i>	A	0, 1, 2, 3, ...
19	Have you benefited or are you benefiting or intend to benefit from the grant increase up to 50% for mobility periods abroad?	A	Yes
		B	No
20	Have you benefited, are you benefiting or do you intend to benefit from other sources of funding for your mobility, either internal to the university (e.g. the Marco Polo grant) or external (e.g. a contribution from the host institution), in addition to the increase in the PhD grant? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Yes, with the University of Bologna contribution
		B	Yes, with an external contribution
		C	No
21	Are you doing your PhD in co-tutorship with a foreign university?	A	Yes
		B	No
22	Why did you choose not to spend periods of study or research abroad during your PhD? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	The educational opportunities offered by my PhD programme are adequate and do not require further experience at foreign institutions
		B	I did not receive authorisation from the Academic Board
		C	I did not find a facility that I was interested in or that was willing to accommodate me
		D	I was not aware of this possibility
		E	Not being a scholarship holder, there was no specific funding for activities abroad, or the provided funding was insufficient
		F	The way in which the financing was paid out did not allow me to take advantage of this possibility
		G	Other (max. 300 characters):

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35	The information and support received from the University of Bologna for the study or research period abroad was satisfactory.									
36	The information and support received from the host institution(s) was satisfactory.									
37	The research tools and infrastructure provided by the host institution(s) were satisfactory.									
38	During my time abroad, I received appropriate supervision at the host institution(s).									
39	The time spent abroad allowed me to improve my research skills.									
40	My time abroad was useful in building a network of scientific collaboration.									
41	Overall, I am satisfied with my study or research period abroad.									

EXPERIENCES AT OTHER NATIONAL FACILITIES

Section A			
23	Have you spent, are you spending or do you intend to spend periods of study or research, consistent with your PhD project, with national institutions other than the University of Bologna (other Universities, Research Institutions, Companies, Public Administration)? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Yes, at other universities
		B	Yes, at Research Institutions
		C	Yes, at companies
		D	Yes, in the public administration
		AN D	No
24	Are periods at national institutions other than the University of Bologna compulsory in the PhD project associated with your position?	A	Yes
		B	No
25	How many months do you intend to spend or have you spent overall at national institutions other than the University of Bologna? <i>(insert an integer number)</i>	A	0, 1, 2, 3, ...
26	Have you received or are you receiving financial support for periods spent at national institutions other than the University of Bologna? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	Yes, a contribution from the University of Bologna
		B	Yes, an external contribution
		C	No
27	Why did you choose not to spend periods of study or research at national institutions other than the University of Bologna? <i>(you may give more than one answer)</i>	A	The educational opportunities offered by my PhD programme are adequate and do not require further experience at other facilities
		B	I did not receive authorisation from the Academic Board
		C	I did not find a facility that I was interested in or that was willing to accommodate me
		D	I was not aware of this possibility
		E	No or insufficient additional funding was foreseen
		F	The way in which the financing was paid out did not allow me to take advantage of this possibility
		G	Other (max. 300 characters):

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42	The information and support received from the University of Bologna for the period of study or research at other national institutions was satisfactory.
43	The information and support received from the host institution(s) was satisfactory.
44	The research tools and infrastructure provided by the host institution(s) were satisfactory.
45	During my time at the host institution(s), I received adequate supervision from the staff of the institution(s).
46	The period spent at the host institution(s) enabled me to improve my research skills.
47	The time spent at the host institution(s) was useful for me in building a network of scientific collaboration.
48	Overall, I am satisfied with the period of study or research at national institutions other than the University of Bologna.

OVERALL SATISFACTION

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49	To date, I am overall satisfied with the PhD programme.									