

# Graduate School of Arts and Science

## Doctoral Survey (Form #4) New York University 2009-2010

Congratulations on earning the Ph.D. from GSAS! Besides the intellectual achievement the degree represents, it also means you have learned a great deal about the Graduate School. Your answers on this questionnaire will help improve the quality of graduate education at NYU. Your responses shall remain confidential. Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences and ideas with us.

### Personal Information

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Student ID# (SID#)   N   \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sex:    M   /    F
4. Dept/Grad Program \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is your present citizenship status?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. citizen (go to question 6)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent resident of U.S. (go to question 6)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered c., do you intend to return to your country for employment within the next two years?    YES / NO

6. Ethnic self-identification (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Experience in Your Department/Program

#### Curriculum

7. How satisfied were you with each of the following?

	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	DISSATISFIED
a. Dept/Faculty advising	_____	_____	_____
b. Faculty mentoring	_____	_____	_____
c. Overall quality of teaching	_____	_____	_____
d. Relations with advisor(s)	_____	_____	_____
e. Help with employment	_____	_____	_____

- |  | YES   | NO    | SOMETIMES |
|--|-------|-------|-----------|
| 8. Did your instructors perform as you expected? | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| 9. Were grades submitted on time?                | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| 10. Were papers returned with adequate feedback? | _____ | _____ | _____     |

Please Comment \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Were you appointed as a teaching assistant or preceptor? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how satisfied were you with:

	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	DISSATISFIED
a. The support and feedback of your faculty member	_____	_____	_____
b. Departmental or program training programs	_____	_____	_____
c. Incorporation of teaching into larger educational experiences	_____	_____	_____

12. Were your qualifying comprehensive exams appropriate to your degree field and to the curricular goals of the department/program? YES / NO

If No, please comment \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Using the following scale, please indicate how satisfied you are with the help you received from your main advisor(s)/dissertation supervisor(s)?

1 = very satisfied      2 = satisfied      3 = dissatisfied

- \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge about degree requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with strategies of survival in the graduate school
- \_\_\_\_\_ Willingness to spend time to advise on academic matters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help in securing financial aid
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ease to approach
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conscientiousness in keeping appointments
- \_\_\_\_\_ Availability for informal consultation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regular discussion of your research
- \_\_\_\_\_ Promptness in reading and returning your work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Encouragement and support with your research ideas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Support in search for professional employment

Comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Does your department have organized seminars or colloquia at which graduate students can present their research? YES / NO

15. Have you attended any scholarly conferences in your field while in graduate school? YES / NO  
If yes, did you receive some financial support from the university for attending? YES / NO

16. Have you been encouraged by your advisor or other department staff to publish any of your work? YES / NO

17. Have you co-authored a scholarly publication with a professor in your department? YES / NO

18. Did the program degree curriculum meet your expectations? YES / NO

Comments? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Experience in the Graduate School

19. How satisfied have you been with each of the following?

	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	N/A
<u>Offices:</u>				
a. Registration	_____	_____	_____	_____
b. The Dean's Office	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. The Vice Dean's office	_____	_____	_____	_____
d. The Associate Dean's office (Academic and Student Life)	_____	_____	_____	_____
e. Academic Records and Grades	_____	_____	_____	_____
f. The Office for International Students and Scholars	_____	_____	_____	_____
g. Graduation Services	_____	_____	_____	_____
h. Bursar/Financial aid	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>Services/Environment:</u>				
i. The Libraries	_____	_____	_____	_____
j. Computer facilities	_____	_____	_____	_____
k. Coles Sports Center	_____	_____	_____	_____
l. Career Services	_____	_____	_____	_____
m. University Health Center	_____	_____	_____	_____
n. Collegial atmosphere	_____	_____	_____	_____
o. Research environment	_____	_____	_____	_____
p. Other graduate students	_____	_____	_____	_____

Comments? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Aid

20. Have you received any financial aid during your graduate career? YES / NO

21. What kind of aid did you receive?

	# of semesters	total amount
a. ___ University Stipend (Including MacCracken Fellowship)	_____	_____
b. ___ University Tuition points	_____	_____
c. ___ GA/TA/RA-ships	_____	_____
d. ___ College Work-study	_____	_____
e. ___ Corporate Funds	_____	_____
f. ___ U.S. government	_____	_____
g. ___ Foreign government (_____)	_____	_____
h. ___ Other outside (_____)	_____	_____
i. ___ None		

22. Did you have to borrow money to finance your graduate education? YES / NO  
If so, how much debt did you accumulate by the time you finished graduate school? (please exclude loan obligations from your undergraduate days) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total debt incurred financing your education (graduate and undergraduate) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Future Plans and Employment

23. Which best describes your immediate professional employment?  
 Postdoctoral fellowship/Research                       Tenure-track academic employment  
 Non-tenure track academic employment               Research in private sector  
 Other non-academic type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unemployment

24. Will this employment be in your academic field of training? YES / NO

25. How would you categorize your employer?  
 Research university (doctoral-granting)                       Junior/community college  
 Five-year university (master's-granting)                       Federal government  
 4-year college                       Industry/private business  
 Secondary school                       Self-employed  
 State/local government  
 Non-profit organization  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

26. Where is your employer located?  
 New York City Metropolitan area                       New York State  
 Another U.S. state (name of state: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Outside the U.S. (name of country: \_\_\_\_\_)

27. If applicable, please rank the following statements:  
1 = strongly agree    2 = agree    3 = disagree    4 = strong disagree    5 = N/A

- My department helped me find employment  
 The Career Services Office helped me find employment  
 My advisor helped me find employment  
 I found employment without help from anyone in the university

28. Do you wish to stay in touch with professors, activities, and events in your department? YES / NO

29. Would you like to get involved in alumni activities? YES / NO

30. What was your best academic experience at GSAS? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

31. What was your worst academic experience at GSAS? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_