

Survey on the system and organization of teaching activities for PhD students. 2015-2016 edition

Identifying data

1. Birth year
2. Birth place
 - Catalonia
 - Spain (except Catalonia)
 - European Union (Except Catalonia and Spain)
 - Non-EU European country
 - Africa
 - USA & Canada
 - Latin America
 - Asia
 - Oceania
3. Which PhD programme are you studying?
 - Biomedicine
 - Communication
 - Economic and Business Science
 - History
 - Humanities
 - Information and Communication Technologies
 - Law
 - Political and Social Sciences
 - Translation and Language Sciences
4. When did you start the PhD?
5. Specify where you got the academic title that has allowed you access the PhD programme
 - At UPF
 - At a Catalan university (except UPF)
 - At a Spanish university (except Catalan universities)
 - At a European university (except Spanish universities)
 - At an African university
 - At an American or Canadian university
 - At a Latin American university
 - At an Asian university
 - At an Oceanian university
6. Which of the following best describes your current situation?
 - I study fulltime
 - I study and sometimes work outside the University
 - I study and regularly work outside the University
 - I am linked to UPF (through a scholarship or any other kind of grant or agreement)

Access and information about the University

7. The main reason why you are studying the PhD is:

- To specialize in research
- To specialize in university lecturing
- To obtain professional specialization
- To improve my prospects of finding a job or a professional promotion
- Personal interest
- Others (*please specify*)

How did you know about the PhD programme? (mark Yes or No)

8. The website of the University

Yes No

9. Searching on the Internet

Yes No

10. Lecturers and researchers at UPF

Yes No

11. Lecturers at my university of origin

Yes No

12. Student colleagues

Yes No

13. Others

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means irrelevant and 10 means very important, specify the importance of the following reasons for your PhD choice:

14. Because of the University's prestige

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

15. Because of the research group

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

16. Because of my PhD thesis supervisor

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

17. I was advised to do so by my lecturers

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

18. Because it is close to my place of residence

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

19. Because I had already studied at UPF

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

20. Because I was unable to access to another PhD

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

21. Because of the city

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

22. Because of the language

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

23. Because of the price

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

24. Because I have relatives and/or ties with people in Barcelona

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

25. Other reasons: (please indicate)

Satisfaction with support and information elements

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means completely dissatisfied and 10 means completely satisfied, how satisfied were you with the following aspects of support and information?

26. Preliminary information supplied on the PhD by UPF
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
27. The welcome provided by the University
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
28. The welcome provided by your department
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
29. Clarity of the admission requirements
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
30. Clarity of the enrollment process
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
31. Attention provided by the Admissions Office
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
32. Communications regarding the coordination of the PhD
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
33. The capacity to solve different types of problems, administrative or unexpected difficulties
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Supervision and mentoring

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means completely dissatisfied and 10 means completely satisfied, how satisfied are you with the following aspects of the supervision on the course?

34. Satisfaction with your PhD thesis supervisor relationship
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
35. The difficulty of making an appointment with your thesis director
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
36. The supervision and monitoring of the thesis dissertation
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
37. If there are training activities (conferences, seminars thesis, lab meetings...) assess their usefulness for your thesis
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
38. Own work space to work on your thesis
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
39. The difficulty of publishing articles by PhD students
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
40. The ability to create electronic journals to publish articles by PhD students
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
41. I felt I was part of the department and a research group
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
42. The mechanisms and processes of mediation in the case of disagreement with the thesis director
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

The funding of the thesis

43. Have you received funds?
Yes No
44. Have you received a grant?
Yes No
45. Have you received any kind of economic assistance that is not a grant?
Yes No
46. Which kind of grant have you received?
- FPU
 - FPI
 - FI
 - Others

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means completely dissatisfied and 10 means completely satisfied, how satisfied are you with the following aspects:

47. My thesis supervisor has recommended me bibliography
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
48. The library contains the books I need for my thesis
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
49. The library's electronic resources are adequate to carry out my thesis
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
50. The computer software available in the University is appropriate for my research needs
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
51. University material resources (laboratory, equipment, computer rooms...) is suitable to my research needs
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
52. Are there any important aspects of the PhD that we have not asked you? Please specify

Services and attention to students

Using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means very satisfied, please rate your level of satisfaction with the information received with respect to:

53. Pompeu Fabra University
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
54. Department activities
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
55. Campus Global
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
56. University's student card
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
57. Your status as an official student (rights and duties)
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

58. The Library
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
59. The administrative and academic procedures
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
60. The Language Volunteering programme
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
61. The University Community Assistance Service (SACU) (sports and culture)
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
62. Other mechanisms of student participation
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means very satisfied, please rate how satisfied you are with the treatment you have received from:

63. The staff of the PhD Secretary's office
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
64. The staff of the Postgraduate and PhD Office
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
65. The Library staff
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
66. The staff at the Student Information Desk
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Facilities and services

Using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means very satisfied, please rate your level of satisfaction with following equipment and services:

67. The Aula Global
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
68. Classrooms
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
69. Computing classrooms
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
70. Other equipment provided for research purposes (laboratories, editing rooms, sets, workshops, etc.)
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
71. The Library
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
72. The bar, the restaurant, the canteen
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
73. The photocopying service
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
74. Cleanness
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
75. Safety
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

76. The access using public transport
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

77. In case you have needed accommodation, which one have you chosen?

- UPF residences
- Other residences
- A rented apartment
- A shared apartment
- A relatives' apartment
- Other (*please specify*)

78. Rate your level of satisfaction with your accommodation option (where 0 means completely dissatisfied and 10 means completely satisfied)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

79. Rate the Eduroam Wifi network

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Overall ratings

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means completely dissatisfied and 10 means completely satisfied, please rate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects

80. Regarding the PhD programme I am currently studying

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

81. Regarding whether the PhD has met my initial expectations:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

82. Would you recommend studying this PhD at UPF to anyone?

Yes No

83. Would you recommend studying a PhD at UPF to anyone?

Yes No

84. What are your plans for the future?

- To continue studying another PhD
- To apply for a postdoctoral grant
- To start working
- To continue working
- To change my job
- I don't know yet
- Other (*please specify*)

85. Please indicate which you consider are the most positive aspects of the PhD (up to three items)

86. Please indicate any aspects of the PhD you would change (up to three items)