Ph.D. Exit Survey

Summary of Responses for Academic Year 2013

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2012-13 Ph.D. Exit Survey: Respondents by Time to Degree

Group: University of Pennsylvania
Comparison:

Question 2: When did you first enroll at Penn as a graduate student?

- Prior to 2002: 1.4%
- 2003: 1.7%
- 2004: 3.6%
- 2005: 7.8%
- 2006: 24.9%
- 2007: 24.9%
- 2008: 4.3%
- 2009: 1.2%
- 2010: 0.0%
- 2011: 0.0%
- 2012: 0.2%

Responses: 358

Question 3: When will you receive your Doctoral Degree?

- 2010: 0.0%
- 2011: 0.0%
- 2012: 38.8%
- 2013: 61.2%

(Mean=6.13, Std=1.76)

Responses: 358
Question 3a: Average Time to Degree: (semester/year degree received - semester/year degree started).

- Six or fewer years: 83.5%
- Seven - eight years: 13.4%
- Nine - ten years: 2.0%
- Eleven or more years: 1.1%

Responses: 417
**2012-13 Ph.D. Exit Survey: Demographics**

**Group: University of Pennsylvania**

Comparison:

**Question 65: What is your gender?**

- Female, 51%
- Male, 49%

Responses: 312

**Question 66: Do you identify yourself as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer?**

- Yes, 10%
- No, 90%

Responses: 310

*Institution-specific questions*
Question 67: Are you currently married or living with a long-term partner?

Married or Partnered, 62%
Single, 38%

Responses: 312

**Question 67-1: Does your spouse/partner work outside the home?**

Yes, 87%
No, 9%
Not Applicable, 4%

Responses: 189

**Question 67-2: Is your partner also a graduate student?**

Yes, 27%
No, 71%
Not Applicable, 2%

Responses: 190

**Questions added in April 2011**
2012-13 Ph.D. Exit Survey: Demographics

Group: University of Pennsylvania
Comparison:

Question 68a: Percentage of students with dependent children under the age of 18.

- Yes, 17%
- No, 83%

Responses: 292

Question 68a: Of those with children, please enter the number of dependent children you have under the age of 18.

- One, 63%
- Two, 30%
- Three, 2%

Responses: 51

**Question 68-1: Of those with children, percent who have kids in the following age ranges.

- 0-2 years: 58%
- 3-5 years: 26%
- 6-12 years: 12%
- 13 and over: 4%

Responses: 73

**Questions added in April 2011
2012-13 Ph.D. Exit Survey: Demographics

Group: University of Pennsylvania

Comparison:

Question 69: What is your present citizenship status?

- US Citizen, 71%
- International, 25%
- Permanent resident of U.S., 4%

Responses: 312

Question 70: If you are an international student, please specify whether you plan to return to your country for professional employment within the next two years.

- Yes, 35%
- No, 65%

Responses: 77

Question 71: From the categories below, please select the group with which you most closely identify (US Citizen only).

- White non-Hispanic, 76%
- Hispanic/Latino/a, 4%
- Asian American/Pacific Islander, 13%
- African American/Black, 3%
- Other, 4%

Responses: 224

*Question 72: Which of the following best describes your social class when you were growing up?

- Working class, 18%
- Upper-middle or Professional-middle, 30%
- Middle class, 43%
- Low Income or Poor, 6%
- Wealthy, 3%
- Asian American/Pacific Islander, 13%

Responses: 306

*Institution-specific questions
Question 4: Did your Ph.D program provide you with a formal orientation to help you understand the process of completing your graduate degree?

- Yes, 82%
- No, 18%

Responses: 342

Question 5: If you had a formal orientation, how effective was this orientation in helping you to understand the process of completing your graduate degree?

- Very Ineffective, Fairly Ineffective OR Neither (2%)
- Neither (7%)
- Fairly Effective (47%)
- Very Effective (34%)

Responses per Item: 276

(Mean=4.05, Std=0.947)
Question 6: Were you provided with a written set of expectations about academic requirements and expected progress?

Responses: 343

Yes, 84%

No, 16%

Question 7: Other than course grades and results of written or oral examinations, did your program provide a formal assessment of your academic progress at least annually?

Responses: 342

Yes, 81%

No, 19%
Question 9: Please consider your Candidacy Exam (the last examination before you undertook your dissertation research). Was this a beneficial educational experience?

Responses: 343
(Mean=2.9, Std=0.896)

Question 10: Do you think the Candidacy Exam in its current form should be modified?

Responses: 343
Question 12: Rate the extent to which the following factors were an obstacle to your academic progress.

Average Responses per Item: 328

- Major Obstacle (1)
- Moderate Obstacle (2)
- Minor Obstacle (3)
- Not an Obstacle (4)
Question 13: How many faculty served on your Dissertation Committee?

- Two: 0.3%
- Three: 40.8%
- Four: 40.2%
- Five: 16.4%
- Six: 2.1%
- Seven: 0.3%

Responses: 341

(Mean=3.8, Std=0.81)
Question 14: Please rate your Dissertation Advisor with regard to the TIMELINESS of his or her advice.

- Selection of a dissertation topic (Mean=3.7, Std=0.638)
  - Not at All Timely (1)
  - Not Very Timely (2)
  - Somewhat Timely (3)
  - Very Timely (4)
  - Percentage distribution:
    - Not at All Timely: 2%
    - Not Very Timely: 17%
    - Somewhat Timely: 78%

- Dissertation research (Mean=3.61, Std=0.729)
  - Not at All Timely (1)
  - Not Very Timely (2)
  - Somewhat Timely (3)
  - Very Timely (4)
  - Percentage distribution:
    - Not at All Timely: 3%
    - Not Very Timely: 18%
    - Somewhat Timely: 73%

- Advice on writing & revising the dissertation (Mean=3.48, Std=0.885)
  - Not at All Timely (1)
  - Not Very Timely (2)
  - Somewhat Timely (3)
  - Very Timely (4)
  - Percentage distribution:
    - Not at All Timely: 5%
    - Not Very Timely: 16%
    - Somewhat Timely: 69%

- Selection of academic career options (Mean=3.48, Std=0.895)
  - Not at All Timely (1)
  - Not Very Timely (2)
  - Somewhat Timely (3)
  - Very Timely (4)
  - Percentage distribution:
    - Not at All Timely: 7%
    - Not Very Timely: 20%
    - Somewhat Timely: 68%

- Search for professional employment (Mean=3.38, Std=0.999)
  - Not at All Timely (1)
  - Not Very Timely (2)
  - Somewhat Timely (3)
  - Very Timely (4)
  - Percentage distribution:
    - Not at All Timely: 11%
    - Not Very Timely: 19%
    - Somewhat Timely: 65%

- Selection of nonacademic career options (Mean=3.2, Std=1.081)
  - Not at All Timely (1)
  - Not Very Timely (2)
  - Somewhat Timely (3)
  - Very Timely (4)
  - Percentage distribution:
    - Not at All Timely: 14%
    - Not Very Timely: 9%
    - Somewhat Timely: 57%

Average Responses per Item: 295
Question 15: Please rate your Dissertation Advisor with regard to the HELPFULNESS of his or her advice.

Selection of a dissertation topic
(Mean=3.67, Std=0.647)

Dissertation research
(Mean=3.64, Std=0.668)

Advice on writing & revising the dissertation
(Mean=3.57, Std=0.767)

Selection of academic career options
(Mean=3.44, Std=0.907)

Search for professional employment
(Mean=3.32, Std=0.99)

Selection of nonacademic career options
(Mean=3.09, Std=1.131)

Average Responses per Item: 299
Question 16: Was your Dissertation Advisor a mentor to you?

- Yes, 87%
- No, 13%

Responses: 339

Question 17: Other than your Dissertation Advisor, is there a faculty member WITHIN your Graduate Group whom you consider to be a mentor?

- Yes, 49%
- No, 51%

Responses: 339
Question 18: Please think about the mentor you have identified within your Graduate Group. Rate this faculty member with regard to the TIMELINESS of his or her advice.

Selection of academic career options
(Mean=3.79, Std=0.55)

Selection of a dissertation topic
(Mean=3.78, Std=0.483)

Dissertation research
(Mean=3.76, Std=0.458)

Search for professional employment
(Mean=3.73, Std=0.684)

Selection of nonacademic career options
(Mean=3.68, Std=0.743)

Advice on writing & revising the dissertation
(Mean=3.66, Std=0.682)

Average Responses per Item: 124
2012-13 Ph.D. Exit Survey: Faculty - Mentor WITHIN the Graduate Group other than Dissertation Advisor

Group: University of Pennsylvania

Comparison:

Question 19: Please think about the mentor you have identified within your Graduate Group (other than your Dissertation Advisor). Rate this faculty member with regard to the HELPFULNESS of his or her advice.

Average Responses per Item: 123
Question 20: Other than your advisor, is there a faculty member OUTSIDE your Graduate Group whom you consider to be a mentor?

Responses: 167

Yes, 26%
No, 74%
Question 22: Please think about the mentor you have identified outside your Graduate Group. Rate this faculty member with regard to the TIMELINESS of his or her advice.

Selection of academic career options  
(Mean=3.83, Std=0.382)  

Dissertation research  
(Mean=3.66, Std=0.582)  

Selection of nonacademic career options  
(Mean=3.65, Std=0.714)  

Selection of a dissertation topic  
(Mean=3.62, Std=0.604)  

Search for professional employment  
(Mean=3.62, Std=0.697)  

Advice on writing & revising the dissertation  
(Mean=3.59, Std=0.657)  

Average Responses per Item: 32
**Question 23:** Please think about the mentor you have identified outside your Graduate Group. Rate this faculty member with regard to the HELPFULNESS of his or her advice.

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Average Responses per Item: 32
Question 24: How much have you borrowed to finance your doctoral education?

- $0: 81.6%
- $1-9,999: 5.0%
- $10,000-19,999: 3.5%
- $20,000-29,999: 4.1%
- $30,000-39,999: 1.2%
- $40,000-49,999: 1.2%
- $50,000 or more: 3.5%

Responses: 343

Question 25: If you borrowed during your doctoral education, in which years of doctoral study did you borrow? Please mark all that apply.

- First: 14.5%
- Second: 0.0%
- Third: 9.7%
- Fourth: 14.5%
- Fifth: 24.2%
- Sixth: 14.5%
- Seventh: 9.7%
- Eighth or later: 12.9%

Responses: 62
**Question 26: Percent of students receiving financial support by category.**
*(Students who received financial support only)*

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<td>207</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<td>Teaching Assistant (TA)</td>
<td>192</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td>120</td>
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<td>101</td>
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<td>24</td>
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<td>Corporate funds</td>
<td>1</td>
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*Students may have selected more than one category*
2012-13 Ph.D. Exit Survey: Financial

Group: University of Pennsylvania

Comparison:

Question 27: How familiar are you with the criteria used to allocate financial support?

![Bar chart showing the distribution of responses to Question 27.]

- Not at All Familiar (1) 43%
- A Little Familiar (2) 39%
- Quite Familiar (4) 14%
- Very Familiar (5) 3%

Responses: 341

(Mean=1.77, Std=0.808)

Question 28: To the best of your knowledge, has financial support for students in your program been fairly allocated?

![Bar chart showing the distribution of responses to Question 28.]

- No OR Partly (1) 2%
- Mostly (4) 36%
- Yes (5) 53%

Responses: 333

(Mean=3.41, Std=0.725)
Question 29: Have you attended activities and/or used the services of the Graduate Student Center?

- Yes, 63%
- No, 37%

Responses: 343
Question 31: How many Academic Career Conference Programs have you attended?

Responses: 215

(Mean=1.65, Std=2.6)

Question 32: How many programs on non-academic employment have you attended?

Responses: 215

(Mean=1.24, Std=2.7)
Question 33: How satisfied have you been with each of the following resources offered by Career Services while in graduate study at Penn? Please evaluate only those services that you used?

Average Responses per Item: 115

- Academic career conference programs
  - Mean = 4.01, Std = 0.72
  - Dissatisfied: 1%
  - Somewhat Dissatisfied: 16%
  - Neither: 60%
  - Satisfied: 22%
  - Very Satisfied: 60%
  - Didn't Use: 60%

- Academic job search handbook
  - Mean = 3.97, Std = 0.909
  - Dissatisfied: 2%
  - Somewhat Dissatisfied: 23%
  - Neither: 41%
  - Satisfied: 31%
  - Very Satisfied: 72%
  - Didn't Use: 72%

- Dossier preparation and distribution
  - Mean = 3.83, Std = 0.907
  - Dissatisfied: 9%
  - Somewhat Dissatisfied: 24%
  - Neither: 43%
  - Satisfied: 25%
  - Very Satisfied: 74%
  - Didn't Use: 74%

- Personal counseling sessions and email contact with counselors
  - Mean = 3.82, Std = 1.128
  - Dissatisfied: 4%
  - Somewhat Dissatisfied: 11%
  - Neither: 18%
  - Satisfied: 34%
  - Very Satisfied: 33%
  - Didn't Use: 62%

- Job search assistance
  - Mean = 3.76, Std = 1.047
  - Dissatisfied: 3%
  - Somewhat Dissatisfied: 10%
  - Neither: 24%
  - Satisfied: 36%
  - Very Satisfied: 28%
  - Didn't Use: 65%

- Programs on non-academic employment
  - Mean = 3.75, Std = 0.864
  - Dissatisfied: 1%
  - Somewhat Dissatisfied: 8%
  - Neither: 24%
  - Satisfied: 50%
  - Very Satisfied: 17%
  - Didn't Use: 24%
Question 34: Were there organized seminars, colloquia, or conferences sponsored by your Graduate Group at which graduate students presented their research?

Yes, 89%
No, 11%

Responses: 341

Question 35: How many research presentations (including poster presentations) did you make on the campus during your graduate studies (not including presentations given in class or in regularly-scheduled not-for-credit lab meetings)?

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<td>Six or more</td>
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Responses: 341
(Mean=4.8, Std=7.34)
Question 36: How many research presentations (including poster presentations) did you make at meetings away from your campus (regional, national, or international)?

- Zero: 6.2%
- One: 6.8%
- Two: 11.8%
- Three: 10.3%
- Four: 12.4%
- Five: 15.3%
- Six: 6.8%
- Seven: 4.1%
- Eight: 4.7%
- Nine: 2.9%
- Ten: 7.1%
- Eleven or more: 11.8%

Responses: 340
(Mean=5.86, Std=5.01)

Question 37: If you made a presentation away from campus, did you receive any funds for travel from your program?

- Yes, 72%
- No, 28%

Responses: 329
Question 38: If you made a presentation away from campus, did you receive any funds for travel from GAPSA?

Responses: 330

Yes, 35%
No, 65%

Question 39: Based on research conducted while you were a graduate student, how many articles or book chapters have you authored or co-authored that have been published or accepted for publication?

Responses: 339

(Mean=3.9, Std=6.38)
Question 40: How many others are currently under review?

- Zero: 40.3%
- One: 31.3%
- Two: 21.2%
- Three: 3.9%
- Four: 1.8%
- Five: 1.2%
- Six or more: 0.3%

Responses: 335

(Mean=1.04, Std=1.48)
Question 41: Were You a Research Assistant (RA) at any time during your graduate studies?

- An RA, 41%
- Never an RA, 59%

Responses: 358

Question 41: If you were a Research Assistant (RA) at any time during your graduate studies, how helpful was this experience with respect to your professional development?

- Not at All Helpful (1)
- Not Very Helpful (2)
- Somewhat Helpful (3)
- Very Helpful (4)

Responses: 147

(Mean=3.54, Std=0.704)
Question 42: Were you a graduate Teaching Assistant (TA) at any point during your doctoral studies?

Responses: 342

Yes, 80%
No, 20%

Question 43: As a Teaching Assistant (TA), what teaching preparation was provided?

Responses: 269

- School-level only: 28%
- None: 28%
- Department-level only: 26%
- School & Department-level: 14%
- Other: 3%
Question 44: As a Teaching Assistant (TA), how many semesters did you teach?

- One or Less: 21.5%
- Two: 27.4%
- Three: 15.6%
- Four: 15.6%
- Five: 4.8%
- Six: 5.6%
- Seven: 1.1%
- Eight: 6.3%
- Nine: 0.4%
- Ten: 1.1%
- Eleven or more: 0.7%

Responses: 270
(Mean=3.26, Std=2.34)

Question 44-1: How many semesters did you teach as a Lecturer (with primary responsibility for the class)?

- One or Less: 33.3%
- Two: 18.8%
- Three: 13.0%
- Four: 14.5%
- Five: 11.6%
- Six: 2.9%
- Seven: 0.0%
- Eight: 4.4%
- Nine: 0.0%
- Ten: 0.0%
- Eleven or more: 1.5%

Responses: 69
(Mean=0.79, Std=1.77)
Question 45: With respect to your professional development, how helpful was the experience of being a Teaching Assistant (TA)?

Responses: 271

(Mean=3.37, Std=0.724)
Question 46: What are your immediate professional plans?

- Found a job: 49.0%
- Seeking a position but no specific prospects: 27.1%
- Negotiating with one or more organizations: 6.5%
- Pursuing another degree: 6.2%
- Returning or continuing in my predoctoral employment: 3.5%

Responses: 339
Question 49: If you have OBTAINED an ACADEMIC position, which best describes your position?

- Postdoctoral fellow/trainee: 53.1%
- Tenure-track faculty: 29.2%
- Non-tenure-track faculty: 10.8%
- Researcher at center/lab/institute: 5.4%
- Other academic position: 0.8%
- Administrative academic position: 0.8%
- Non-academic position in academia: 0.0%

Responses: 130

Question 50: If you have OBTAINED an ACADEMIC position, is your position in the field of your academic training?

- Yes: 96%
- No: 4%

Responses: 130
2012-13 Ph.D. Exit Survey: Future - Students who have OBTAINED an academic position

Group: University of Pennsylvania

Comparison:

Question 51: If you have OBTAINED an ACADEMIC position, do you feel this position is consistent with your long-term professional goals?

- Yes, 93%
- No, 3%
- Do not know, 4%

Responses: 130

Question 53: Please categorize your employer.

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<td>Junior college/community college</td>
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Responses: 166
Question 54: Where is your employer located?

**Locations of Top Five Employers within the USA**

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Question 47: If you are SEARCHING for an academic position during the next year, which best describes that position?

- Postdoctoral fellow/trainee: 47.0%
- Tenure-track faculty: 13.9%
- Non-tenure-track faculty: 7.0%
- Researcher at center/lab/institute: 4.4%
- Other academic position: 1.7%
- Administrative academic position: 1.7%
- Non-academic position in academia: 0.0%

Responses: 115

Question 48: If you are SEARCHING for an ACADEMIC position during the next year, in what sector do you hope to obtain a job?

- Research university, doctoral-granting: 55.5%
- Business/industry: 14.6%
- College, four-year: 12.7%
- University, masters-granting: 6.4%
- Other: 5.5%
- Non-profit institution/organization: 3.6%
- National or federal government: 1.8%
- State or local government: 0.0%
- Junior college/community college: 0.0%

Responses: 110
2012-13 Ph.D. Exit Survey: Satisfaction

Group: University of Pennsylvania
Comparison:

Question 56: Please rate each of the following.

- Overall academic experience
  - (Mean=3.78, Std=1.007)
  - Poor: 9%, Fair: 24%, Good: 39%, Very Good: 26%

- Overall experience
  - (Mean=3.73, Std=0.997)
  - Poor: 8%, Fair: 30%, Good: 34%, Very Good: 25%

- Overall quality of graduate-level teaching
  - (Mean=3.59, Std=0.967)
  - Poor: 12%, Fair: 33%, Good: 35%, Very Good: 19%

- Quality of graduate-level courses
  - (Mean=3.56, Std=0.966)
  - Poor: 12%, Fair: 32%, Good: 37%, Very Good: 17%

- Overall student life experience
  - (Mean=3.52, Std=1.058)
  - Poor: 12%, Fair: 37%, Good: 27%, Very Good: 22%

- Graduate Group advising
  - (Mean=3.43, Std=1.137)
  - Poor: 6%, Fair: 14%, Good: 29%, Very Good: 31%, Excellent: 19%

Average Responses per Item: 338
Question 57: Please rate the adequacy of support you were provided during your graduate education and dissertation research in the following areas.

- Library and electronic resources
  (Mean=4.45, Std=0.823)

- Laboratory, clinical, or studio facilities
  (Mean=4.28, Std=0.934)

- Financial support
  (Mean=4.12, Std=1.068)

- Computer resources
  (Mean=3.94, Std=1.104)

- Personal work space [e.g., desk, office]
  (Mean=3.81, Std=1.274)

Average Responses per Item: 305
Question 61: If you had the option of starting over, would you pursue a Ph.D. again?

- **Yes**: 85% (289 responses, Mean=1.88, Std=0.327)
- **No**: 12% (12 responses)

Question 62: If so, would you pursue your Ph.D. at Penn again?

- **Yes**: 88% (247 responses, Mean=1.68, Std=0.337)
- **No**: 15% (12 responses, Mean=1.88, Std=0.327)
Question 63: The decision to PURSUE a Ph.D at Penn again is primarily based upon...

- Graduate group experience: 50.0%
- Penn experience: 28.0%
- Prospects of future opportunities and earnings: 7.5%
- Other: 5.9%
- Current employment opportunities in your field: 5.1%
- New interests in some other field: 3.5%

Responses: 254

Question 63a: The decision NOT to PURSUE a Ph.D at Penn again is primarily based upon...

- Graduate group experience: 42.6%
- Other: 19.2%
- Penn experience: 14.9%
- New interests in some other field: 8.5%
- Current employment opportunities in your field: 8.5%
- Prospects of future opportunities and earnings: 6.4%

Responses: 47
*Question 73: How often have you had conversations with colleagues (students and post-docs) who differ from you...

- **in nationality** (Mean=3.43, Std=0.769): Rarely or never (2%), Occasionally (13%), Often (27%), Very often (59%), Don't know (1%)
- **in race or ethnicity** (Mean=3.28, Std=0.845): Rarely or never (3%), Occasionally (17%), Often (29%), Very often (51%), Don't know (1%)
- **in religious beliefs** (Mean=3.18, Std=0.929): Rarely or never (6%), Occasionally (16%), Often (30%), Very often (47%), Don't know (16%)
- **in economic backgrounds** (Mean=2.96, Std=0.892): Rarely or never (5%), Occasionally (27%), Often (36%), Very often (32%), Don't know (17%)
- **in sexual orientation** (Mean=2.92, Std=1.022): Rarely or never (10%), Occasionally (26%), Often (26%), Very often (38%), Don't know (11%)
- **in academic discipline (i.e., graduate programs)** (Mean=2.79, Std=1.015): Rarely or never (11%), Occasionally (33%), Often (24%), Very often (33%), Don't know (1%)
- **in political beliefs** (Mean=2.67, Std=1.015): Rarely or never (13%), Occasionally (33%), Often (27%), Very often (27%), Don't know (15%)

Average Responses per Item: 333
*Question 74: What is your impression of Penn's Community?

- Welcoming: (Mean=3.36, Std=0.717)
  - Not at All OR A little: 11%
  - Moderately OR Very: 49%

- Safe: (Mean=3.32, Std=0.714)
  - Not at All OR A little: 7%
  - Moderately OR Very: 44%

- Competitive: (Mean=3.32, Std=0.746)
  - Not at All OR A little: 11%
  - Moderately OR Very: 47%

- Diverse: (Mean=3.19, Std=0.826)
  - Not at All OR A little: 15%
  - Moderately OR Very: 42%

Average Responses per Item: 330

*Institution-specific questions
*Question 75: Indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

Students are respected here regardless of sexual orientation
(Mean=3.39, Std=0.561)

Students are respected here regardless of gender
(Mean=3.35, Std=0.641)

Students are respected here regardless of race or ethnicity
(Mean=3.32, Std=0.609)

I feel free to express my religious beliefs on campus
(Mean=3.31, Std=0.653)

I feel free to express my political beliefs on campus
(Mean=3.31, Std=0.68)

Students are respected here regardless of economic or social class
(Mean=3.23, Std=0.685)

**Average Responses per Item:** 333
Question 8: What was the best doctoral-level course (lecture, seminar, etc.) that you took at Penn?

Question 11: Do you think the Candidacy Exam in its current form should be modified? If yes, please explain how the Candidacy Exam should be modified.

Question 30: Please provide any feedback to the Graduate Student Center you believe would help it to better serve future students.

Question 52: What is the name of your employer?

Question 55: Name of state or country where your employer is located.