

# **Graduate and Professional Student Survey Inventory Document (Pilot)**

University of Pennsylvania

<b>Survey Instrument</b>	Graduate and Professional Student Survey (GPSS)
<b>Owner(s)</b>	Vice Provost for Education
<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	Council of Professional Master's Deans & Council of Graduate Deans
<b>Study Population</b>	All traditional degree-seeking Graduate and Professional Students
<b>Invited Participants</b>	All traditional degree-seeking Graduate and Professional Students
<b>Invitation Signatory</b>	President & Provost

## **Administration**

The Graduate and Professional Student Survey (GPSS) will be administered via the web every three years to all traditional degree-seeking Graduate and Professional Students, via the web. The survey is generally open for approximately one month in the latter part of the spring semester.

## **Brief Description**

The GPSS collects a variety of information about a broad range of topics related to the experiences of Graduate and Professional students at Penn. The primary focus of the survey is student satisfaction with Penn resources and services, as well as the quality of campus life at Penn.

The survey consists of 9 short sections: Enrollment; Overall Satisfaction; Program Quality; Campus Services and Facilities; Use of Technology; Academic Obstacles; Career Services; Campus Life and Penn Community; Student Background and Demographics.

## **Relationship to Other Instruments**

Many of the questions included in the GPSS appear on other Penn surveys. Some questions, like those about Penn's culture and climate, were developed here at Penn, while others were developed in collaboration with peer institutions. The use of similar questions across surveys allows for the comparison of attitudes and opinions between graduate and undergraduate populations, as well as between faculty and students. Data gathered from the GPSS may also be linked to additional information contained in the Data Warehouse, allowing for further analysis.

## **Survey Results**

Each GPSS administration results in an institutional summary report of the responses. Intra-institutional comparisons are made possible through the creation of individual reports for each of the graduate schools and degree levels. Summaries are also created by gender, minority status, and international status.

## **Distribution Plan**

A top level institutional summary, providing basic frequency counts for each survey item, is available by the fall semester following the GPSS administration. This summary is also made accessible to the entire Penn Community via the IR&A website.

Detailed reports are shared with the Office of the Provost. Representatives of the Council for Professional Master's Deans and the Council of Graduate Deans receive school based reports for the appropriate degree level. The Office of the Provost may also elect to share results with faculty committees, administrators, and student leaders.

Only aggregate data are released to any constituent group. Any information that might uniquely identify individual students is suppressed by IR&A.