

Doctoral Exit Survey

Class of 2014

Summary Report

Office of Accreditation and Assessment
Teachers College Columbia University

Doctorate Exit Survey, Class 2014

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND COURSES														
Statement	Agreement (Count)						Agreement (Percentage)							
	(1) Strongly Disagree.....(6) Strongly Agree													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	Agree Mean	n
1) My academic program was excellent.	3	4	4	8	21	17	5	7	7	14	37	30	4.6	57
2) My program had a clear philosophy or focus.	3	5	5	12	16	17	5	9	9	21	28	29	4.4	58
3) My program had clear requirements.	2	2	2	11	18	23	3	3	3	19	31	40	4.9	58
4) My program provided a well-integrated set of courses.	5	2	9	13	15	14	9	3	16	22	26	24	4.3	58
5) My program provided a good variety of courses.	6	4	6	12	18	12	10	7	10	21	31	21	4.2	58
6) I was able to register for courses I needed with few conflicts.	1	3	4	6	18	26	2	5	7	10	31	45	5.0	58
7) I had flexibility to choose courses based on my life or career goals.	2	1	10	10	9	26	3	2	17	17	16	45	4.7	58
8) My program provided a solid theoretical foundation in my discipline.	4	3	4	12	11	24	7	5	7	21	19	41	4.6	58
9) Course content was relevant to my life or career goals	3	3	5	15	15	18	5	5	8	25	25	31	4.5	59
10) Most courses were academically rigorous	7	3	3	9	16	21	12	5	5	15	27	36	4.5	59

INSTRUCTION/ TRAINING														
Statement	Agreement (Count)						Agreement (Percentage)							
	(1) Strongly Disagree.....(6) Strongly Agree													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	Agree Mean	n
1) Quality of instruction in most classes was excellent.	4	4	6	15	12	12	8	8	11	28	23	23	4.2	53
2) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in oral communication and presentation.	1	7	10	14	12	14	2	12	17	24	21	24	4.2	58
3) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in writing proposals for funding.	15	9	14	9	4	5	27	16	25	16	7	9	2.9	56
4) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in preparing articles for publication.	11	9	9	8	13	7	19	16	16	14	23	12	3.4	57
5) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in working in collaborative groups.	2	6	6	11	18	15	3	10	10	19	31	26	4.4	58
6) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in conducting independent research/ scholarship.	3	6	4	10	18	18	5	10	7	17	31	31	4.5	59
7) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in project management.	11	6	7	9	12	9	20	11	13	17	22	17	3.6	54
8) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in research/ professional ethics.	5	6	10	14	10	12	9	11	18	25	18	21	3.9	57
9) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in teaching/ pedagogy.	9	6	3	11	14	14	16	11	5	19	25	25	4.0	57
10) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in supervision or evaluation.	8	9	10	11	11	7	14	16	18	20	20	13	3.5	56
11) I had adequate training/opportunities to develop skills in information technology and media.	10	10	11	12	8	6	18	18	19	21	14	11	3.3	57

DISSERTATION ADVISEMENT														
Statement	Agreement (Count)						Agreement (Percentage)							
	(1) Strongly Disagree.....(6) Strongly Agree													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	Agree Mean	n
1) My program supported me in the dissertation process.	0	11	7	8	14	18	0	19	12	14	24	31	4.4	58
2) My program provided accurate information about program requirements.	2	6	6	6	20	18	3	10	10	10	34	31	4.6	58
3) My program regularly assessed my academic performance.	3	5	11	9	9	19	5	9	20	16	16	34	4.3	56
4) My dissertation advisor was knowledgeable about formal degree requirements.	3	5	2	5	17	25	5	9	4	9	30	44	4.8	57
5) My dissertation advisor was available for consultation when needed.	4	4	2	9	4	35	7	7	3	16	7	60	4.9	58
6) My dissertation advisor encouraged or supported my research idea(s).	2	4	1	4	8	39	3	7	2	7	14	67	5.2	58
7) My dissertation advisor gave me constructive feedback on my work.	3	4	4	4	7	36	5	7	7	7	12	62	5.0	58
8) My dissertation advisor returned my work promptly.	5	2	7	3	8	33	9	3	12	5	14	57	4.8	58
9) My dissertation advisor kept me informed about my academic progress.	4	3	4	6	7	31	7	5	7	11	13	56	4.9	55
10) My dissertation advisor assisted me in search for employment.	10	3	4	4	10	23	19	6	7	7	19	43	4.3	54

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT														
Statement	Agreement (Count)						Agreement (Percentage)							
	(1) Strongly Disagree.....(6) Strongly Agree													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	Agree Mean	n
1) My program provided an effective learning environment for its students.	4	1	7	14	13	18	7	2	12	25	23	32	4.5	57
2) My program was an intellectually stimulating place.	5	2	3	8	13	27	9	3	5	14	22	47	4.8	58
3) Faculty were scholarly and professionally competent.	2	2	6	6	14	29	3	3	10	10	24	49	4.9	59
4) Faculty were usually available after class and/or during office hours.	3	4	3	10	15	24	5	7	5	17	25	41	4.7	59
5) Communication between faculty and students in my program was good.	5	4	2	12	14	22	8	7	3	20	24	37	4.6	59
6) Faculty respected student opinions or ideas that differed from their own.	3	1	7	5	16	26	5	2	12	9	28	45	4.9	58
7) Faculty cared about students as individuals.	2	2	7	9	13	25	3	3	12	16	22	43	4.8	58
8) Faculty treated all students fairly.	3	4	6	11	11	22	5	7	11	19	19	39	4.6	57
9) My program was responsive to student feedback.	4	5	7	12	9	15	8	10	13	23	17	29	4.2	52
10) There was a sense of community in my program.	8	4	7	10	12	15	14	7	13	18	21	27	4.1	56
11) Fellow students demonstrated high academic abilities.	6	2	5	9	18	18	10	3	9	16	31	31	4.5	58
12) Faculty reflected a diversity of backgrounds and experiences.	5	4	11	12	12	15	8	7	19	20	20	25	4.1	59
13) Students reflected a diversity of backgrounds and experiences.	1	1	12	9	14	20	2	2	21	16	25	35	4.6	57
14) My program was free of discrimination.	4	1	11	6	11	21	7	2	20	11	20	39	4.5	54

RESOURCES																
Statement	Agreement (Count)						Agreement (Percentage)						Agree Mean	n		
	(1) Strongly Disagree.....(6) Strongly Agree															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6				
1) My program/TC had adequate resources for research or scholarship.	14	5	6	8	10	15	24	9	10	14	17	26	3.7	58		
2) Program staff was caring and helpful.	1	3	5	11	12	27	2	5	8	19	20	46	4.9	59		
3) Gottesman Libraries resources and services were adequate.	2	3	4	9	13	27	3	5	7	16	22	47	4.9	58		
4) Classroom facilities were adequate.	3	3	9	18	9	17	5	5	15	31	15	29	4.3	59		
5) Specialized facilities (labs, studios, etc.) and equipment were adequate.	2	6	5	11	9	14	4	13	11	23	19	30	4.3	47		
6) Information technology and media resources were adequate.	2	2	8	12	16	15	4	4	15	22	29	27	4.5	55		
7) Adequate financial aid was available for most doctoral students.	26	13	5	4	2	3	49	25	9	8	4	6	2.1	53		

Student Support Services	Frequency (Count)						Frequency (Percentage)						Mean	n
	1 (Not Helpful) <-----> 6 (Very Helpful)													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1) Office of the Registrar	5	9	7	12	16	10	8	15	12	20	27	17	3.9	59
2) Financial Aid Office	8	6	4	10	11	9	17	13	8	21	23	19	3.8	48
3) Student Accounts	7	5	7	11	12	13	13	9	13	20	22	24	4.0	55
4) Career Services	10	2	3	7	6	2	33	7	10	23	20	7	3.1	30
5) Office of Doctoral Studies	2	3	12	6	11	25	3	5	20	10	19	42	4.6	59
6) Other Office	3	1	0	0	0	5	33	11	0	0	0	56	3.9	9

Overall Satisfaction	Frequency (Count)						Frequency (in percentage)						Mean	n
	1 (Much worse than I expected) <-----> 6 (Much better than I expected)													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1) Overall, how did your program meet your expectations?	4	3	5	14	22	10	7	5	9	24	38	17	4.3	58
	1 (Not much) <-----> 6 (A lot)													
2) How much do you feel you learned in your program?	2	1	4	7	14	30	3	2	7	12	24	52	5.1	58
	1 (Very dissatisfied) <-----> 6 (Very satisfied)													
3) Overall, how satisfied are you with your experience?	4	2	4	11	21	17	7	3	7	19	36	29	4.6	59
	1 (Strongly disagree) <-----> 6 (Strongly agree)													
4) Tuition paid was a worthwhile investment.	10	3	6	12	8	10	20	6	12	24	16	20	3.7	49
	1 (Definitely not) <-----> 6 (Definitely yes)													
5) If you could start over, would you attend TC?	6	6	5	6	10	20	11	11	9	11	19	38	4.3	53
6) If you could start over, would you choose your program at TC?	4	7	5	5	8	26	7	13	9	9	15	47	4.5	55
7) Would you recommend your program at TC to others?	6	5	6	13	8	18	11	9	11	23	14	32	4.2	56