

2022 pilot survey covering postgraduate taught students

106,839 students were asked the 2022 PGT pilot survey across 42 Higher Education providers. 46,619 responded giving a response rate of 43.6%. All responses are provided as percentages, rounded to 1 decimal place.

Question	Response option	Percentage
Q1. What was your motivation for undertaking postgraduate study? PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY	To enable me to progress to a higher-level qualification	31.2%
	To progress in my current career path	53.6%
	To change my current career	20.3%
	To improve my employment prospects	52.7%
	As a requirement to enter a particular profession	25.4%
	To meet the requirements of my current job	11.4%
	To develop a specialist set of skills and knowledge	48.9%
	Returning to higher education after a break	12.7%
	For personal interest	35.7%
	To continue on from my undergraduate studies	23.8%
	Other	1.7%
	I cannot answer this question - I do not understand it or I do not know the answer	0.7%
	Free text, respondents wrote in custom answer	1.7%

This question is a "choose all that apply", the percentages are simply the number who chose it within their answer.

Question	Question Response	Percentage
Q2. When choosing what to study, how comprehensive was the information provided about your course?	Not at all comprehensive	1.7%
	Not very comprehensive	9.7%
	Fairly comprehensive	52.7%
	Very comprehensive	33.1%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.6%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	1.3%
Q3. When choosing what to study, how clear was the information provided about your course?	Not at all clear	1.1%
	Not very clear	8.3%
	Fairly clear	51.1%
	Very clear	37.4%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.1%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.9%
Q4. How well did the information reflect the course content?	Not at all well	2.2%
	Not very well	11.4%
	Fairly well	50.0%
	Very well	34.6%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.0%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.7%
Q5. How clear are the course learning aims?	Not at all clear	1.6%
	Not very clear	9.8%
	Fairly clear	45.2%
	Very clear	42.5%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.5%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.3%
Q6. Overall, how appropriate is the mix of breadth and depth of content on your course?	Not at all appropriate	2.3%
	Not very appropriate	11.0%
	Fairly appropriate	50.0%
	Very appropriate	34.9%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.9%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	1.0%
Q6a. Overall, how appropriate is the mix of directed and independent learning on your course?	Not at all appropriate	3.7%
	Not very appropriate	13.5%
	Fairly appropriate	47.0%
	Very appropriate	34.4%
	I don't know/ this does not apply to me	0.8%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.6%
Q7. How often is your course content up-to-date, and informed by current thinking?	Rarely or never	1.8%
	Not very often	9.8%
	Fairly often	39.2%
	Very often	45.6%
	I don't know/ this does not apply to me	2.6%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	1.0%
Q8. How well organised is your course?	Not at all well	7.4%
	Not very well	15.5%
	Fairly well	42.5%
	Very well	34.1%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.3%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.2%
Q9. How well have any changes in the course or teaching been communicated?	Not at all well	5.6%
	Not very well	13.2%
	Fairly well	39.6%
	Very well	34.0%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.5%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	1.3%
	There have not been any changes / I am not aware of any changes	5.9%
Q10. How often are teaching staff good at explaining the subject matter?	Rarely or never	1.8%
	Not very often	8.8%
	Fairly often	42.2%
	Very often	46.1%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.7%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.4%
Q11. How often does your course intellectually stimulate and challenge you?	Rarely or never	2.1%
	Not very often	9.3%

	Fairly often	38.6%
	Very often	49.2%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.6%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.3%
Q12. How helpful were the opportunities you have had to work with other students?	Not at all helpful	4.3%
	Not very helpful	15.2%
	Fairly helpful	39.1%
	Very helpful	34.7%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.4%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.3%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	4.9%
Q13. How often does your course encourage you to think critically?	Rarely or never	1.6%
	Not very often	6.4%
	Fairly often	34.5%
	Very often	56.8%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.5%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.2%
Q14. How well supported have you been to study independently?	Not at all well	5.1%
	Not very well	13.8%
	Fairly well	41.7%
	Very well	38.4%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.7%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.3%
Q15. How often are the criteria for assessments provided in advance?	Rarely or never	2.3%
	Not very often	8.6%
	Fairly often	34.1%
	Very often	53.0%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.1%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.9%
Q16. How often are the assessment criteria clear?	Rarely or never	3.1%
	Not very often	13.1%
	Fairly often	40.3%
	Very often	42.2%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.7%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.6%
Q17. How often have assessments allowed you to demonstrate what you have learnt on your course?	Rarely or never	2.3%
	Not very often	10.7%
	Fairly often	42.8%
	Very often	42.7%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.0%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.5%
Q18. How often has feedback helped you to improve your work?	Rarely or never	6.4%
	Not very often	16.8%
	Fairly often	38.5%
	Very often	36.8%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.2%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.3%
Q19. How easy is it to access the learning resources (either digital or physical), provided by your institution when you need to?	Not at all easy	2.3%
	Not very easy	8.4%
	Fairly easy	36.6%
	Very easy	52.1%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.4%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.2%
Q20. How well do the learning resources (either digital or physical) provided by your institution support your learning?	Not at all well	2.0%
	Not very well	7.4%
	Fairly well	43.1%
	Very well	46.7%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.6%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.2%
Q21. How easy is it to contact staff when you need to?	Not at all easy	4.7%
	Not very easy	12.0%
	Fairly easy	40.2%
	Very easy	42.2%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.7%

	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.1%
Q22. How well supported have you been to meet the academic challenges of postgraduate study?	Not at all well	4.7%
	Not very well	13.2%
	Fairly well	45.4%
	Very well	35.2%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.2%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.4%
Q23. What stage have you reached with your dissertation or major project?	Not started	16.6%
	At the planning stage	25.2%
	Started	30.4%
	Completed	14.8%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	3.3%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.6%
	I don't have a dissertation or major project on this course	9.2%
Q24. How well has the supervision for your dissertation or major project met your needs?	Not at all well	3.6%
	Not very well	7.8%
	Fairly well	26.6%
	Very well	31.2%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	2.1%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.3%
Q25. How content have you been with the opportunities to give feedback on your course?	Not at all content	4.2%
	Not very content	12.6%
	Fairly content	45.9%
	Very content	34.0%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	2.4%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	1.0%
Q26. How open are staff to hearing what students have to say about the course?	Not at all open	3.7%
	Not very open	10.5%
	Fairly open	37.9%
	Very open	42.4%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	5.1%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.4%
Q27. How well has your course helped you to develop the knowledge and skills you need for your next steps?	Not at all well	2.5%
	Not very well	9.4%
	Fairly well	44.5%
	Very well	42.0%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	1.3%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.2%
Q28. Overall, how would you rate the quality of your course?	Not at all good	3.4%
	Not very good	9.9%
	Fairly good	43.4%
	Very good	42.8%
	I don't know/this does not apply to me	0.4%
	I cannot answer this question – I do not understand it	0.2%