

2014 Survey of graduates from Masters programmes (2009/2010 and 2010/2011 academic years) Questionnaire

MASTER'S

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Pre-Master's degree qualification	Degree subject Field of study	University where you took your degree	The year you completed your degree
Master's degree	Subject of Master's degree Field of study/Master's degree	University where you took your Master's degree	The year you began your Master's studies

JOB SITUATION PRIOR TO YOUR MASTER'S DEGREE

1. Did you work during the two last years of your pre-Master's degree?

- (1) No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I had were only sporadic
- (2) Yes, I worked during the two last years of my pre-Master's degree

2. In the time between graduating from your first degree and graduating from the Master's, did you work for at least one year?

- (1) I did not work/I only had sporadic jobs
- (2) Yes, I worked **part-time** in a job related to my previous degree
- (3) Yes, I worked **part-time** in a job unrelated to my previous degree
- (4) Yes, I worked **full-time** in a job related to my previous degree
- (5) Yes, I worked **full-time** in a job unrelated to my previous degree

MOTIVATION FOR DOING MASTER'S STUDIES

Assess the importance of the following reasons (from 1 to 7, where 1 is highly dissatisfied and 7 is highly satisfied) to study a master:

3. To improve your job opportunities
4. Advancement in your professional career
5. To go on and take a doctorate/PhD degree
6. To complement, enhance or gain insight into either academia, the professional world or technical training
7. To change the area of study of my previous degree/training

CURRENT JOB SITUATION (POST-MASTER's)

8. Are you currently working?

(1) Yes

(2) Not at present → State your last job since completing your Master's degree. Do not reply to either the SATISFACTION section or PROGRESS (questions 25-40)

(3) Never Go on to the SKILLS acquired in the Master's programmer (without assessing their usefulness in your job) (41)

9. On completing your Master's studies, how long did it take for you to find your first job? (Only if you answered "Yes" or "Not at present" to question 8 and "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I had were only sporadic" to question 1 and "I did not work/I only had sporadic jobs" to question 2)

In relation to your **CURRENT JOB** (your main job) or your **LAST JOB** (after finishing your Master's degree)

10. What kind of job do you have/did you have? (Open-ended question)

11. When did you start to work there? (year)

12. What was required for this job?

(1) A Master's degree

(2) Your specific undergraduate/previous degree (Bachelor/Engineering degree/diploma/technical engineering)

(3) Any degree

(4) No university degree was required

13.1. Is/Was your job specific to your Master's studies?

(1) Yes → Go to question 14

(2) No

13.2. For your current or last job, do you think your undergraduate degree is/was necessary?

(1) Yes → Go to question 14

(2) No

13.3. For your current or last job, do you think it is/was necessary to be a graduate? (1) Yes (2) No

14. What is/was the company's economic activity?

15. Do/Did you hold any position of responsibility in relation to other people working with you?

(1) Senior management

(2) Middle management (head of area/section/department, official, foreman...)

(3) No position of responsibility over others

16. What duties does/did the job involve? *If no option is chosen from 1 to 7, please answer either 8 or 9.*

(1) Leadership/Management

(2) Commercial or logistics

(3) Teaching

(4) R+D

(5) Medical and social assistance

(6) Art and design

(7) Technical duties

(8) Other skilled duties (administrative)

(9) Non-skilled duties (auxiliary)

17. What kind of contract do/did you have?

(1) Long term

(2) Self-employed →

(3) Temporary

(4) (Do not answer questions 19 or 23, nor questions 25 to 28 in the section on SATISFACTION WITH YOUR INTERNSHIP CURRENT JOB – Please answer 29)

(5) Without a contract (Do not answer questions 25 to 29)

18. If “Self-employed”, do/did you work:

(1) For yourself →

(2) For a third party (Self-employed and 75% dependent on one client)

19. Do you work full-time? (Do not answer if “Internship” in question 17)

(1) Yes (2) No (part-time)

20. How long was the contract for? (Only if you answered (3) (“Temporary” in question 17)

(1) Less than 6 months

(2) Between 6 months and one year

(3) More than one year

21. How much do you/did you earn a year (gross)?

(1) Less than €9,000

(2) Between €9,000 and €12,000

(3) Between €12,000 and €15,000

(4) Between €15,000 and €18,000

(5) Between €18,000 and €24,000

(6) Between €24,000 and €30,000

(7) Between €30,000 and €40,000

(8) Between €40,000 and €50,000

(9) Over €50,000

22. Company sector:

(1) Private (2) Public

23. How many people does the company employ? (Do not answer if “Internship” in question 17)

(1) Less than 10

(2) Between 11 and 50

(3) Between 51 and 100

(4) Between 101 and 250

(5) Between 251 and 500

(6) Over 500

24. Where do/did you work (province, abroad)?

(1) Barcelona

(2) Tarragona

(3) Girona

(4) Lleida

(5) Other regional autonomous communities

(6) Europe

24.1 In which country do/did you work?

(7) Other

24.2. In which continent do/did you work?

24.3. In which country?

SATISFACTION WITH YOUR CURRENT JOB

Rate your satisfaction (from 1 to 7, where 1 is highly dissatisfied and 7 is highly satisfied) [Except for “Internships” and “Without a contract” in question 16, and “Not at present” in question 8]

25. Job content

26. Prospects for promotion and personal development

27. Salary

28. The usefulness in your job of knowledge acquired from your university studies (education-job match)

29. The job in general (if "Internship" in question 17, please reply to this question 29)

ADVANCEMENT II – POST-MASTER'S DEGREE Experience - PRE-MASTER'S DEGREE Experience

(Not if you answered, "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs were only sporadic" in question 1; "I did not work/I only had sporadic jobs" in question 2; and "Not at present" in question 8)

30. Since completing your Master's studies and in relation to any pre-Master's job, have/did you change/d your job or institution?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

31. Have you been promoted at all in the company? (1) Yes (2) No

ASSESS YOUR PROGRESS (

Not if you answered, "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I had were only sporadic" in question 1; "I did not work/I only had sporadic jobs" in question 2; and "Not at present" in question 8)

32. In relation to your job at the beginning of the Master's, have you advanced/made progress in relation to:

32.1. Type of contract?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

32.2. Annual income/salary?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

32.3. An increase in the number of working hours?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

32.4. Your professional category/occupational group?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

Assess the impact of your Master's studies (from 1 to 7, where 1 is highly dissatisfied and 7 is highly satisfied) **regarding:**

33. Increased job opportunities (change of company or institution, change of employment, etc.).....

34. Taking on new duties or responsibilities different to those that you previously had.....

35. Taking on high profile duties, tasks or projects in the company

36. Developing new projects or products, new lines of action, strategies, etc.

37. Coordinating work groups and dealing with associated problems (due to the staff's lack of skill/experience, resistance to change, etc.)

38. Taking a key role in decision-making with a potential direct impact on the business

39. Enhancement/upgrading of academic studies or professional or technical training

40. The possibility to establish contacts and/or network with individuals or institutions

SKILLS/COMPETENCES DEVELOPED IN THE MASTER'S DEGREE

Rate (from 1 to 7, where 1 is very little and 7 is a lot/very much) how much you learned from your Master's degree and its usefulness in your job:

41/42. Theoretical aspects of learning /

43/44. Practical aspects of learning /

45/46. Development of skills in oral and written communication for scientific and professional meetings...../.....

47/48. Multidisciplinary teamwork with initiative and leadership ability

49/50. Problem solving and decision-making in new and unfamiliar settings/.....

51/52. Development of critical thinking...../.....

53/54. Development of creativity and innovation/.....

55/56. Development of skills in documentation, identification of scientific and professional sources and resources/.....

57/58. English /

59/60. Professional self-evaluation and continuous learning...../.....

61/62. Ethical and social responsibility in professional behaviour...../.....

63. If you were to start over again, would you choose the same Master's degree? (1) Yes (2) No

64. If you were to start over again, would you choose the same university? (1) Yes (2) No

FURTHER STUDY

65. Since completing your Master's studies, did you continue or are you continuing to study?

(1) No (Go to question 69) (2) Yes, a doctorate/PhD (3) Yes, other

66. Are you studying/Did you study the course at the same university? (1) Yes (2) No

67. Is the doctorate/PhD degree related to your Master's degree? (Only if "Yes, a doctorate" in question 65)

68. What is your main source of income during your doctorate/PhD degree studies? (Only if "Yes, a doctorate", in question 65)

- (1) A scholarship
- (2) Teaching or research work at university (including part-time and researcher contracts)
- (3) A job within the scope of your Master's studies
- (4) A job unrelated to your Master's studies
- (5) Others

MOBILITY

69. Have you had any experience of academic mobility? (multiple answer)

(1) No → Go to question 71

(2) Yes, during my pre-Master's degree

(3) Yes, during my Master's degree

70. Was mobility national or international?

(1) National

(2) International

71. Have you had any experience of job mobility? (Except for "Never" in question 8; multiple answer)

(1) No

→ Go on to 73 if the Master's course is an international inter-university programme

→ Go on to 88 if it is not

(2) Yes, after my pre-Master's degree

(3) Yes, after completing the Master's degree

72. Was mobility national or international?

(1) National → Go on to 73 if the Master's course is an international inter-university programme

→ Go on to 88 if it is not

(2) International

INTERNATIONALISATION I

Assess the extent to which your Master's studies enabled you to: (from 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all and 7 is totally) (only for international inter-university Master's programmes)

73. Do research stays, international work experience/internships

74. Contact teaching staff at other universities and/or in other countries

75. Participate in conferences/seminars/international events.....

76. Establish contacts and/or network with people or institutions abroad.....

77. Have an agenda of possible job opportunities at international level.....

78. Acquire an international view of the disciplinary approach to the Master's degree

79. General improvement at personal, academic and/or professional level.....

INTERNATIONALISATION II

Assess the quality (from 1 to 7, where 1 is very low and 7 is very high) **of:** (Only for Master's programmes where more than 40% of the students are/were foreign (non-Spanish), and for graduates with experience of academic mobility during their Master's studies):

80. The accessibility of the public information (prospectus) on the Master's programme taken

81. The information provided by the university's international office/service

82. Advice and help provided by the university's international office/service

83. Accommodation, catering, transport, etc.

84. Student orientation/study programmes (academic support, tutorials, etc.)

85. Attention, promptness and suitability of academic formalities (admission-registration, grades, certificates, etc.)

86. Individual support and resources for learning Catalan and Spanish languages

87. The role of cultural and social activities as facilitators of integration and multiculturalism

SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

88. What was the highest level of education completed by your parents?

(1) Both completed primary school/no studies

(2) One of the two completed secondary education

(3) Both completed secondary education

(4) One of the two took a course in higher education

(5) Both took courses in higher education

IN CASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT (If for question 8) you answered either (2) Not at present or (3) Never

89. Are you currently looking for work?

- (1) Yes → Go to question 92
- (2) No

90. If your answer was NO, what are your reasons?

- (1) To continue studying /doctorate-PhD degree/ public service exams-competitions → End of survey
- (2) Maternity/family → 91.1. If your answer was Maternity/family, do you intend to look for work in the future?
 - (1) Yes → End of survey.
 - (2) No → End of survey.
- (3) Other → End of survey

(Question 92 onwards: only if you are looking for work: and if you answered “Yes” in question 89)

92. How long have you been looking for work?

- (1) Less than 6 months
- (2) Between 6 months and 1 year
- (3) Between 1 and 2 years
- (4) More than 2 years

93. What have you done to look for work? (You can select more than one option.)

- (1) Personal contacts or family
- (2) Personal initiative (sending out c.v.; applying for interviews; etc.)
- (3) Advertisements in the press
- (4) Public service exams/competition
- (5) Servei Català de Col·locació (Catalan careers employment service)
- (6) Setting up one's own company or office
- (7) University services (job centre, employment bureau, etc.)
- (8) Cooperation agreements (between the university and an institution or private enterprise)
- (9) Professional body or association
- (10) Institutional employment services
- (11) Internet
- (12) Others
- (13) I am not looking for work

Assess the importance of the following factors in relation to the problems you have had finding work (from 1 to 7, where 1 is not very important and 7 is very important):

- 94. Shortcomings in your Master's studies
- 95. Lack of professional experience
- 96. Personal factors that prevent you from working (further study, family, other...)
- 97. The need for a job that I enjoy and that pays a satisfactory salary
- 98. The requirement of mobility in the job

End of survey