

2020 survey of Master's graduates (2014/2015 and 2015/2016 academic years) Questionnaire

<p>MASTER'S</p> <p>.....</p>			
Pre-Master's degree qualification	Degree subject Field of study	University/Arts higher education institution	Year you completed your degree
Master's degree	Subject of Master's degree Field of study/Master's degree	University/ Arts higher education institution	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 completing your Master's degree, did you work for a minimum of 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 TAKING A MASTER'S DEGREE

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 my job opportunities
- 4. Advancement in my 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 (or you are on leave) → Go to question 10
- (0) No

9. Have you worked since completing your Master's degree?

- (1) Yes → Refer to your last job after the Master's degree. Do not answer questions 25 to 31 and questions 33 to 35)
- (0) No → Go to the section SKILLS DEVELOPED IN THE MASTER'S DEGREE (without assessing usefulness at work)

10. On completing your Master's studies, how long did it take for you to find your first job? (Except if answering "No" in 9)

- (1) I was working prior to taking my Master's degree
- (2) Less than a month
- (3) Between one to three months
- (4) Between three to six months
- (5) Between six to twelve months
- (6) Over a year

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

11. What kind of job do you have/What was your last job? (open-ended question)

For certain groups of degree programmes, there are pre-determined categories for the question (see catalogue of variables). Please classify your job according to one subject.

12. When did you start this job? (four digits)

13. What was required for this job?

- (1) A Master's degree
- (2) Your specific undergraduate/previous degree (pre-Bologna 4/5-year Bachelor's degree/pre-Bologna 4/5-year engineering degree/pre-Bologna 3-year Bachelor's degree/pre-Bologna 3-year engineering degree/current Bachelor's degree/arts higher education degree)
- (3) Any degree or arts higher education degree
- (4) No university degree or arts higher education degree was required

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

- (1) Yes → Go to question 15
- (0) No

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

- (1) Yes → Go to question 14
- (0) No

14.3. For your current or last job, do you think you need an arts higher education degree?

- (1) Yes (0) No

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

16. Do/Did you hold any position of responsibility in relation to others working with you?

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

(3) No position of responsibility over others

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

(1) Long term

(2) Self-employed →

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

(1) Freelance

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

(3) Temporary

(4) Internship

(Do not answer questions 19, 20 or 23, nor questions 25 to 28 in the section on SATISFACTION WITH YOUR CURRENT JOB)

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

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

(1) Yes (0) No (part-time)

19.1. If part-time: How many hours do you work a week (excluding meal breaks)? (1) Less than 10, (2) 11-24, (3) 25-34

20. How long is/was your 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) €9,000 - €12,000

(3) €12,000 - €15,000

(4) €15,000 - €18,000

(5) €18,000 - €24,000

(6) €24,000 - €30,000

(7) €30,000 - €40,000

(8) €40,000 - €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) 10 or less

(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 if answering "Yes" in 9 and "Internship" and "Without a contract" in question 17]

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. Your job in general (If "Internship" in question 17, please reply)

ADVANCEMENT 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 "No" 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

(0) 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 "No" in question 8

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

31.1. Type of contract?

(1) Yes

(0) No

31.2. Annual income/salary?

(1) Yes

(0) No

31.3. An increase in the number of working hours?

(1) Yes

(0) No

31.4. Your professional category/occupational group?

(1) Yes

(0) No

Do not complete this section if you answered "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I had were only sporadic" to question 1 + "No, I was a full-time student and any jobs I may have had were only sporadic" to question 2, and either "No" to question 9. Please do not answer questions 33 to 35 if answering "Yes" in question 9.

Rate (from 1 to 7, where 1 is very little and 7 is a lot/very much) the impact of your Master's degree on the following aspects:

32. Increasing job opportunities (changes of company or institution, changes of job, etc.).....

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

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

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

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

37. 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:

38/39. Theoretical aspects of learning /

40/41. Practical aspects of learning /

42/43. Development of skills in oral and written communication for scientific and professional meetings...../.....

44/45. Multidisciplinary teamwork with initiative and leadership ability

46/47. Problem solving and decision-making in new and unfamiliar settings/.....

48/49. Development of critical thinking...../.....

50/51. Development of creativity and innovation/.....

52/53. Development of skills in documentation, identification of sources and resources/.....

54/55. English /

56/57. Professional self-evaluation and continuous learning...../.....

58/59. Ethical and social responsibility in professional behaviour...../.....

60. If you were to start over again, would you choose the same Master's degree? (1) Yes (0) No

60.1 If not, why? (reply only if you answered "No" to question 60. Multiple response)

- (1) I am unsatisfied with the employment opportunities or the resulting occupation
- (2) I did not adapt well to the group or the study programme requirements
- (3) I have had mixed feelings about the design or quality of the study programme
- (4) I have always had other interests
- (5) Other reasons. Please specify _____

61. If you were to start over again, would you choose the same institution? (1) Yes (0) No

61.1 If not, why? (reply only if you answered "No" to question 61. Multiple response)

- (1) It is expensive compared to other institutions
- (2) Due to the location and accessibility
- (3) I prefer alternative teaching models
- (4) There are better services available at other institutions
- (5) Other institutions are more widely acknowledged in the labour market
- (6) Other reasons. Please specify _____

FURTHER STUDY

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

- (1) No (Go to question 67)
- (2) Yes, a doctorate/PhD
- (3) Yes, another Master's degree or postgraduate programme
- (4) Yes, a Bachelor's degree or similar
- (5) Yes, other training courses

63. Are you studying/Did you study the course at the same university or arts higher education institution?

(1) Yes (0) No

64. Is/was your doctorate/PhD degree related to your Master's degree? (Only if "Yes, a doctorate" in question 62)

65. What is/was your main source of income during your doctorate/PhD degree studies? (Only if "Yes, a doctorate", in question 62)

- (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

INTERNATIONALISATION

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)

- 66. Contact teaching staff at other institutions and/or in other countries
- 67. Establish contacts and/or network with people or institutions abroad.....
- 68. Acquire an international view of the disciplinary approach to the Master's degree

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

69. What was the highest level of education completed by your parents or legal guardians?

- (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

70. Father's (or father figure's) employment status during your university studies

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| (1) Self-employed | → Did his job require a university-level education? | (1) Yes (0) No |
| (2) Employee | What level? | (1) Leadership/Management
(2) Senior technician
(3) Skilled
(4) Unskilled |
| (3) N/A | | |

71. Mother's (or mother figure's) employment status during your university studies

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| (1) Self-employed | → Does/did her job require a university education? | (1) Yes (0) No |
| (2) Employee | What level? | (1) Leadership/Management
(2) Senior technician
(3) Skilled
(4) Unskilled |
| (3) N/A | | |

72. Which of the following best describes your situation?

- (1) Both my parents and I were born in Spain
- (2) My parents were born in another country but I was born in Spain
- (3) Both my parents and I were born in another country
- (4) Other

IN CASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT (If for question 8 you answered “No”

73. Are you currently looking for work?

(1) Yes → Go to question 76

(0) No

Looking for work is here taken to mean looking for a job during the last four weeks and be willing to start working within two weeks time.

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

(1) To continue studying
/doctorate-PhD degree/
public service exams-
competitions

(2) Maternity/paternity/care
for a relative →

75. If your answer was “Maternity/paternity/care for a relative”, do you intend to look for work in the future?

(1) Yes

(0) No

(3) Retirement

(4) Other

(Question 76 onwards: only if you are looking for work: if you answered “Yes” in question 73)

76. 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

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):

77. Shortcomings/gaps in your Master's studies

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78. Lack of professional experience

79. Personal factors that prevent you from working (further study, family, other...)

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80. I want a job that I enjoy and that pays a satisfactory salary

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81. A job requirement of mobility

End of survey