



Questionnaire for graduates of one- or two-year master programmes

Background

1. How old are you? Under 25 25-29 30-34 35-39 40 or older
2. Gender: _____
- 3a. Which of these degrees is your highest in the second cycle/graduate level?
 One-year master Two-year master
- b. What *one- or two-year master programme* did you take to get this degree? *If you based your degree entirely on free-standing courses and did not take a one-/two-year master programme, then you do not have to take part in the survey.*

- c. What year did you complete this education?
 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Other year, namely: _____
- d. What *specialisation*, if any, did you have in your master programme?

4. At what *department* did you mainly pursue your master programme?

5. At what higher-education institution did you mainly study for *your bachelor degree*?
 At the same institution as the master programme
 At another institution in Sweden
 At an institution outside Sweden, namely in (country): _____
6. Have you considered applying to a doctoral programme?
 No I have been a doctoral student but broken off my studies
 I've had plans but have never applied I'm studying for a doctoral degree
 I plan to apply I've completed my licentiate/doctorate education
 I applied but was not admitted
- 7a. Did you move to Sweden from another country specifically to pursue your master studies?
 Yes No
- b. Where did you mainly grow up? *Mark just one alternative*
 In Sweden In another country, namely: _____
8. Were your parents born in Sweden?
 Yes, both of them Yes, one of them None of them
9. What is your parents' highest level of education? *(If they have different levels, mark the highest).*
 Higher education Secondary education Primary education
 Other education, namely: _____

Your entry into the job market

10. Did you work *between* your bachelor degree and your master degree? (*Do not count summer/holiday jobs*)
- No
 Yes, mainly with work requiring higher education
 Yes, mainly with work *not requiring* higher education
11. After how many months did you get your *first job* after completing your master programme?
- I was on leave from my job during my studies and returned to the same employer afterward
 I found a job *before* I completed my programme
- 1 month or less 2-3 months 4-6 months 7-12 months More than 12 months
 I haven't found a job yet → **go on to question 16**
12. What level of education/degree *do you think* is adequate for your first job after your master programme?
- Primary
 Secondary
 Higher education (not doctoral programmes)
 Other post-secondary (not higher education)
 Doctoral education (licentiate/doctoral programmes)
13. Do you still have your first job after your master programme?
 Yes No
14. How do you consider the following items have helped you get your first job?
If you lack experience of any of the items, mark "No exp." (No experience)
- | | Not
at all | To some
extent | To a large
extent | No exp. |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| My thesis/degree project | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Internship/traineeship in programme | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Studies abroad | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mentor/alumni contacts during studies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Job-market days or the like at the University | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contact with teachers at the University | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contact with study/careers adviser at the University | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment <i>during</i> studies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other previous work experience | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engagement in student union activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engagement in <i>nation</i> or other student activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
15. For how long were you/have you been employed at your first job after you completed your master degree?
- 6 months or less 7-12 months 1-3 years More than 3 years
16. Have you been unemployed at any time since you completed your master degree?
 Yes No
- If* Yes: estimate the total period of unemployment: ca. _____ months

Current employment/activity

If you have a job but are on parental leave, leave of absence, sick leave, holiday, etc.—answer the questions below based on the last time you were working.

17. What is your current main employment/activity?
- Employed, full-time
 - Employed, part-time
 - Own company
 - Doctoral student
 - Studying at higher-education institution (not doctoral programme) → **go to question 32**
 - Looking for work → **go to question 32**
 - Other, namely: _____
18. How long have you had your current employment?
- 6 months or less
 - 7-12 months
 - 1-3 years
 - More than 3 years
19. What terms of employment do you currently have?
- Permanent employment (does not apply to those with own companies)
 - Own company
 - Limited-term employment: more than 6 months
 - Limited-term employment: 6 months or less
 - Other terms of employment, namely: _____
20. In your current employment do you have managerial responsibilities for leading and allocating the work of others?
- No
 - Yes, for 1 – 5 individuals
 - Yes, for 6 – 10 individuals
 - Yes, for more than 10 individuals
21. What level of education/degree do you consider is adequate for your current work?
- Primary
 - Secondary
 - Higher education (not doctoral programmes)
 - Other post-secondary (not higher education)
 - Doctoral education (licentiate/doctoral programmes)
22. How well do your current work tasks match your level of education?
- Too elementary
 - Somewhat too elementary
 - In line with my level of education
 - Somewhat too advanced
 - Too advanced
23. To what extent does your current work relate to the *subject area* for your master degree?
- The work is *entirely or largely* within the subject area
 - The work is *to some extent* within the subject area
 - The work is *in another* subject area

24. In what sector are you currently working?

- Public sector (e.g. state, municipal, county)
 Private sector
 Not-for-profit organisation
 International authority/organisation

Other, namely: _____

25. Where are you working?

Sweden

Other country, namely: _____

26. What is your position/professional title today? _____

27. Describe your main work tasks: _____

28. How much do you earn before tax in your current work?

(count up to full-time salary, count supplement for inconvenient hours, \$=USD)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 20 000 kr/month (Less than 3080 \$/month) | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 001-40 000 kr/month (5381-6150 \$/month) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 000-25 000 kr/month (3081-3850 \$/month) | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 001-45 000 kr/month (6151-6920 \$/month) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 001-30 000 kr/month (3851-4610 \$/month) | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 001-50 000 kr/month (6921-7690 \$/month) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 001-35 000 kr/month (4611-5380 \$/month) | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 50 000 kr/month (More than 7690 \$/month) |

29. If you would like to provide information, to the University and current students, about where alumni from your master programme may work, please state here *who your employer is* today.

Employer: _____

30. To what extent do your current *work tasks* require the following skills and knowledge:

	Not at all	To a small extent	To some extent	To a large extent	To a very large extent
Independently solve problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make critical judgements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Argue and persuade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explain to non-specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make written presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make oral presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communicate in English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make ethical judgements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Analyse international issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work on a team/collaborate with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep up with developments in the field of your education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apply scientific methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read and understand academic texts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Not at all	To a small extent	To some extent	To a large extent	To a very large extent
Carry out advanced assignments within given timeframes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify and formulate problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify and remedy your own knowledge gaps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Broad</i> knowledge of the subject area of your master programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>In-depth</i> knowledge of aspects of the subject area of your master programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-depth insights into current research and developmental work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. How satisfied are you with your current work?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Very dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> Rather dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfied or dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> Rather satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied	

Your one-/two-year master programme

32. How did you perceive the demands of your master programme in comparison with your previous studies at bachelor level in terms of:					
	Lower demands	Largely the same demands	Higher demands		
Independence/own responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Deeper insights and understanding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Degree of difficulty of studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Workload during studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
33. To what extent did the master programme <i>contribute to the development</i> of your skills and knowledge to:					
	Not at all	To a small extent	To some extent	To a large extent	To a very large extent
Independently solve problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make critical judgements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Argue and persuade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explain to non-specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Broad knowledge of the subject area of your master programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-depth knowledge of aspects of the subject area of your master programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-depth insights into current research and developmental work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

34a. Where was the emphasis placed in your master programme in terms of theoretical and applied/practical knowledge, respectively?

Emphasis on theoretical knowledge Emphasis on applied/practical knowledge

b. How satisfied are you with the balance in the programme's theoretical vs. applied/practical knowledge?

Very dissatisfied Rather dissatisfied Not satisfied or dissatisfied Rather satisfied Very satisfied

35a. Did you study in an internationally mixed group of students?

Yes No

b. *If Yes*, what was your experience? _____

36a. In what language was most of the instruction conducted in your master programme?

English

Swedish → *go on to question 37*

Other language → *go on to question 37*

b. If English, how did you perceive:

	Poor	Not good or poor	Good
- your own ability to communicate in English?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- other students' ability to communicate in English?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- your teachers' ability to communicate in English?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c. Please comment on your responses: _____

37. How satisfied are you with your master programme?

- Very dissatisfied Rather dissatisfied Not satisfied or dissatisfied Rather satisfied Very satisfied

38. Would you recommend others to take your master programme?

- Yes,
 Yes, perhaps
 No, probably not
 No
 Don't know

39. Describe the *strengths* and *weaknesses* of your master programme:

Strengths: _____

Weaknesses: _____

Thank you for participating!

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