

Graduate Student Exit Assessment Instrument

USP Program

Recent graduates are a very good source of knowledge about the program.

Now that you have completed the degree, we'd like to ask you for recommendations and comments on the USP program.

1. What changes would you like to see in the program? Please feel free to comment on any and all aspects of the program, including the courses and instruction, instructors, funding, research interests, administrative support, and the university generally.
2. How can we do a better job of preparing urban studies students in the future?
3. How satisfied were you with the content of *required* courses and seminars in the Urban Studies Program? What changes, if any, would you like to see with respect to the content of required courses?
4. How satisfied were you with the availability of *required* courses and seminars in the Urban Studies Program? What changes, if any, would you like to see with respect to the availability of required courses?
5. How satisfied were you with the variety of *elective* courses and seminars in the Urban Studies Program? What changes, if any, would you like to see with respect to the variety of elective courses?
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7. How satisfied are you with the accessibility of USP faculty members?

Progress Toward Degree

Sometimes graduate students are unable to progress in their program as rapidly as they would like, due to various factors. Sometimes these factors are outside the university, such as family obligations, demands of a job, or financial constraints. Sometimes these factors are related to the department or the university, such as lack of access to faculty, demands of a teaching or research position, or difficulty finalizing a paper/thesis/dissertation topic.

1. Were there any factors that prevented you from progressing as rapidly as you would have liked? If so, what were these factors?
2. Were there any factors that aided you in progressing through the program? If so, what were these factors?

Degree Preparation for Career Goals

1. Please comment on the extent to which the coursework in USP and the paper/thesis/dissertation you just completed have or have not prepared you with respect to meeting your career goals. Be specific; please include comments about additional coursework you would like to have seen offered, redundancies in the coursework that was required, and any other aspects of the program.
2. What kind of a job would you like to obtain (or have you obtained) post the completion of your degree?
3. Ideally, where would you like to be in your career 10 years from now?

Advice to Future Students

1. Now that you have finished your degree, what advice would you give to an incoming graduate student to Urban Studies? Please feel free to comment on any and all aspects of being a USP graduate student, including working with an advisor, working with paper/thesis/dissertation committees, planning coursework, progressing through the program, preparing for and doing prelim exams, finishing the paper/thesis/dissertation, and balancing graduate work with other life commitments.