

CGPSS 2010

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Results

- All 636 graduate students enrolled at Lakehead in 2009-2010 invited to participate
- Response rate 47% (297 responses) (ON 34%)
- Analysis on 3 subsets:
 - Master's thesis (n= 140) (*error +/- 6%, 95% CI*)
 - Master's professional (n=102) (*error +/- 8%, 95% CI*)
 - Doctoral (n=46) (*error +/- 10%, 95% CI*)
- Comparisons between:
 - 2007 and 2010
 - Lakehead and Ontario

General Satisfaction

Master's thesis	2010	Ontario	2007
Overall experience (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	86%	86%	84%
Select same university (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	66% ('07)	69%	55%
Recommend university (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	56%	60%	58%

Master's professional	2010	Ontario	2007
Overall experience (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	85%	86%	-
Select same university (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	71% (ON)	74%	-
Recommend university (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	66%	66%	-

Doctoral	2010	Ontario	2007
Overall experience (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	78%	85%	89%
Select same university (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	51% (ON)	68%	59%
Recommend university (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	49%	59%	52%

Percent of responding master's thesis, master's professional and doctoral students at Lakehead in 2010, Ontario in 2010 and Lakehead in 2007 who responded as indicated to the three general satisfaction questions. Significant differences are highlighted in green (positive) or red (negative) with the comparison group in brackets.

Satisfaction with Program

Master's thesis	2010	Ontario	2007
Quality of program (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	84%	86%	82%
Recommend university to those considering program (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	72% ('07)	76%	68%

Master's professional	2010	Ontario	2007
Quality of program (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	81%	85%	-
Recommend university to those considering program (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	73%	77%	-

Doctoral	2010	Ontario	2007
Quality of program (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	76% ('07)	85%	92%
Recommend university to those considering program (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	71%	73%	77%

Percent of responding master's thesis, master's professional and doctoral students at Lakehead in 2010, Ontario in 2010 and Lakehead in 2007 who responded as indicated to the two general satisfaction with program questions. Significant differences are highlighted in green (positive) or red (negative) with the comparison group in brackets.

Satisfaction with Program

Specific items:

Master's thesis	2010	Ontario	2007
Availability of courses to complete program <i>(excellent, very good, good)</i>	63% <i>(ON, '07)</i>	73%	73%
Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work <i>(excellent, very good, good)</i>	66% ('07)	72%	77%

Doctoral	2010	Ontario	2007
Opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work <i>(excellent, very good, good)</i>	64% ('07)	71%	84%

Percent of responding master's thesis and doctoral students at Lakehead in 2010, Ontario in 2010 and Lakehead in 2007 who responded as indicated to selected satisfaction with program questions. Significant differences are highlighted in green (positive) or red (negative) with the comparison group in brackets.

Satisfaction with Advisor

Master's thesis	2010	Ontario	2007
Overall performed role well (<i>strongly agree, agree</i>)	91% ('07)	90%	86%
Select same advisor (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	77% ('07)	72%	76%

Doctoral	2010	Ontario	2007
Overall performed role well (<i>strongly agree, agree</i>)	93%	89%	85%
Select same advisor (<i>definitely, probably</i>)	87% ('07)	74%	71%

Percent of responding master's thesis and doctoral students at Lakehead in 2010, Ontario in 2010 and Lakehead in 2007 who responded as indicated to two satisfaction with advisor questions. Significant differences are highlighted in green (positive) or red (negative) with the comparison group in brackets.

Satisfaction w/ Teaching + Learning

Master's thesis	2010	Ontario	2007
Academic experience (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	86%	88%	83%
Quality of graduate level teaching by faculty (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	88%	88%	85%
Quality of instruction (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	85%	88%	86%
Intellectual quality of students (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	89%	92%	88%

Master's professional	2010	Ontario	2007
Academic experience (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	87%	88%	-
Quality of graduate level teaching by faculty (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	87%	88%	-
Quality of instruction (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	87%	89%	-
Intellectual quality of students (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	85%	90%	-

Satisfaction w/ Teaching + Learning

Doctoral	2010	Ontario	2007
Academic experience (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	78% (ON)	88%	92%
Quality of graduate level teaching by faculty (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	74% (ON, '07)	86%	95%
Quality of instruction (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	76% (ON)	86%	96%
Intellectual quality of students (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	93%	91%	89%

Percent of responding master's thesis, master's professional and doctoral students at Lakehead in 2010, Ontario in 2010 and Lakehead in 2007 who responded as indicated to four teaching and learning questions. Significant differences are highlighted in green (positive) or red (negative) with the comparison group in brackets.

Research Experience

Master's thesis	2010	Ontario	2007
Conducting independent research (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	87% (ON, '07)	81%	81%
Training in research methods (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	77%	66%	76%
Research collaboration with faculty (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	82%	74%	78%
Master's professional	2010	Ontario	2007
Conducting independent research (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	73%	74%	-
Training in research methods (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	78% (ON)	68%	-
Research collaboration with faculty (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	-	-	-
Doctoral	2010	Ontario	2007
Conducting independent research (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	89%	83%	92%
Training in research methods (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	86% (ON)	65%	77%
Research collaboration with faculty (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	85%	73%	89%

Percent of responding master's thesis, master's professional and doctoral students at Lakehead in 2010, Ontario in 2010 and Lakehead in 2007 who responded as indicated to three research experience questions. Significant differences are highlighted in green (positive) or red (negative) with the comparison group in brackets.

Quality of Facilities

Master's thesis	2010	Ontario	2007
Library (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	82% (ON)	89%	82%
Student office space (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	56% (ON)	71%	63%
Research laboratories (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	68% (ON)	81%	70%

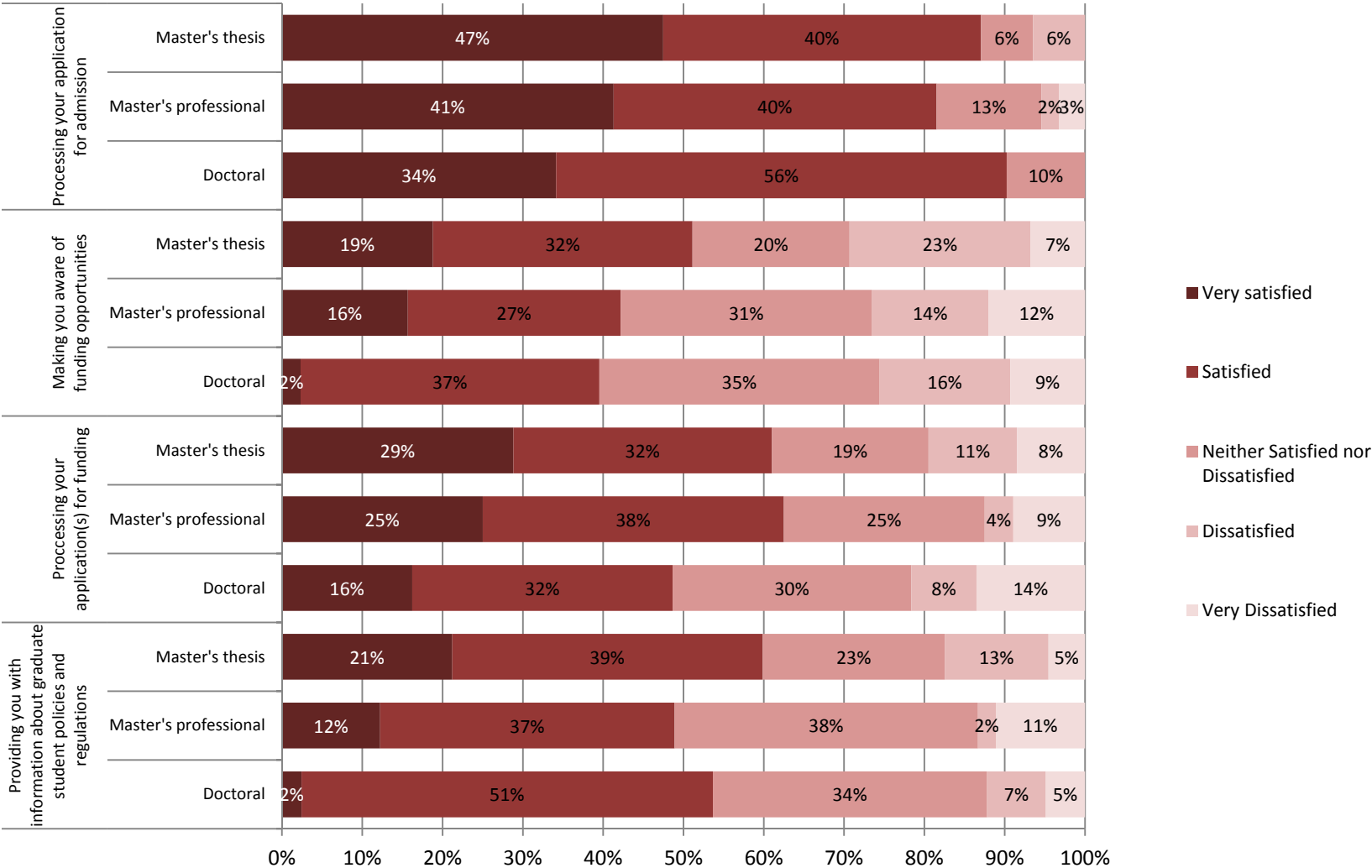
Master's professional	2010	Ontario	2007
Library (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	78% (ON)	91%	-
Student office space (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	50% (ON)	72%	-
Research laboratories (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	60%	76%	-

Doctoral	2010	Ontario	2007
Library (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	93%	90%	77%
Student office space (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	44% (ON)	68%	43%
Research laboratories (<i>excellent, very good, good</i>)	63% (ON)	80%	44%

Percent of responding master's thesis, master's professional and doctoral students at Lakehead in 2010, Ontario in 2010 and Lakehead in 2007 who responded as indicated to three 'quality of facility' questions. Significant differences are highlighted in green (positive) or red (negative) with the comparison group in brackets.

Satisfaction with Graduate Studies Office

Satisfaction with various functions of the Office of Graduate Studies



Overview

- Master's – doing well
- Doctoral – some improvement needed
- Excellence in thesis supervisors
- Excellence in research experience
- Areas for improvement: facilities

Questions?

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