



## Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES)

2018

### School of Informatics

#### 1. Overall Summary

	2017	2018
Overall Satisfaction	75%	78%
No. of Responses	239	139
Population	357	333
Response Rate %	67%	42%

#### 2. Results by Primary Theme, % Agree

Primary Theme	2017	2018	+/-
Teaching and Learning	74%	77%	3%
Engagement	67%	70%	3%
Assessment and Feedback	66%	63%	-3%
Dissertation or Major Project	82%	80%	-2%
Organisation and Management	67%	64%	-3%
Resources and Services	86%	87%	1%
Skills Development	73%	76%	3%
Academic Community	69%	62%	-7%
Overall Satisfaction	75%	78%	3%
Personal Tutor	68%	65%	-3%

### 3. Results by Primary Theme & Question, % Agree

Primary Theme	Question text	PTES 2017	PTES 2018	+/-
Teaching and Learning	Staff are good at explaining things	78%	80%	2%
Teaching and Learning	Staff are enthusiastic about what they are teaching	81%	88%	7%
Teaching and Learning	The course is intellectually stimulating	85%	90%	5%
Teaching and Learning	The course has enhanced my academic ability	87%	91%	4%
Teaching and Learning	The learning materials provided on my course are useful	75%	80%	5%
Teaching and Learning	There is sufficient contact time (face to face and/or virtual/online) between staff and students to support effective learning	52%	51%	-1%
Teaching and Learning	I am happy with the support for my learning I receive from staff on my course	60%	61%	1%
Engagement	I am encouraged to ask questions or make contributions in taught sessions (face to face and/or online)	75%	80%	5%
Engagement	The course has created sufficient opportunities to discuss my work with other students (face to face and/or online)	64%	66%	2%
Engagement	My course has challenged me to produce my best work	80%	82%	2%
Engagement	The workload on my course has been manageable	51%	57%	6%
Engagement	I have appropriate opportunities to give feedback on my experience	63%	67%	4%
Assessment and Feedback	The criteria used in marking have been made clear in advance	63%	68%	5%
Assessment and Feedback	Assessment arrangements and marking have been fair	72%	75%	3%
Assessment and Feedback	Feedback on my work has been prompt	65%	48%	-17%
Assessment and Feedback	Feedback on my work (written or oral) has been useful	66%	59%	-7%
Dissertation or Major Project	I understand the required standards for the dissertation / major project	79%	79%	0%
Dissertation or Major Project	I am happy with the support I received for planning my dissertation / major project (topic selection, project outline, literature search, etc)	74%	77%	3%
Dissertation or Major Project	My supervisor has the skills and subject knowledge to adequately support my dissertation / major project	88%	85%	-3%
Dissertation or Major Project	My supervisor provides helpful feedback on my progress	86%	80%	-6%
Organisation and Management	The timetable fits well with my other commitments	70%	76%	6%
Organisation and Management	Any changes in the course or teaching have been communicated effectively	76%	68%	-8%
Organisation and Management	The course is well organised and is running smoothly	73%	60%	-13%
Organisation and Management	I was given appropriate guidance and support when I started my course	65%	60%	-5%
Organisation and Management	I am encouraged to be involved in decisions about how my course is run	50%	57%	7%
Resources and Services	The library resources and services are good enough for my needs (including physical and online)	87%	86%	-1%
Resources and Services	I have been able to access general IT resources (including physical and online) when I needed to	89%	92%	3%
Resources and Services	I have been able to access subject specific resources (e.g. equipment, facilities, software) necessary for my studies	86%	91%	5%
Resources and Services	I am aware of how to access the support services at my institution (e.g. health, finance, careers, accommodation)	83%	78%	-5%
Skills Development	As a result of the course I am more confident about independent learning	82%	85%	3%
Skills Development	My confidence to be innovative or creative has developed during my course	72%	74%	2%
Skills Development	My research skills have developed during my course	84%	85%	1%

Primary Theme	Question text	PTES 2017	PTES 2018	+/-
Skills Development	My ability to communicate information effectively to diverse audiences has developed during my course	63%	67%	4%
Skills Development	I have been encouraged to think about what skills I need to develop for my career	65%	69%	4%
Skills Development	As a result of the course I feel better prepared for my future career	70%	73%	3%
Academic Community	I feel part of an academic community in the University of Edinburgh	69%	62%	-7%
Overall Satisfaction	Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of the course	75%	78%	3%
Personal Tutor	I am satisfied with the support provided by my Personal Tutor	68%	65%	-3%