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# FSV UK Welcome Week for PhD Students - 2021



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Results from the  
September 2021 Survey  
about PhD Studies at our  
Faculty



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# Basics

## PhD programmes (all both in English and Czech)

[Economics and Finance](#)

[Media and Communication Studies](#)

[Area Studies](#)

[Modern History](#)

[Political Science](#)

[International Relations](#)

[Sociology](#)

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## 5 Centers for Doctoral Studies (CDS)

# Basics

**On 31st September 2020 - new data come each year in October – we had:**

**541 PhD students**

**Just 66% of this number were evaluated**

**14% of students at programmes in English  
(Charles University had 4%)**

# Survey summary

**283 potential respondents**

**85 responses**

**(last year 288, 42)**

	<b>this year</b>	<b>last year</b>
<b>IES</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>IKSŽ</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>IMS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>IPS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>ISS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>?</b>	<b>1</b>	

**77 full time, 8 in the combined form**

# Survey summary

## When did you start your studies?

<b>2013</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>26</b>

## Survey summary

### Why did you decide to study in a doctoral programme?

"Interest in scientific or research professions"	41
"Interest in teaching profession"	6
"Being active in a scientific field that is interesting for me"	17
"Better outlooks for professional carrier neither in academic nor scientific or research profession"	12
"Not having a clear idea about my future job"	6
"Difficulty to find a job"	1
"Possibility of a flexible way of life"	0
"Condition for getting a job"	0
„Other reason“	2



## Survey summary

**How important is for you now to finish successfully your PhD. studies? (5 grade scale, from 1 very important to 5 absolutely unimportant)**

<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

## Survey summary

### Which profession would you prefer after finishing your studies?

"In an academic or research institution"	45
"In the public or nonprofit sector except of academic or research institutions"	17
"In the private sector except of academic or research institutions"	5
"I do not have clear preferences"	18

## Survey summary

**Do you plan to work in a profession linked with your field of study after finishing your studies?**

"Yes, directly linked"	55
"In a related profession"	25
"I do not have clear preferences"	5

## Survey summary

### Which of the following activities has been the most problematic for you?

"teaching activities"	10
"preparing grant applications"	12
"long term stages abroad"	9
"research beyond the dissertation research"	3
"publishing"	40
"other"	11

## Survey summary

Please estimate how many hours weekly have you on average spent with you PhD. studies in this academic year?

"less than 20 hours"	32
"between 20 and 40 hours"	41
"more than 40 hours"	12

# Survey summary

Your PhD studies are for you:

“too demanding”	4
“demanding”	46
“neither demanding nor ease”	33
“easy”	2
“too easy”	0

## Survey summary

How often have you been in direct contact (skyping, videoconferencing or similar included) with your supervisor in this academic year?

	this year	last year
“at least once in two weeks”	20	9
“less than once in two months”	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>
"in-between"	33	21

## Survey summary

How often have you been in direct contact (skyping, videoconferencing or similar included) with some other PhD. student of your study programme in this academic year?

	this year	last year
"at least once in two weeks"	37	21
"less than once in two months"	29	11
"in-between"	19	10



## Survey summary

How often have you been in direct contact (skyping, videoconferencing or similar included) with other researchers at the institute your PhD. programme is affiliated with in this academic year?

	this year	last year
"at least once in two weeks"	13	11
"less than once in two months"	<b>43</b>	<b>23</b>
"in-between"	29	9

# Survey summary

## How got you assigned your supervisor?

"Supervisor contacted me with an offer to write a dissertation under her\his supervision"	7
"I found my supervisor myself"	59
"My supervisor was assigned to me without the possibility for me to influence her\his choice"	14
"Other"	5

# Survey summary

The main affiliation of your supervisor is:

"FSV UK"	73
"Other institution than FSV UK"	12
"I do not know"	0

# Survey summary

What is your satisfaction with your supervisor concerning her/his advises in writing your dissertation?

	this year	last year
"Very high"	39	12
"High"	18	16
"Neither high nor low"	22	8
"Low"	5	4
"Very low"	1	2

# Survey summary

What is your satisfaction with your supervisor's feedback concerning your study and research activities?

	this year	last year
"Very high"	39	14
"High"	20	17
"Neither high nor low"	20	6
"Low"	6	2
"Very low"	0	3

## Survey summary

What is your satisfaction with your supervisor's advice concerning your publication activities?

	this year	last year
"Very high"	33	14
"High"	20	13
"Neither high nor low"	16	8
"Low"	16	5
"Very low"	0	2

## Survey summary

What is your satisfaction with your supervisor concerning her/his intermediation in getting resources or opportunities (contacts, grants, stages abroad etc.)?

	this year	last year
"Very high"	33	18
"High"	16	10
"Neither high nor low"	26	5
"Low"	8	5
"Very low"	2	4

# Survey summary

What is your overall satisfaction with your supervisor?

	this year	last year
"Very high"	38	14
"High"	22	16
"Neither high nor low"	25	6
"Low"	0	4
"Very low"	0	2



# Survey summary

What is your overall satisfaction with your supervisor?

(average, 1 best, 5 worst ) number of students

<b>Economics</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Media Studies</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Int. Territorial Studies</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>International Relations</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Political Studies</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Sociology</b>	<b>1.63</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Publis and Soc. Policy</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>84</b>

# Survey summary

Have you got enough time, with respect to your other duties, for your PhD. studies?

	this year	last year
"Definitely Yes"	5	3
"Yes"	30	14
"Neither Yes nor No"	19	11
"No"	22	7
"Definitely No"	9	7

# Survey summary

How do you see your chance to finish successfully your PhD. studies?

	this year	last year
"Very high"	26	9
"High"	31	19
"Neither high nor low"	21	10
"Low"	6	3
"Very low"	1	1

# Survey summary

How have you been satisfied with your PhD. studies until now?

	This year	Last year
“Very satisfied”	17	8
“Satisfied”	40	20
“Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied”	20	6
“Dissatisfied”	7	7
“Very dissatisfied”	1	1

# Survey summary

How have you been satisfied with your PhD. studies until now?

(average, 1 best, 5 worst ) number of students

<b>Economics</b>	<b>2.26</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Media Studies</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Int. Territorial Studies</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>International Relations</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Political Studies</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Sociology</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Public and Soc. Policy</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>84</b>

# Survey summary

## Students' suggestions – Economics

- More frequent interactions among students

# Survey summary

## Students' suggestions – Media Studies

- More frequent interactions among students
- Financial Problems
- Better Information about Courses
- Training of Supervisors
- And some others

# Survey summary

## Students' suggestions – International Territorial Studies

- Financial Problems
- Publication Policy too Demanding
- Better Information about Research Possibilities
- Training of Supervisors
- And some others



# Survey summary

## Students' suggestions – International Relations

- Better Information about Additional Sources of Financing
- Better Information about the Structure of the Programme

# Survey summary

## Students' suggestions – Political Science

- Financial Problems
- Increased Support for Administrative Staff
- And some others

# Survey summary

## Students' suggestions – Sociology

- Financial and Time Problems
- Better practical information about grant applications, conferences e.t.c.

# Survey summary

## Students' suggestions – Public and Social Policy

- Financial Problems
- Better practical information about grant applications, conferences e.t.c. – in English
- Frequency of meetings with supervisor
- And some others



Thank you



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