



Summary

The results of the survey are presented on the following pages. Throughout the report, the report is divided into topics where enough people responded (political science and war studies) and others.

Reporting of results

The answers to the questions are mainly illustrated in four different ways, depending on which way is best suited for each question. The most common illustration is made up of tables with proportions (%). When these are used, the shares are summed up by column. On the following pages, there are also bar charts, pie charts and stacked bar charts. Stacked bar charts appear when illustrating questions where the answer alternative consists of a scale (e.g. 1–5). In order for the doctoral students to remain anonymous, statistics based on responses from only five or fewer doctoral students are not presented.

Background questions

The majority of those who responded to the survey (57%) state that they studied at a different university in order to be eligible for doctoral education than at the Swedish Defence University.

Doctoral education design

Compared to 2021, the results are at a similar level. A third of the respondents (34%) consider that the advance information on the content and structure of doctoral education has been satisfactory. Furthermore, half of the respondents state that the introduction they received met their expectations, and 37% agree that they have received a good overview of their rights and obligations as doctoral students at the department.

When comparing the groups, it appears that Political Science is more satisfied with the preliminary information than other subjects. "Other subjects" are the group that is most satisfied with the introduction and preliminary information.

The majority (97%) conduct their doctoral education individually, and 77% think that the requirements are reasonable. However, 25% of doctoral students in Political Science believe that the requirements are too high.

70% of doctoral students work more than 40 hours a week on their studies, with men working more than 45 hours than women.

Doctoral education and supervision

Most feel that supervisors show interest in their work and give constructive criticism (83%). However, discussions about method, theory and literature have decreased compared to 2021, where 37–53% feel that this happens to a small or very small extent.

Differences between the groups show that 25% of doctoral students in Political Science receive supervision from "other", which is an increase since 2021 and differs from other subjects.

Quality and range of doctoral education

69% think that the course quality is good, and 55% think that the balance between course credits and thesis work is good. At the same time,

the doctoral students feel that the course offerings do not meet their needs or are relevant to the thesis work. In general, satisfaction with the quality and range has decreased since 2021.

Activities of doctoral education

The survey shows that a large proportion of doctoral students (77%) have participated in national or international conferences. 60% have presented their research in publications and conferences. A smaller proportion (30%) have presented their research in a popular science context.

The social environment of doctoral education

65% think the training is positive and stimulating, and 56% think the requirements are clear. On the other hand, many lack participation in their subject or institution, and 62% do not consider the seminar activities to be stimulating.

Compared to 2021, the results are at a similar level.

The doctoral environment at the Swedish Defence University

The doctoral students experience a good study social environment and good conditions for exchange with other doctoral students, but some believe that access to relevant seminars, courses and conferences is insufficient.

Compared to 2021, the results are at a similar level.

Action

There have been negative discrimination, including from other doctoral students, supervisors and by teachers or other teaching staff.

Outlook

A majority (66%) of doctoral students want to work at the Swedish Defence University in the future. 60% of doctoral students state that they would not want to work in the Armed Forces in the future.

43% of doctoral students do not feel worried about unemployment after graduation, while 23% state a high degree of concern. At the same time, a significant proportion (43%) believe that they will find research-related work relatively quickly after completing their education.

Women experience greater concern about unemployment compared to men, and doctoral students in Political Science are more concerned than doctoral students in other subjects.

Compared to 2021, fewer people state that they are not worried about unemployment at all, but also fewer who state that they are very worried.

Family and future

59% feel that parental leave is generally accepted, but women more often than men feel that acceptance is low. 63% of women compared to 18% of men state this. This shows gender differences in the experience.

Compared to 2021, a larger proportion have stated that acceptance is low.