Graduate Student Life at Purdue

Statistics of the Population, Workload, and Challenges
Graduate Admissions
2014 Applicants: 17,056
2014 Admitted: 4,196
Total Enrolled: 8,568
New Students: 1,760
Continuing Students: 6,808
Incoming Mean GPA: 3.47/4.0
Statistics

Demographics
Average Age: 28.5
States/Territories: 52
(D.C. and Puerto Rico)
Countries Represented: 114
Graduate Students with Children: 8-10%
Statistics

**Students**
Master’s: 3,802  
Doctoral: 4,443  
Other: 323

**Funding**
Overall Full-Time Students Receiving 
Funding: 71%  
Students on Assistantships: 52%
Atmosphere

- Heavily dependent upon major professor. Funding relies on research.

- Some departments employ ranking system to award funding.

- Consistently in contact with same Graduate Students in department.
## Graduate Student Salaries

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Working Hours

- Number of hours worked per week normally exceed 20 hours.

- Impossible to track number of hours worked.

- Must be balanced with course work.
Classes- Qualitative Methods

Classes-Theories and Practice of Justice in IP

Sen, Parts I and II, “The Demands of Justice,” and “Forms of Reasoning,” chs. 1-6 and 7-10 of The Idea of Justice [τ] [LR], pp. 1-221
Getting the Masters/PhD.

Coursework

Masters Exam/Thesis

Preliminary Exams- Questions over period of time/publishable articles.

Oral Examinations

Prospectus

Dissertation: 200-300 pages of original research approved by committee of faculty.
### Spring Semester - 2nd Year

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Total Credits: 18
Other Challenges

-Publishing in peer reviewed articles nearly a requirement for employment.

-Strong pressure to seek academic employment after graduation.

-Applying to positions for employment.

-Family life.

-Challenges being away from home country.
Thank you!

- Child Care Grant
- Grad Healthcare and the ACA
- Grad Appointments to City Commissions
- Grad Space Fully Operational
- Veterinary Student Changeover from PSG to PGSG