

National Student Survey

The National Student Survey is a nationally recognised annual survey of mostly final year undergraduates in the UK. The survey provides students with an invaluable opportunity to give their opinions on what they liked about their time at the University of Birmingham as well as things that they felt could have been improved.

The NSS includes questions, relating to the following aspects of the student learning experience: teaching, assessment and feedback, academic support, organisation, learning resources, personal development, overall satisfaction, and the students' union. Students are asked to respond to each question using a 5-point scale from 'Definitely agree' (5) to 'Definitely disagree' (1).

Survey results

Our students have given us a 98% satisfaction rate in 2014 and this reflects our consistent position over many years as having one of the best results across the board for physics in the National Student Survey of any university. The latest NSS survey data can be found on [Unistats \(http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/\)](http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/) where easy comparison with other physics departments can be made.

Question 22: Overall Satisfaction

('Overall I am satisfied with the quality of my course')

University	Q22: Overall Satisfaction	Rank in Russell Group
Birmingham	4.69	1
Sheffield	4.57	2
Liverpool	4.47	3
Cardiff	4.47	3
Southampton	4.47	3
Oxford	4.42	6
Durham	4.41	7
Nottingham	4.39	8
Manchester	4.39	8
York	4.36	10
Glasgow	4.35	11
Queen Mary London	4.34	12
King's College London	4.28	13
Imperial College London	4.26	14
Warwick	4.26	14
Bristol	4.24	16
Queen's Belfast	4.22	17

University	College London	4.16	18
Exeter		4.15	19
Leeds		4.14	20
Edinburgh		4.01	21

Question 21: As a result of the course, I feel confident in tackling unfamiliar problems.

University		Q1-21 Average	Rank in Russell Group
Birmingham		4.45	1
Sheffield		4.30	2
Queen's Belfast		4.26	3
Cardiff		4.25	4
Oxford		4.22	5
Manchester		4.21	6
Durham		4.21	6
Nottingham		4.19	8
Queen Mary London		4.19	8
Exeter		4.17	10
Southampton		4.17	10
York		4.15	12
Warwick		4.14	13
Liverpool		4.13	14
Glasgow		4.11	15
King's College London		4.11	15
Imperial College London		4.08	17
Bristol		4.07	18

Leeds	4.01	19
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University College London	3.94	20
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Edinburgh	3.88	21
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