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Interdisciplinary
Doctoral Programme
in the Humanities
and Social Sciences

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General information



The basic goals of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme in the Humanities and Social Sciences are:

- To acquire a thorough understanding of a wider research field and to excel in research in their specific field.
- To become capable of mature, independent and critical thinking.
- To develop original approaches to research problems.
- To learn how to be independent in creating new knowledge and learning how to transmit that knowledge.
- To develop a high level of academic and research ethics.

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**"The advance of knowledge is
an infinite progression toward
a goal that forever recedes."**

**– James George Frazer
(1854–1941)**

The duration of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, is 4 years (240 ECTS credits) and represents the third level of the Bologna cycle. The programme meets all the criteria for doctoral studies established by the European University Association. This enables the direct inclusion of programme components in international exchanges with universities from other countries using the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

The programme consists of organised classes (60 ECTS credits) and individual research work for the doctoral dissertation (180 ECTS credits).

The ultimate goal is an accomplished doctoral student, who excels in research, whose results are internationally verified and who is capable of engaging in high quality independent research. In view of the needs reported by higher education and research institutions, primary and secondary education, cultural institutions, public institutes, economic bodies, and various state and non-governmental organisations employing social-sciences graduates, the present doctoral programme, The Humanities and Social Sciences, provides for basic and applied research, independent scientific, research and teaching work and various other types of work requiring a top-level education and the ability to produce and apply new knowledge in different fields of the humanities and social sciences.



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Study fields and coordinating institutions

The doctoral programme in the Humanities and Social Sciences is a joint programme for all of the social science and humanities subjects fostered by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Arts. The programme retains and upgrades all the aspects of previous forms of doctoral studies which have provided optimal quality of student research work by complementing them with elements to further improve their quality. It emphasises the connection between study and research, cooperation among institutions, the European mobility of students and teachers, and the development of interdisciplinary and innovative approaches to study and research.

The doctoral programme leads to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 64 subject fields.

Fields coordinated by the Faculty of Arts:
Fields coordinated by the
Faculty of Social Sciences:
Fields coordinated by
the Academy of Music:

Fields coordinated by the Academy
of Theatre, Radio, Film and Television:
Fields coordinated by the Faculty of
Arts and the Faculty of Social Sciences:

Field coordinated by the Faculty of Arts,
the Faculty of Social Sciences and the
Faculty of Theology:

Field coordinated by the
Academy of Fine Arts and Design:

Field coordinated by the
Faculty of Social Work:

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Structure of the programme

The structure of the programme is designed to emphasise organised study in the first year and at the beginning of the second year, while the later emphasis is on research and the preparation of the doctoral dissertation.

Year I: 60 ECTS, (organised forms 40 ECTS)

Compulsory core course I – 10 ECTS

Compulsory core course II – 10 ECTS

Elective seminar course I – 10 ECTS

Elective seminar course II – 10 ECTS

Research work (Preparation of the doctoral dissertation topic) – 20 ECTS

Year II: 60 ECTS, (organised forms 10 ECTS)

External course - 10 ECTS

Research work: Elaboration of the doctoral dissertation topic – 15 ECTS, Registration and public presentation of the doctoral dissertation topic – 15 ECTS, Work on the original scientific paper - 20 ECTS

Year III: 60 ECTS

Individual research work - 60 ECTS

Year IV: 60 ECTS, (organised forms 10 ECTS)

Research work: Work on the doctoral dissertation and the original scientific paper – 50 ECTS

Presentation of the results of the research work before the defence of the doctoral dissertation in front of a Committee to monitor the doctoral student – 5 ECTS
Public defence of the doctoral dissertation – 5 ECTS

Course presentation

Compulsory core courses

Compulsory core courses are basic methodological and theoretical courses, compulsory for all students enrolled in individual programme fields; students register 20 ECTS of courses upon agreement with their supervisor. Courses are implemented in an organised way, which is adjusted according to the number of students. Individual fields can form more core courses if needed. Related fields can offer joint core courses to facilitate their implementation.

External courses

External courses are electives enabling inter-institutional and international mobility. In agreement with the student's supervisor and in line with the doctoral dissertation proposal, the student selects course(s) worth 10 ECTS from outside the institution at which he/she is enrolled.

Doctoral seminars

Doctoral seminars direct students towards their selected study field, confirmed by the doctoral dissertation proposal. Every year faculties provide for the preparation and implementation of elective seminar courses, adjusted to students' specific fields of study or the doctoral dissertation proposal. They are implemented as elective seminar courses for restricted groups of students from the same field, or as individual work with students. Such a design provides for the highest level of flexibility, a tailor-made approach that meets individual student needs adjusted to research interests and enables prompt integration of the latest research findings and topical issues. Upon agreement with the supervisor and in line with the research topic of the doctoral dissertation, students select seminars worth 20 ECTS. They are implemented as organised forms of study; implementation depends upon the number of students.

Original scientific paper

Upon the submission of doctoral dissertation student also submits the published original scientific paper. If the original scientific paper has not yet been published, the student shall submit a proof of the editorial office that his original scientific paper has been accepted for publication.

Presentation of the preliminary results of the research work

When the research work is in its final phase the student submits a draft version of the doctoral dissertation and presents the research results, with an emphasis on the main findings and contribution to academic research.

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Conditions for progression

The completion of 40 ECTS in organised forms of study are required for progression to the 2nd year of study.

The completion of 10 ECTS in organised forms of study and a positive assessment of the suitability of the topic of doctoral dissertation by the Committee to monitor the doctoral student confirmed by the Senate of the member faculty of the University of Ljubljana are required for enrolment in the 3rd year of study.

Condition for progression into the 4th year is the topic of the doctoral dissertation confirmed by the Senate of the UL.

The fourth year is devoted to individual research work, preparation of the scientific paper, presentation of the results of the research work and preparation and defence of the doctoral dissertation.



YEAR I	40 ECTS – Organised forms of study	YEAR II
YEAR II	10 ECTS – Organised forms of study + The positive assessment of the suitability of the topic of doctoral dissertation by the committee to monitor the doctoral student confirmed by the member faculty of University of Ljubljana	YEAR III
YEAR III	The topic of the doctoral dissertation confirmed by the senate of the UL.	YEAR IV
YEAR IV	All obligations (organised forms of study) completed (50 ECTS) + Original scientific paper + Presentation of the results of the research work before the defence of the doctoral dissertation + Public defence of the doctoral dissertation	PROGRAMME CONCLUSION

Students who have already completed a pre-Bologna masters degree (science) and who upon registration, in line with the Higher Education Act, are credited with 60 ECTS may, in line with the Criteria for Transfer between Study Programmes, enrol directly in the second year, if all the obligations of the first year of study have been recognised.

"A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say."

– Italo Calvino, writer

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Admission requirements

The doctoral programme in the Humanities and Social Sciences is open for the enrolment of graduates from:

- 2nd cycle study programmes.
- Study programmes leading to a university degree (adopted prior to June 11, 2004).
- Study programmes leading to a specialisation (adopted prior to June 11, 2004), following a previously completed higher education study programme; upon the proposal of a field coordinator responsible for the doctoral programme, a competent body of a member faculty determines study obligations worth 30 to 60 ECTS needed for enrolment in the third level doctoral programme.
- Study programmes leading to a master's degree or a specialisation (adopted prior to June 11, 2004) following the completion of a first degree; upon the proposal of a field coordinator responsible for the doctoral programme, a competent body of a member faculty acknowledges study obligations to the value of at least 60 ECTS, thus enabling enrolment in a third level doctoral programme.
- Study programmes regulated by EU directives, or any other uniform Master's Degree Programme with an equivalent of 300 ECTS.



- Students who finished equivalent education abroad meet the conditions for enrolment in doctoral study. Equivalence of formerly obtained education abroad is ascertained through the process of verification of foreign education, in compliance with the Statute of the University of Ljubljana.

Before registration it is necessary to get the supervisor's agreement.

Criteria for selection of students

Criteria for selection in the case of enrolment restrictions.

- Success (grade-point average) in the following (50%):
 - 2nd cycle study programmes
 - Existing study programmes leading to university degrees
 - Existing study programmes leading to a specialisation, following a previously completed first degree
 - Existing study programmes leading to a masters degree or specialisation after the completion of a university degree,
 - study programmes regulated by EU directives, or any other uniform Master's Degree Programme with an equivalent of 300 ECTS.
- result of the exam in the chosen field of study (50%).

Upon the approval of the coordinator, an appropriate faculty member responsible for the doctoral study decides the applicant's suitability.

Application for enrolment

The candidates must submit the application for enrolment in the interdisciplinary doctoral programme in the Humanities and Social Sciences by the deadline as set in the call for applications online via the eVŠ online portal (<http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava/>).

Detailed instructions for filling out the form are also available on the above website.

The procedure for recognition of foreign higher education credentials or diplomas for admission to the doctoral study programmes starts with the application for study in Slovenia. The procedure is conducted by the authorised person at Faculty of Arts.

Guidance through the application and the required evidence is available on the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, and Faculty of Arts web-sites.



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