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The Doctoral College of Political and Administrative Sciences
Programme of the Doctoral School at the University of Wrocław



PhD Programme in Political and Administrative Sciences

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Why Poland?

Why Wrocław?

Why the University of Wrocław?

- As a rapidly growing economic leader of Central Europe and a leading innovation hub, Poland is a great place both to study and develop your future career. And Wrocław, as a city that has a long tradition of academic excellence and is a leader in terms of employment, is indeed worthy of your consideration.
- The University of Wrocław, with its rich and over 300-year long history, is a centre for scientific, intellectual and cultural life. Ten Faculties offer a broad range of courses in over forty areas of studies, and have over eight thousand graduates every year.
- The Institute of Political Science at the Faculty of Social Sciences is among the leading political science research and education centres in Poland. The four-year PhD course in political and administrative sciences is its attractive new educational offering, accompanied as it is by the possibility of winning a generous scholarship. The course will start in the academic year 2019/2020 and will take place as a part of the Doctoral College of Political and Administrative Sciences at the University of Wrocław. We believe it will be a rewarding step in your career supported by personalised tutoring!



Welcome!

It is a great honour for me to welcome you to the Institute of Political Science and the PhD Programme in Political and Administrative Sciences. I believe Wrocław and our institution will be conducive to your intellectual blossoming. I am also convinced that the journey through the world of the political and administrative sciences may be profitable for both sides, since we can offer you our experience and our commitment to the highest academic standards and you may inspire us to change our scientific approach.



These mutual gains will be determined by “a transparent contractual framework of shared responsibilities between doctoral candidates, supervisors and the institution”, which was one of the conclusions from the Bologna seminar in Salzburg in 2005 is an ideal promoted by the European University Association.

I believe you will meet here enthusiastic people whose passion will affect your attitude but I hope also that by joining us you will enrich our community with your own ideas.

I look forward to meeting you here!

Piotr Sula

Vice Director of the Institute of Political Science
for Research and International Cooperation
and the Programme coordinator.



General Information

- a four year full-time doctoral programme (eight semesters) at the College of Political and Administrative Sciences of the Doctoral School at the University of Wrocław
- an interdisciplinary programme: political science with elements of sociology, philosophy, international relations and communication studies
- 345 hours of doctoral curriculum (414 hours for foreigners including the Polish language course) and 15-180 hours of teaching internship

- both general university subjects: law, ethics of scientific research, didactical methods at academic institutions; and subjects closely related to the respective disciplines: theories of international relations, political institutions in democratic and non-democratic regimes, cooperation between science and its socio-economic environment
- scientific support at every stage of the studies
- lecturers with various research interests, with different scientific experiences, and open to collaboration
- teaching internship with international students
- an opportunity to gain experience in international scientific collaboration
- the possibility to improve communication and managerial skills within an international environment
- no tuition fees

Candidate's profile

The Programme is addressed to foreign candidates with an MA degree, and with a good knowledge of English (at least at C1 level) confirmed by a valid language certificate. A candidate cannot be a graduate of a master's programme completed at a Polish institution, or a doctoral student pursuing a PhD programme at a Polish institution or an applicant for a doctor's degree in extramural mode. In addition, candidates must fulfill the procedural and administrative conditions set for all doctoral candidates at the University of Wrocław.

The best participants in doctoral comparative studies in politics and administration enrolled in the academic year 2019/2020 will receive a scholarship of 5,000 zloty monthly. Disbursement will begin in February 2020 on the basis of a ranking list prepared by the Competition Committee. At the first stage, a thesis project presented to the Committee by the candidate will be assessed. In the following years, the competition assessment will be relative to the individual PhD candidate's progress, including the level of implementation of the study programme as well as their level of commitment in scientific, organizational and popularizing activities.

In organising the competition procedure, the principles of accessibility for people with disabilities and equal opportunities for women and men will be maintained.



Programme structure:

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER				
Course	Course type	Course format	The type of assessment	Number of hours
Doctoral seminar with supervisor	NPA	Seminar	Final credit	6
Research design (I)	NPA	Seminar	Final grade	14
Theories of political science	NPA	Lecture	Final credit	10
Theories of international relations	NPA	Lecture	Final grade	10
General methodology	OU	Lecture	Exam	30
Logic or Ontology and epistemology (optional, 1 from 2)	ZW	Tutorial	Final grade	14
Academic writing	ZW	Workshop	Final credit	10
Polish for foreigners	OU	Class instruction	Final grade	(30)
Total:				94 (124)

Abbreviations:

OU – course offered at the University level

ZW – course offered by the Faculty's Colleges

NPA – course offered by the College of Political and Administrative Sciences

1ST YEAR 2ND SEMESTER

Course	Course type	Course format	The type of assessment	Number of hours
Doctoral seminar with supervisor	NPA	Seminar	Final credit	6
Research design (I)	NPA	Seminar	Final grade	14
Political institutions in democratic and non-democratic regimes	NPA	Lecture	Final credit	10
Theories of integration	NPA	Lecture	Final grade	10
Applying for research grants and managing research projects	ZW	Workshop	Final credit	14
Methods of social research or Research Methods in Humanities (optional 1 from 2)	ZW	Workshop	Final grade	14
Teaching in higher education	OU	Workshop	Final credit	30
Polish for foreigners	OU	Class instruction	Exam	(30)
Total:				98 (128)

2ND YEAR 3RD SEMESTER

Course	Course type	Course format	The type of assessment	Number of hours
Doctoral seminar with supervisor	NPA	Seminar	Final credit	6
Monographic lecture or tutorial of choice (lecture I)	NPA	Lecture	Final credit	10
Monographic lecture or tutorial of choice (lecture II)	NPA	Lecture	Final grade	10
Methods of quantitative data analysis OR Methods of Text Analysis (I) (optional 1 from 2)	ZW	Workshop	Final grade	30
Ethics in research	OU	Tutorial	Final credit	10
Total:				66

2ND YEAR 4TH SEMESTER

Course	Course type	Course format	The type of assessment	Number of hours
Doctoral seminar with supervisor	NPA	Seminar	Final credit	6
Monographic lecture or tutorial of choice (lecture III)	NPA	Lecture	Final credit	10
Monographic lecture or tutorial of choice (lecture III)	NPA	Lecture	Final grade	10
Methods of qualitative data analysis OR Methods of Text Analysis (II) (optional 1 from 2)	ZW	Workshop	Final grade	30
Dissemination of the results of scientific research OR The cooperation between science and its socio-economic environment (optional 1 from 2)	ZW	Workshop	Final credit	10
Legal basis of scientific research OR Copyright law in scientific research (optional 1 out of 2)	OU	Lecture	Final credit	6
Total:				72

Note:

- Monographic lectures and tutorials are optional. The programme includes the initial proposal of courses: Political communication, International relations, National and international security, Political thought, Public policies, Public administration, History of Europe in the 20th century, Introduction to R.

3RD - 4TH YEAR 5TH - 8TH SEMESTER

Course	Course type	Course format	The type of assessment	Number of hours
Doctoral seminar with supervisor	NPA	Seminar	Final credit	6 hours per semester
Total:				24

- Doctoral curriculum total: 354 hours
(414 hours for foreigners including the Polish language course)

2ND, 3RD AND 4TH YEAR

Course	Course type	Course format	The type of assessment	Number of hours
Teaching internship	ZW	Internship	Final credit	not less than 15 hours during the entire programme and not more than 60 hours per year
Teaching internship total:				15-180 hours

University of Wrocław students' testimonials



University of Wrocław is one of the most famous and oldest universities in Poland. I am enjoying the PhD course very much. It is well-designed and well-organized. All professors are very caring. Although it was not easy for me to take classes, I managed to do it with their support and guidance. I was happy having lovely students and other PhD students. Studying at the University of Wrocław is a good stimulus.

Md Hussin, Bangladesh

I would describe the Institute of Political Science as one of the best places to study in Poland. The best thing about being a PhD student here is the number of additional opportunities that are available both at the University (e.g. scholarships, grants, conferences, summer schools) and in the city (cosy places, exhibitions, concerts, cultural events, etc.). Wrocław is a great city to live and study in, where old meets modern.

Marlena, Poland



A few years ago I took the decision to leave Russia and move to Poland to pursue a PhD degree in political science. University of Wrocław has created a friendly environment for foreign students and for those with disabilities. Getting a doctoral degree at the University of Wrocław is an opportunity to grow intellectually and become a part of an international network of scientists. Wrocław is a perfect place for those who would like to gain new experiences, improve their personal and professional skills, and look for career growth.

Andrey, Russia



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- a MA Degree (a candidate cannot be a graduate of a master's programme completed at a Polish institution, or a doctoral student pursuing a PhD programme at a Polish institution or an applicant for the doctor's degree in extra-mural mode),
- a good knowledge of English (at least C1 level) confirmed by a valid language certificate,
- candidates must fulfill the procedural and administrative conditions set for all doctoral candidates at the University of Wrocław, including:
 - an entrance exam
 - a written opinion of the research supervisor selected from among independent research fellows of the Faculty of Social Sciences of University of Wrocław regarding the draft outline of a doctoral thesis including a declaration of willingness to provide the candidate with research guidance
 - a draft outline of a doctoral thesis

Detailed rules of recruitment and a List of required documents may be found at:
<https://politologia.uni.wroc.pl/en/PhD>



Potential supervisors

Prof. Bogusława Dobek - Ostrowska

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The research of the prospective PhD candidate might be related to:

- The Media Systems in CEE
- Politics and Media in New Democracies

Dr hab. Arkadiusz Domagała

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The research of the prospective PhD candidate might be related to:

- Humanitarian Intervention & Massive Human Rights Violations,
- Poland and European integration

Dr hab. Michał Jacuński

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The research of the prospective PhD candidate might be related to:

- Digital Political Communication
- Political Control over Media

Dr hab. Agnieszka Makarewicz-Marcinkiewicz

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The research of the prospective PhD candidate might be related to:

- Political Economy: Alternative Economies (Social Business)
- Models of Redistribution and New Socio-economic Inequalities
- Derivatives of Welfare State (Paradigm of Social Investment)

Dr hab. Piotr Sula

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The research of the prospective PhD candidate might be related to:

- Political Parties and Party Systems in Central and Eastern Europe
- Political Systems/Democracies in Central and Eastern Europe

Prof. Robert Wiszniowski

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The research of the prospective PhD candidate might be related to:

- The Theory and Practice of Political Marketing in Democratic Countries
- Public Administration
- Democratic Governance, Decentralization and Devolution

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