

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



Information for PhD students

enrolled at the University of Wrocław in the academic year 2019/2020











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Welcome to the Institute of Political Science at the University of Wrocław!

- the Institute is one of the biggest and the most dynamic centres of political science research in Poland, with the highest standard of scientific achievements,
- the Institute was given the right to award PhD degrees in 1972, and to date more than one hundred people have received PhD degrees from the Institute,
- the Institute is a publisher of two journals: Polish Political Science Review and Wrocławskie Sudia Politologiczne,
- the Institute offers Bachelor (BA), Master (MA), and Docoral (PhD) programmes in Polish and English,
- the Institute in numbers: 300 students (50 students graduate every year), 50 doctoral students and 56 employees.





- · accessible by public transport,
- located about 5 kilometres from the city centre, in a quiet, green area, with a patio outside the main building recommendable both for relaxation and for classes during warm days,
- includes a bar, drinks, vending machines, and a copy shop,
- has a library with an extensive academic collection that is equipped with a reading room with computers and workstations. The Library additionally holds an archive documenting over 30 years of social and political life in Poland.



Programme structure and academic calendar

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	ου	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	ΟU	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)	ου	Lecture	Final credit	6
Total: 72				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	Intership	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

Academic calendar

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019/2020				
Winter semester				
Preparatory course of Polish:	19.09.2019 - 27.09.2019			
Orientation days:	30.09.2019 - 02.10.2019			
Lectures:	02.10.2019 - 04.02.2020			
Exams:	05.02.2020 - 13.02.2020			
Resit exams:	14.02.2019 - 18.02.2020			
Christmas Holidays:	23.12.2019 - 06.01.2020			
Rector's Days:	31.10.2019, 15.11.2019			
Summer semester				
Preparatory course of Polish:	to be established			
Orientation days:	to be established			
Lectures:	26.02.2020 - 19.06.2020			
Exams:	22.06.2020 - 05.07.2020			
Easter:	10.04.2020 - 15.04.2020			
Rector's Days:	07.05.2020, 12.06.2020			



A scholarship of 5,000 zloty monthly for the best students

Foreign doctoral students admitted to the College of Political and Administration Sciences of the Doctoral Academy of the University of Wrocław under the "Comparative studies on politics and administration — a doctoral programme for foreigners" project will have the possibility of obtaining a scholarship from the National Academic Exchange Agency through the University of Wrocław in the amount of PLN 5,000 per month. The scholarships will be paid based on a ranking drawn up by the competition commission.

The competition commission appointed by the Head of the College of Political and Administration Sciences of the Doctoral Academy of the University of Wrocław to decide on awarding scholarships will assess the achievements of project participants four times: by 15 February 2020, by 15 September 2020, by 15 September 2021, and by 15 September 2022.

The scholarships will be awarded to the 4 doctoral students of the College of Political and Administration Sciences who score the highest number of points for their scientific, organisational and promotional activity. The detailed scoring for individual criteria is to be found here:

https://politologia.uni.wroc.pl/en/Prospective-PhD-candidates/Useful-information.



In the course of the first competition proceedings to be conducted by 15 February 2020 the assessment will include the draft outline of a doctoral thesis presented to the commission by the candidate. The candidate may score up to a maximum 10 points for the draft outline.

The competition commission will award the scholarships in the amount of PLN 5,000 to the 4 best doctoral students:

- for 8 months in February 2020 (first payment in February 2020),
- for 12 months in September 2020 (first payment in October 2020),
- for 12 months in September 2021 (first payment in October 2021),
- for 9 months in September 2022 (first payment in October 2022).



Student exchange programmes, grant possibilities, conferences

- Erasmus+ programmme: after completing the first year of your studies you can spend one or two semesters studying at another university in Europe,
- Bilateral Agreements: after completing the first year of your studies you can apply to study abroad at one of the University's foreign partner universities under bilateral agreements; you can go to Russia, the USA, Czechia, Germany. Kazakhstan, Ukraine,
- The National Science Centre (NCN) supports research projects, doctoral fellowships and post-doctoral internships; for instance Preludium is a funding opportunity for predoctoral research projects, and Etiuda is a doctoral scholarship opportunity:

https://www.ncn.gov.pl/finansowanie-nauki/konkursy/harmonogram?language=en

• European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) is an scholarly association that supports co-operation of political scientists in a number of ways, among others within its Winter School, General Conference, as well as 50 Standing Groups and Research Networks: https://ecpr.eu/

Useful information:

- with your own credentials (login and password) you can get access to the University's WiFi network. You can find more information on the webpage http://www.eduroam.org
- Regulations of Studies, including the rights and obligations of students, and conversion of values and grades may be found at:

https://international.uni.wroc.pl/en/current-students/regulations-studies

- If you need any general support or companionship there are: Students Volunteer Group (UniWings), and International Student Orchestra at the University of Wrocław, and the Information Point for Foreigners (Infolink) at the Wrocławskie Centrum Rozwoju Społecznego: https://www.wielokultury.wroclaw.pl/en/infolink-2/
- If you have any questions concerning your studies, please contact the International Office at the University of Wrocław: https://international.uni.wroc.pl/en/
- The International Office staff have prepared a jungle book (a survival guide) for all international students. It may be downloaded here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HZDtPYYepCvgKse9ibmBpIABSSmUBmSr/view



Accommodation

- the University of Wrocław has five dormitories: Dwudziestolatka, Kredka, Ołówek, Parawanowiec, Słowianka,
- the university's dormitories are located in the city centre and their housing capacity is approximately 2000 places,
- dormitories are co-educational; students are accommodated in single or double rooms (in Dwudziestolatka also in triples),
- all dormitories have Internet access.





- Health services in Poland are available for students from EU or EFTA member countries, provided that they have valid medical insurance in the national insurance system of any EU or EFTA member country,
- A valid passport, doctoral student Identity Card and a valid Medical Insurance European Card entitles the holder to medical care services free of charge,
- students from non-EU or non-EFTA countries are required to sign a voluntary health insurance agreement with the National Health Fund (NFZ) and pay their own insurance fees. Detailed information about NFZ is available at https://www.nfz-wroclaw.pl/, National Health Fund (NFZ), ul. Dawida St. 2, 50-527 Wrocław.

Useful UWr links:

International Relations Office:

www.international.uni.wroc.pl

Faculty of Social Sciences:

http://www.wns.uni.wroc.pl/

Dean's Office:

http://dziekanat.wns.uni.wroc.pl/

Institute of Political Science:

https://politologia.uni.wroc.pl/en/PhD

University Library:

http://www.bu.uni.wroc.pl/en

Faculty Library:

http://www.biblioteka.wns.uni.wroc.pl/http://www.biblioteka.wns.uni.wroc.pl/Foreign-students-3

University Study-Oriented System (Uniwersytecki System Obsługi Studiów WEB, USOSweb)

https://usosweb.uni.wroc.pl/

Studium Praktycznej Nauki Języków Obcych (Foreign Languages Centre):

http://www.spnjo.uni.wroc.pl/



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