

1. Can I participate in admission even though I do not have a Master's degree yet?

Yes, you can take part in admission without having completed a Master's degree. The diploma will be needed to enroll on the list of doctoral students, which is scheduled for the last decade of September. Moreover, if the defense of the Master Degree thesis take place at September and the diploma will not been issued yet, a certificate from the university and an obligation to deliver the diploma within 30 days from the date of registration will be sufficient to register.

In exceptional cases, justified by the highest quality of scientific achievements, it is also possible to admit to the Doctoral School a person who is a graduate of first-cycle studies or a student who has completed the third year of uniform Master's studies. It is important to report this fact at the first stage of admission and to attach an additional opinion about scientific achievements of an independent scientific researcher. Failure to mention this information and not attaching an opinion before confirming the application round will prevent to enroll to our School.

2. Does the graduation diploma obtained in other country entitle me to study at the Doctoral School?

Yes, only if a foreign diploma of Master degree qualifies for the award of a PhD degree in the issuing country.

Diplomas obtained abroad do not entitle to continue education in Poland if:

- 1) the institutions that issued them or the institutions in which the learning was provided:
 - a. were not accredited universities on the date of issuing the diploma or pursued a study program without accreditation on the date of issuing the diploma;
 - b. do not operate in any country's higher education system;
- 2) the higher education program or its part was implemented contrary to the regulations of the state in which the education was conducted.

In order to obtain the information if the diploma recognize to undertake education at our Doctoral School, you should submit a request to National Agency for Academic Exchange for issuing written information about it. All information is available at:

<https://nawa.gov.pl/en/recognition/how-to-obtain-a-recognition-statement>

3. Does the Doctoral School of Social Sciences provide education in both full-time and part-time mode?

The Doctoral School of Social Sciences provides education only in the full-time mode, which means, inter alia, that the doctoral student is obliged to participate in classes. Classes are held, according to the educational program, on weekdays - from Monday to Friday.

Information on the extramural mode of education is provided directly by the Science Discipline Committee which awards the doctoral degree.

4. Before admission to the Doctoral School, should I obtain a declaration from an independent researcher that he will agree to become my supervisor?

No, such consent of the potential supervisor before admission to the Doctoral School is not required. The supervisor will be appointed by the Science Discipline Committee within three months from the date you commence your education.

Nevertheless, one of the documents which required during application round is a recommendation letter. According to the eligibility criteria, the recommendation letter should be written by an employee conducting research activity in the discipline, having at least academic title of PhD degree, or having at least a doctoral degree and the right to supervise a doctoral student as the main supervisor.

5. I am a student/graduate of another university. I don't know anyone at the Jagiellonian University who would help me write a research project. Could the Doctoral School help me find such a person?

No, it is not possible. The candidate who completed the second-cycle studies at the Jagiellonian University or at any other university in the country or abroad, presents a research project that is the result of his own work. A research project is a key document on the basis of which the Committee will assess a candidate's knowledge and ability to conduct research, and therefore cannot be prepared by third parties.

6. I am a student/graduate of another university. I don't know anyone at the Jagiellonian University who could write a recommendation letter required in the admission process. Could the School recommend such a person to me?

There is no need. A recommendation letter should be written by a person who knows the candidate and his/her achievements so far. It does not matter whether it is a person from, the Jagiellonian University or from another Polish or foreign university, but it is important that the person which could write a recommendation letter be an employee conducting research activity in the discipline in which the doctoral program application refers or in a related discipline. The person which could write a recommendation letter should have at least a DSc degree or PhD with habilitation, and if there is no requirement to obtain a DSc degree or PhD with habilitation in the higher education system of their country - they should have at least a PhD degree and qualifications to provide for a doctoral student as the main supervisor.

7. I would like to apply for admission to a doctoral program in a discipline other than the graduate studies I have completed. Is it possible?

Yes, it is possible to apply for admission with the academic title of Master of Arts, Master of Science, or an equivalent academic title obtained in any field of study. However, it should be borne in mind, that each science discipline uses a specific concepts,

methodology and research techniques. In the presented research project and also during the interview, the admission committee will assess, inter alia, whether the research intentions presented by the candidate in the research plan are consistent with the profile of the Doctoral School in Social Sciences and the doctoral program to which the application relates.

8. Can I enroll in several doctoral programs at the same time or to several doctoral schools?

Yes, there are no obstacles to participate in admission for several doctoral programs. In each of these admissions, a recommendation letter will be required from a researcher conducting research activity in the discipline in which the doctoral program is conducted or in a related discipline.

If you qualify for several doctoral programs of our School, you should choose one of them or declare for those for which admission was successful. However, it should be remembered, that commencing education at the School obliges to participate in each program for which an enroll has been made and to undertake work on more than one doctoral dissertation. It is also good to know, that taking up education in two or more doctoral programs do not entitle you to receive an additional scholarship.

It should be remembered that it is not possible to undertake education in programs at different Doctoral Schools. It is necessary to decide which of them the candidate wants to enroll in. Pursuant to Article 200 paragraph 7 of the Law of Higher Education and Science, you can only be a doctoral student in one Doctoral School at the same time.

9. Can I work professionally and be a PhD student at the Doctoral School at the same time?

It depends on the type of the employment: you cannot take up education at the Doctoral School if you are employed as an academic teacher or research worker. This is prohibited by the Act of Higher Education and Science in Article 209 paragraph 10.

The exception is employment for the implementation of a project, program or competition announced by National Agency for Academic Exchange, by The National Centre for Research and Development, by National Science Centre or an international research project, which is financed with funds from the European Union budget or by another grant awarding entity. Then there are no obstacles to start education at our School.

The prohibition referred to in the Act applies only to academic teachers or to research workers. People working in universities in other positions (e.g. administrative) do not have formal obstacles to start education at the Doctoral School.

If the employment concerns institutions unrelated to higher education, the only limitation is the time and commitment to the education process and preparation of a doctoral dissertation. It should be mentioned that the Doctoral School conducts classes on a full-time basis, which means that classes take place from Monday to Friday, not on weekends.

10. Is education at the Doctoral School of Social Sciences payable?

No, the doctoral student does not pay any fees for education at the doctoral school, regardless of whether he/she is a Polish citizen or a foreigner.

A person who completed education at the Doctoral School does not pay any fees for conducting the procedure for awarding the PhD degree.

11. Will I receive a scholarship while studying at the Doctoral School?

Yes, each PhD student at the Doctoral School who does not have a PhD degree receives a doctoral scholarship.

The monthly doctoral scholarship before the mid-term evaluation is currently 2,371.70 PLN gross, while after the mid-term evaluation - 3,653.70 PLN gross. The scholarship is tax-free, but social security contributions are deducted from it. Their amount depends on whether the doctoral student has a different title to health insurance and whether he/she decides to cover the voluntary sickness insurance contribution. The doctoral student receives the scholarship reduced by the amount of contributions, so you should be prepared for a transfer in a slightly lower amount than the gross amount specified above.

If the doctoral student has a certificate of disability or a certificate referred to in art. 5 and art. 62 of the Act of 27 August 1997 on vocational and social rehabilitation and employment of disabled people (Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1172), he/she will receive a doctoral scholarship in the amount increased by 30% of the amount indicated in paragraph 3 point 1. The doctoral scholarship in an increased amount is paid from the month in which the required documentation was submitted to the Department for Disabled Persons, with compensation for the period from the date of obtaining the above-mentioned certificate.

12. The schedule of classes published on the website of the Doctoral School of Social Sciences contains a lot of courses. Will I have to realize them all?

Our schedule includes courses taking place within all eleven doctoral programs conducted at our School.

In determining which classes are worth attending, you need to read with comprehension the doctoral program published on the website in tab "For PhD students", which contains information on the minimum number of ECTS points to be completed in individual modules and indicates which courses are obligatory, and which of them are optional. On its basis, you can choose between courses from the catalog published before the beginning of each semester. Also during the semester, there will be announcements about the possibility of enrolling in classes, in particular those conducted under the "Una Europa" program, and information about guest lectures conducted by outstanding specialists from outside our university. Information on the content of the courses, the method of completing them, and any possible preconditions are included in the syllabuses.

You can also participate in courses offered by other Doctoral Schools of the Jagiellonian University (if there are vacancies), and pursue other activities that will bring you closer to the completion of your doctoral dissertation. Supervisors could assist you in selection of courses.