



Faculty of Social Sciences

of the University of Wrocław

DOCTORAL COLLEGES



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Learn about the Doctoral School

A place where research meets opportunity

At the University of Wrocław, doctoral students thrive in an environment defined by **academic excellence, world-class research, and innovative career development**. Recognised as a **Research University**, UWr consistently ranks among the **top institutions in Poland**—attracting ambitious scholars from across the globe.

Established in May 2019, the Doctoral School of the University of Wrocław offers 16 doctoral programs across 22 scientific disciplines, **five of which are administered by the Faculty of Social Sciences**.



Our doctoral training programmes are designed to:

- provide **top-tier education** in your scientific discipline,
- support the **successful completion of your dissertation**,
- develop the skills needed for a **self-directed, research-based career**,
- foster work in **interdisciplinary and international teams**,
- equip you with **academic and teaching competencies**.

You'll also have the opportunity to:

- lead your **own research projects**,
- participate in prestigious initiatives such as: **implementation doctorates, Preludium BIS or OPUS projects**.

Doctoral College of Philosophy

Language of teaching: Polish or English

A comprehensive curriculum

The Doctoral College of Philosophy offers an interdisciplinary programme structured around three core groups of subjects:

- **general university courses**
 - including law, research ethics and academic teaching methods,
- **Faculty of Social Sciences courses**
 - broadening philosophical perspectives through social science disciplines,
- **Doctoral College-specific courses**
 - specialised classes tailored to philosophy doctoral students.



Learning beyond the classroom

Doctoral education is a blend of **organised coursework** and **study circles**, fostering both structure and collaboration. A personalised **individual research plan**—developed in cooperation with academic supervisors—guides each student's path, particularly regarding the timeline for their doctoral thesis. The individual research plan is submitted by the doctoral student to the Council of the Discipline of Philosophy within the first 12 months of study.

Practical training and university life

Every doctoral student completes a **teaching internship**, either by delivering classes or assisting academic instructors. They also engage in the **organisational activities** of the university and the academic unit hosting their doctoral programme.

Independent research and professional growth

A core element of the programme is **independent research**, empowering students to make a meaningful impact in their field. Doctoral candidates are regarded as early-career professionals, actively contributing to the advancement of knowledge.

Mobility and academic engagement

The programme supports academic mobility at every level:

- **international exchange** through programmes such as **Erasmus+**,
- **national opportunities** via initiatives like **MOST**,
- **interdisciplinary engagement** within the University of Wrocław.

Students also participate in a wide range of academic events, including **seminars, symposia, conferences and guest lectures**.

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Doctoral College of International Relations

It was established at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Wrocław in December 2023 and provides education in the scientific discipline of international relations.

What you'll study

The programme covers a broad and dynamic range of international topics, including:

- history of international thought,
- foreign policy and diplomacy,
- international political economy,
- international security,
- international institutions,
- regional and global studies,
- sociology and anthropology of international relations.

Whether you're passionate about global politics, diplomacy, security or the cultural dynamics of international life, this programme provides the tools and support to pursue cutting-edge research.

Why choose us?

- **Research-driven learning**
Your original research is at the heart of the programme.
- **You're a scholar from day one**
Doctoral candidates are seen as professionals making real contributions to international knowledge.
- **Global and interdisciplinary mobility**
You gain international experience and connect across academic disciplines and institutions.



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Doctoral College of Political and Administrative Sciences

The Doctoral College of Political and Administrative Sciences offers a modern, research-driven doctoral programme designed to meet the highest European standards. Based on the recommendations of the Bologna Seminar “Doctoral Programmes for the European Knowledge Society”, the programme is built on principles continuously supported by the European University Association.

Key pillars of our programme

We emphasise three core principles in shaping our doctoral curriculum:

- **research at the core**
 - your individual research project is the central element of your doctoral journey,
- **doctoral candidates as professionals**
 - you are viewed as a contributing researcher from the very beginning,
- **promoting mobility**
 - we encourage international collaboration and interdisciplinary exchange—within the university, across institutions and beyond borders.

You'll develop skills in:

- advanced research methodology,
- scientific project management,
- leadership and international teamwork,
- teaching at the university level,
- applying the latest methodological approaches.

Career opportunities

Graduates are in high demand in:

- universities and higher education institutions,
- analytical and research centres,
- public administration and policy advisory roles.

This programme is ideal for mid-career researchers and professionals looking to sharpen their expertise, expand their impact, and stay competitive in research, analytics, and higher education.

What you'll study

The curriculum is structured into three core subject groups:

- **general university courses**
 - including law, research ethics and academic teaching methods,
- **Faculty of Social Sciences courses,**
- **specialist courses**
 - tailored for doctoral students of the Political and Administrative Sciences programme.



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Doctoral College of Sociology

Are you passionate about understanding society and ready to launch a research-driven career in sociology? The Doctoral College of Sociology offers a dynamic academic programme for those eager to explore and contribute to cutting-edge sociological knowledge—both in Poland and internationally.



Why choose us?

Independent research conducted by doctoral students is at the heart of the programme, forming the foundation of your doctoral dissertation and future academic path.

You'll also take part in a range of carefully designed courses focused on:

- methodology of science and social research,
- classical and contemporary sociological theories,
- essential academic and research tools.

These classes are tailored to strengthen your ability to conduct independent scientific work in an international research environment.

What we offer

- **mobility opportunities**
 - engage in international exchanges or interdisciplinary collaboration and participate in long-term foreign research placements and internships,
- **guaranteed scholarship** - all doctoral students receive financial support throughout their studies,
- **career versatility.**

Our graduates pursue careers in:

- academic research and teaching,
- public institutions and administration,
- NGOs and think tanks,
- market and opinion research,
- management and consultancy sectors.

Who we're looking for

We welcome applicants who:

- aspire to a global academic career,
- are committed to high-quality, original research,
- hold a Master's degree (or equivalent) in the social sciences or humanities,
- possess high language competence in English,
- have a solid foundation in sociological knowledge and concepts.

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Doctoral Colleges at the Faculty of Social Sciences:


- Doctoral College of Philosophy
- Doctoral College of Political and Administrative Sciences
- Doctoral College of Sociology
- Doctoral College of International Relations



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Official Faculty page for doctoral students

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