

POSTGRADUATE DOCTORAL STUDY OF PHILOSOPHY
at the Department of Philosophy,
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb

Full title of the doctoral study programme:

Postgraduate University (Doctoral) Study Programme *Philosophy*

Institution providing doctoral study programme:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb (Department of Philosophy)

Scientific area:

Humanities

Scientific field:

Philosophy

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Language of the doctoral study programme:

Croatian (with a possibility of studying in English and German)

Tuition fee for the doctoral study programme (per semester):

5.500,00 HRK (ca. 730,00 EUR)

Terms of enrolment in the doctoral study programme:

Persons with a completed graduate study of philosophy (and exceptionally also with a completed graduate study in related fields of science if they pass the classification exam at the level of the graduate exam in the field of philosophy, i.e. at the level of master of science /MSc/ exam in the study system that was valid in Croatia until 2005) can enroll in the study, with a minimum average grade of relevant professional subjects of 4.00 (or, in case the average grade is lower than that, with published scientific and professional papers in the field of philosophy and with a recommendation of qualified experts).

Persons who have obtained a master of science (MSc) degree in the field of philosophy in the study system that was valid in Croatia until 2005 can also enroll in the study, based on passing the classification exam, after which they enroll in the 5th semester of study. If the master of science degree is obtained in a related field of science, a classification exam is required at the level of the graduate exam, i.e. at the level of a master of science (MSc) degree in the field of philosophy in the study system that was valid in Croatia until 2005 (which can be replaced by published scientific papers in the field of philosophy in a journal with a recognized international review).

Criteria for selecting students are based on the quality and prospects of applicants, and are proven by success in previous studies, prepared or published scientific and professional papers and, if necessary, testing the knowledge and abilities of applicants through classification exams.

Program of the doctoral study programme:

a) Structure and organization of the doctoral study programme:

The study is organized in six semesters.

In the first semester, each student chooses a study advisor (“temporary mentor”) who performs his/her function until the appointment of a mentor and is available to the student regarding orientation problems (choosing a mentor and doctoral dissertation topic, directing scientific research, etc.).

In the first and second semester, lectures and seminars within two subject, i.e. problem areas are held (in the first semester ten hours of lectures from the first and second area, a total of 20 hours of lectures, and in the second semester ten hours of seminars from the first and second area, a total of 20 seminar hours). In addition to lecturers from the Department of Philosophy, invited external lecturers also participate in the teaching according to the criterion of excellence. By the beginning of the second semester at the latest, students choose a study advisor, with whom they consult and agree on the topic of the seminar paper. In case of a more pronounced interdisciplinarity of the topic or other justified need, a co-mentor may be appointed along with the mentor. At the seminars in the second semester students present their seminar papers evaluated by two professors. After the end of classes, it is organized a rigorous exam (*rigorosum*) from one of the two subject or problem areas, before a committee consisting of at least two professors. The literature for this exam is determined in agreement with the study advisor and is in principle related to the topic of the seminar paper in the second semester and to the topic of the future qualification paper.

In the third semester, students in agreement with the study advisors define the research topic and submit a proposal (synopsis) of the doctoral dissertation, which they publicly defend in the fourth semester before a committee consisting of three or five members, where the mentor cannot be the chairman of the committee.

Students are required to submit an annual written report on the results of their previous research from the second to the sixth semester, and in addition are required to conduct 20 hours of consultations with the mentor/co-mentor per semester.

At least once in the third semester or a higher semester, students are required to present some relevant aspects of results of the previous research at a seminar within the doctoral study or within the final semesters of undergraduate study or within the graduate study of philosophy. The success of the research is evaluated by the student community and verified by a committee consisting of a mentor and at least one other teacher.

After the fourth semester, students are required to write a qualification paper, thematically related to previous research results (ranging from 60,000 to 75,000 characters), which is evaluated by another teacher in addition to the mentor.

The doctoral dissertation cannot be submitted before enrolling in the sixth semester and the published (or accepted for publication) at least one scientific paper in an international peer-reviewed publication. The doctoral dissertation is evaluated and publicly defended on the basis of standard criteria. The acceptance of the topic and the title of the doctoral dissertation, as well as the evaluation of the doctoral dissertation itself, is decided by a three-member or five-member committee (in which the mentor can be a member but not the president, and at least one member must be from another scientific or scientific-educational institution). This committee transmit its decision to the relevant faculty and university bodies, where the key decision is whether the work is an original contribution to philosophy or interdisciplinary research based on philosophy or related to philosophy.

From the third semester on students are expected to publish their papers, both those that are a direct result of the research and those that fall within the context of the research or are part of the pre-work necessary for the research.

b) Study subjects and students' obligations

There are three subjects in the doctoral study. Two concern two subject or problem areas, "Problems of the History of Philosophy and Theoretical Philosophy" and "Practical Philosophy and Aesthetics", and are conducted in the form of lectures and seminars, while the third one, "Introduction to the methodology of the doctoral study of philosophy", is propaedeutic and includes seminar work and practical exercises for first-year students and is aimed at acquiring generic knowledge and skills necessary for successful research work in the field of philosophy and in interdisciplinary scientific work.

The obligations of students are the following (and they are awarded ECTS credits, according to two equal criteria, research engagement and success):

- attending lectures in the first semester of the study (10 ECTS credits),
- choosing a study advisor (temporary mentor) and selection of a seminar paper topic, accepted by the advisor, in the first semester of the study (5 ECTS credits),
- attending seminars in the second semester of the study (5 ECTS credits),
- activity at the seminar in the second semester of the study (5 ECTS credits),
- defended seminar paper in the second semester of the study (20 ECTS credits),
- passed exams in two foreign languages by the end of the second semester of the study (5 + 5 ECTS credits = 10 ECTS credits),
- passed the rigorous exam (rigorosum) after the second semester of the study (10 ECTS credits),
- two positively evaluated reports on the results of previous research (in the first year of study and in the second year of study), which means: form DR.SC.-04 (Annual doctoral student's progress report; filled in by the student) and form DR.SC.-05 (Annual mentor's report on the doctoral student's progress, filled in by the mentor) (5 + 5 ECTS credits = 10 ECTS credits),
- submitted proposal (synopsis) of the doctoral dissertation (form DR.SC.-01) by the end of the third semester, in agreement with the mentor (15 ECTS credits),
- defended proposal (synopsis) of the doctoral dissertation by the end of the fourth semester (15 ECTS credits),
- qualification paper, written in agreement with the mentor and positively evaluated by the mentor, by the end of the fifth semester (10 ECTS credits),
- two consultations with the mentor, in order to verify the dynamics of the research, by the end of the fifth semester (5 + 5 ECTS credits = 10 ECTS credits),
- submission of a doctoral dissertation with the consent of the mentor (20 ECTS credits).

To enroll in a higher semester of study, it is necessary to collect 30 ECTS credits. The above obligations cannot be replaced by other activities, but other activities are recognized and scored as follows:

- presentation of results of the previous research at a seminar within the doctoral study or within the final semesters of undergraduate study or within the graduate study of philosophy (10 ECTS credits),
- published (or accepted for publication) scientific paper in a world language in an internationally recognized journal (20 ECTS credits),
- published (or accepted for publication) scientific paper in Croatian or some other language in an internationally recognized journal (15 ECTS credits),
- published (or accepted for publication) scientific paper in another scientific or professional journal (10 ECTS credits),
- published (or accepted for publication) professional paper in an internationally recognized journal (8 ECTS credits),

- published (or accepted for publication) professional paper in another journal (4 ECTS credits),
- published scientific paper on the website (5 ECTS credits),
- published scientific paper with two qualified reviews on the website (14 ECTS credits),
- participation with a paper at an international scientific conference (12 ECTS credits),
- participation with a paper at a national conference with international participation (8 ECTS credits),
- participation with a paper at a national scientific or professional conference or round table (4 ECTS credits),
- participation in the organization of a national or international conference or round table (3 ECTS credits),
- participation in editing a scientific publication (3 ECTS credits),
- passed a course or module in another doctoral study, in agreement with the mentor, and according to the criteria of functionality with regard to the research topic and future doctoral dissertation (maximum 5 ECTS credits).

The condition for submitting a doctoral dissertation is the publication (or acceptance for publication) of at least one scientific paper in an internationally recognized publication.

Duration of the doctoral study:

Duration of the doctoral study is maximum eight years.

Students may submit a doctoral dissertation one year after completing 6th semester of study.

In the case that students do not submit their doctoral dissertation within the prescribed period, they are required to re-enroll 6th semester, and if they do not submit the doctoral dissertation within one year from the date of loss of the right to submit the dissertation, they lose the right to renew their studies.

Justified exceptions (health, family, work and other circumstances) are resolved in a special procedure, with the possibility that in such cases re-enrollment in 6th semester is approved even after the expiration of the prescribed deadlines.

Applications for “freezing” of study obligations, i.e. “pausing” or postponing the enrollment of the next study semester during studies, are resolved in the same way.

Competences acquired upon completion of the doctoral study:

1. Independent teaching in undergraduate and graduate university and professional studies in the scientific field of philosophy and related scientific fields and areas, as well as in interdisciplinary scientific areas.
2. Participation in complex affairs of public life that require a higher level of qualification (media, publishing, various social and political institutions, etc.).
3. With an additional postdoctoral education, the possibility of appointment to scientific and scientific-teaching grades, which qualifies candidates for independent teaching at all levels of higher education and for qualified cooperation in scientific research projects and leadership of scientific research projects and programmes.

Employment of postgraduates is likely in higher education (public and private sector), in scientific research institutes (both institutes focused on philosophy and those of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary orientation), in the most demanding segments of pre-university education and in development programs in the public and private sectors.

General information on the doctoral study programme:

The study of philosophy has been carried out at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (i.e. Faculty of Philosophy), University of Zagreb, continuously since the founding of the modern University of Zagreb (1874), and the postgraduate study of philosophy since 1973. The doctorate of science (PhD degree) outside the postgraduate doctoral study was acquired from the founding of the University. The master of science (MSc) degree has been acquired as part of postgraduate studies since 1973, and most of those who have obtained a MSc degree have subsequently obtained a PhD degree. In 2003, a postgraduate doctoral study was established, which, with some modifications, still exists today. The postgraduate study was and still is based on the premise of the unity of research and teaching and has so far produced hundreds of highly qualified experts of various profiles in the field of philosophy.

The study is open to students from other postgraduate doctoral studies in Croatia and abroad, in the sense that ECTS credits acquired in other credible postgraduate doctoral programs are recognized, as it is assumed that credits acquired in this study will be adequately recognized at other comparable studies. The study can be included in joint doctoral programs with foreign universities and international dual PhD degree (*cotutelle*) is also possible.

The doctoral study of philosophy is conducted as a scientific study, which means that its goal is to acquire positive knowledge and skills characteristic of top scientific work (i.e. research, presentation, analytical, explanatory, interpretive, critical and applied abilities) and they apply to the concept of this study as a whole and in each individual segment. Specific competences depend on the field of research, and the concept of the study is designed to encourage the doctoral students to an approach that, depending on the area of interest, integrates the conceptual-historical, analytical-interpretative and applicative aspect of research. In doing so, doctoral students are referred to the latest research in the relevant field, and mentors are required to monitor the qualitative and quantitative dimensions of the critical reception of such a research.

The study is harmonized with the Development and Scientific Research Strategy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, and is based on the development of interdisciplinarity (both within the field and in relation to other fields and areas), with the search for establishing an optimal balance between specialist research and multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary cooperation. This implies openness to other scientific fields and areas, as well as to other national and international higher education institutions, on the assumption of compatibility, i.e. complementarity of the programmes.