

Doctoral Studies in Education

The doctoral programme in Education is part of the interdisciplinary programme of Doctoral Studies in Education and Political Science at the Faculty of Social Sciences of University of Gdańsk. Some classes are held together for doctoral students in both disciplines, but most of them are run separately. However, all classes are available to everyone enrolled in either of the programmes.

The most important part of the studies are doctoral seminars and individual tutoring which support the process of research, publication, and finalising the doctoral thesis.

Organised classes (seminars and workshops) are aimed at providing advanced knowledge on education and thus they assist the students in their preparation for doctoral exams. They comprise up-to-date knowledge being subject of current research.

We also organise workshops which help the students to master methodology of educational research and assist them in gaining social competence necessary in academic work, as well as competence in academic teaching. This includes teaching practice in BA and Master's programmes at the faculty.

An important part of the programme are elective classes. They encompass a bulk of 120 hours in the course of studies, and they are held both by the Faculty's professors and by internationally renowned visiting professors. In recent years, lectures were held by such scholars as Peter Mayo (Univ. of Malta), Pauline Lipman (Univ. of Chicago), Eric Gutstein (Univ. of Chicago), Andre Mazawi (UBC, Vancouver), and many others. The 120-hours block of elective lectures can also be used to attend specific thematic modules. These are organised separately and occasionally offered as alternative to short-term elective courses. So far there have been two such modules run, both with international teaching staff: *PhDACT – New Modes of Activism in European Social Work* (a blended learning module run in co-operation with 9 European universities), and *Advanced Data Analysis in Education* run in co-operation with Institute of Educational Research in Warsaw. A third such module is under construction now.

The students can also use the opportunity to attend Gdańsk Solidarity Lectures organised by The European Centre of Solidarity, which have recently brought such scholars as Ulrich Beck or Jeffrey C. Goldfarb.

The studies last 4 years and they are completed with the defence of doctoral thesis. Graduates obtain their PhD with the title of Doctor of Social Sciences in the Field of Education.

Doctoral students have their representation in the collective governing bodies of the Faculty and the University.

There is no tuition fee for European Union citizens in the full time programme, but stipends are not guaranteed and they are subject to separate application procedures. The students can also apply for awards and research grants, both within the university as well as through national and international granting bodies. Classes are held in Polish and English. International students can apply for flexible learning arrangements if they experience problems with attending seminars in Polish. The enrolments procedure is based on the assessment of the doctoral project proposal which has to be consulted with, and approved by the prospective supervisor. Candidates are encouraged to contact us at least 6 months before the application deadline in order