



University of Prešov

Faculty of Arts

Doctoral studies

1. The doctoral study programme (hereinafter referred to as "doctoral studies") as a third-level study programme focuses on the acquisition of knowledge based on the current state of scientific and artistic knowledge and, in particular, on the student's own contribution to it, which is the result of scientific research and independent creative activity in the field of science. Graduates of the doctoral study programme receive a third-level university degree.
2. Doctoral studies within the study programmes are carried out on the basis of Section 54 of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts, as amended, and are governed by the Study Regulations of the University of Prešov..
3. The standard length of study for a doctoral study programme in the full-time mode is three years, in the part-time mode four years. It is carried out in a study programme in which the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic has granted the right to the faculty to participate in the implementation of a doctoral study programme in the relevant field of study:
 - **Field of study: Philology**
Study programme: English Language and Anglophone Cultures - language of the programme Slovak and English
 - **Field of study: Philology**
Study programme: English Language and Anglophone Cultures - language of the programme English
4. Before the start of the admission procedure for doctoral studies, the faculty announces the topics of dissertation theses that can be applied for in the admission procedure the admissions procedure. The faculty shall publish in good time, at the latest two months before the last day of the deadline for the submission of applications for studies, the conditions of admission, the deadline and the method of the date of admission, the form and framework content of the examination and the method of evaluation its results. These shall be published on the website of the University and the Faculty. A supervisor shall be appointed for each of the announced topics. The basic condition for admission to doctoral studies is the completion of the second degree programme. Other conditions are the presentation of previous professional interest in the chosen field, publication activity, presentation of professional knowledge, knowledge of professional literature in the focus of the chosen and presentation of a methodological approach to the potential topic of the dissertation



5. Pursuant to Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments and Additions to Certain Acts, as amended, § 92 (5), full-time students of doctoral study programmes do not pay tuition fees..
6. The public university requires from applicants a fee of 50 € for the material provision of the admission procedure.
7. The professional course of doctoral studies in the field or in the specialisation of the doctoral field is provided by teachers or researchers (hereinafter referred to as "supervisors") approved by the scientific board of the training institute, who provide guidance to the doctoral student entrusted to them.
8. Doctoral studies consist of a study part and a scientific part. The study plan is drawn up by the supervisor and submitted for approval to the departmental committee. The study part of the doctoral studies consists mainly of lectures, seminars and individual study of the literature necessary in terms of the focus of the doctoral thesis. The scientific part of the doctoral studies consists of individual or team scientific work of the doctoral student, which is related to the topic of the doctoral thesis. The scientific part of the doctoral study is professionally supervised by the supervisor. Full-time doctoral studies shall include the performance of teaching activities or other professional activities related to teaching activities to the extent of a maximum of four hours per week on average per academic year in which the teaching takes place.
9. Conditions for fulfilling the characteristics of the study programme in the study and pedagogical-educational part:
Completion of the study part, which consists mainly of specialised doctoral lectures and seminars. The study part is completed by passing the dissertation examination. In addition, the doctoral student has the option of enrolling in complementary courses offered by other institutes of the faculty in their study programmes, especially the master's programme, if he or she has not already taken them in the previous level of higher education. The study of supplementary subjects and individual study of scientific and professional literature do not replace the attendance of compulsory lectures and seminars specified in the doctoral student's study plan, nor the performance of teaching activities at the university or faculty.
10. Conditions for fulfilling the characteristics of a degree programme in science:
 - Independent creative activity in the field of science (publications, completion of a defined stage in own research work, etc.);
 - completion of a doctoral thesis.
11. A condition for the proper completion of doctoral studies is the passing of the dissertation examination and the defence of the dissertation, which are among the state examinations. The dissertation is the final thesis. The defence of the doctoral thesis is the end of the doctoral studies..
12. Graduates of doctoral studies are awarded the academic degree of "doctor" ("philosophiae doctor", abbreviated "PhD."; it is indicated after the name).



- 13. Study in the part-time mode of doctoral studies for akad. 2025/2026 is chargeable. Tuition fees for all study programmes: € 800,- per academic year. Tuition fees for study programmes exclusively in English: € 3000,- per academic year.**