

Framework curriculum in the Doctoral School of Social Sciences of the NCU / Academia Rerum Socialium

Field of science	social sciences
Disciplines of science	economics and finance, social communication and media studies, political and administration science, management and quality studies, legal sciences, social studies, pedagogy, safety science, socio-economic geography and spatial management
Duration of education	4 years
Number of ECTS credits	44
Total number of teaching/contact hours	540 (including 30 hrs of work placement)

Module I: Basic classes / 300 hours

1. Advanced methodology in social sciences (may be "split" into groups of disciplines / 20 hours / 2 ECTS
2. Current research issues (the course content is delivered by guests, including foreign visitors, presenting new trends in research, new works or ground-breaking books etc.) / 20 hours / 2 ECTS
3. Research pinacoteca: "horizontal" problem discussion class for doctoral students (presentations by doctoral students as a testing ground before the mid-term evaluation) / 20 hours [For details see comments, point 3] / 2 ECTS
4. Doctoral seminar under the guidance of the supervisor / 60 hours per year (240 hours in total) / 16 ECTS

Module II: Professional development classes for social sciences/135 hours

1. Architecture of information: tools for searching scientific and teaching resources /20 hours/2 ECTS
2. Techniques for presenting scientific research results, techniques of disseminating scientific knowledge /20 hours/2 ECTS
3. Grant proposal writing workshops/15 hours/2 ECTS
4. Scientific writing workshop/20 hours/2 ECTS
5. Teaching laboratory / new techniques of teaching and assessing knowledge/15 hours/2 ECTS
6. Copyright issues/15 hours/2 ECTS
7. Work placement/30 hours/2 ECTS

Module III: Specialist classes /120 hours

1. Foreign language for special purposes tailored by the supervisor(s) for the individual research plan of the doctoral student) /30 hours/2 ECTS

2. a package of three specialist courses selected by the supervisor in consultation with the director of the school /90 hours/6 ECTS

Comments

1. The curriculum of the doctoral school, which is in accordance with the Act of 20 July 2018 *Law on Higher Education and Science* (Dz. U. of 30 August 2018, item 1668), is not a study programme. It is, therefore, based on courses, workshops, and trainings which are not provided under a semester regime. This means that e.g. grant proposal writing workshops are conducted on two days, one or two times per calendar year. One part of the workshop is conducted by invited experts from the National Science Centre (social panels advisors, social panels experts, trainers delegated by the National Science Centre), Ministry of Science and Higher Education (the Council of the National Programme for the Development of Humanities), and Foundation for Polish Science. The second part of the classes (de facto training) is conducted by a scientist who is effective in obtaining funds from institutions running grant competitions.
2. Classes no. 1, 2 and 4 in Module II will be organised at the beginning of each academic year to open up education at the school on account of their importance to further effective activities of doctoral students.
3. Details of the Research Pinacoteca. Each year, students are obliged to participate in school-wide seminars organised at least several times a year (two hours at a time). The Research Pinacoteca involves the presentation of a concept, research ideas, ready-to-use results and interpretations presented by one student and the discussion held by all doctoral students of one year of the school. The classes are designed to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, to learn from each other, to comment on the progress of other students, and to constructively point out weaknesses in projects and in thinking. Each seminar held as part of the Research Pinacoteca is conducted by a professor who is in the role of the supervisors and was invited to join by the director of the school as the chair. It is assumed that doctoral students will seek to give a presentation as part of the Research Pinacoteca.
4. A mid-term evaluation of the doctoral student shall be carried out at the end of the second year and it shall end with a positive or negative result. The mid-term evaluation shall be carried out by an evaluation committee with the participation of external experts. Where a doctoral student obtains a negative evaluation, they shall be removed from the register of doctoral students. The classes in Module II are intended, among other things, to help doctoral students prepare properly for the mid-term evaluation.
5. A mid-term evaluation shall take place in the middle of the four-year period of education, in accordance with the Law on Higher Education and Science, the framework of which is defined both in the Act and in the Regulations of the Doctoral School of Social Sciences.
6. The curriculum of the Doctoral School of Social Sciences and the description of learning outcomes contained therein is based on the second-level characteristics for qualifications at level 8 of the Polish Qualification Framework, as defined in the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 14 November 2018 on the characteristics of second-level learning outcomes for qualifications at levels 6-8 of the Polish Qualification Framework (Dz. U. of 2018, item 2218).