

STUDY PROGRAM OF
University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social
Sciences
for the 2020/2021 Academic Year

Study Program for the Doctoral School in the Field of Social Sciences

1. Name of Doctoral School

University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences

2. A Brief Description of the Doctoral School and Learning Outcomes

University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences offers an important contribution to the process of improving the quality of advanced education at the academic level. It brings together doctoral students of the following disciplines: sociological sciences, economics and finance, legal sciences, pedagogy, psychology, socio-economic geography and spatial management, management and quality sciences, political and administrative sciences. The program provides the Doctoral Student with an opportunity to obtain qualifications at an advanced level in the field not only related to the process of planning and executing a dissertation, but also including professional training (strengthening research skills and improving teaching qualifications) and personal development (soft skills, including the ability to pro-actively plan own career and develop competences related to creative problem solving). These skills are indispensable not only for the successful completion of the Doctoral School, but also for the development of a professional career.

The main learning outcome is to broaden and further reinforce the knowledge of doctoral students in the field of a chosen scientific discipline. The knowledge and skills acquired during education shall prepare the Doctoral Student for independent planning, designing and conducting scientific research within the framework of an Individual Research Plan (IPB). Doctoral students who have completed their education at University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences will be prepared to critically evaluate the results of scientific research, which are the basis for scientific publications, as well as to effectively share the findings with the international scientific community. Another key learning outcome is to prepare the Doctoral Student to conduct didactic work at the level of a university by utilizing the acquired scientific knowledge using the latest methods of communication. A graduate of University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences will obtain competences enabling engaging in individual and team research conducted in national and international research teams, which will result in responsible application of the acquired knowledge and research findings in an innovative economy and for the benefit of the society.

The study program includes courses in the fields of management, economics, finance, law, psychology, sociology, methodology of scientific work, didactics, as well as general and specialization subjects. Doctoral students may also attend lectures selected according to their interests and in order to deepen specialist knowledge. The Study Program takes into account current theoretical concepts in social sciences and trends regarding the application of research results in practice, providing doctoral students with opportunities for further scientific development. The Study Program enables doctoral students to participate in international exchange programs (e.g. Erasmus+, seminars, and conferences) and inter-university exchange programs (e.g. MOST).

3. Academic Degree Obtained by the Graduate

(1) doctor of social sciences in the discipline of sociological sciences, or (2) doctor of social sciences in the discipline of economics and finance, or (3) doctor of social sciences in the discipline of legal sciences, or (4) doctor of social sciences in the discipline of pedagogy, or (5) doctor of social sciences in the discipline of psychology, or (6) doctor of social sciences in the discipline of socio-economic geography and spatial management, or (7) doctor of social sciences in the discipline of management and quality science, or (8) doctor of social sciences in the discipline of political science and administration.

4. Entry Requirements and Expected Competences as Indicated in Learning Outcomes;

The Candidate is expected to:

- present issues in the field of sociology, economics, law, pedagogy, psychology, geography, management and politics at the 7th level of the Polish Qualifications Framework,
- precisely formulate and comprehensively express thoughts and opinions about scientific research using specialized terminology,
- characterize and use the basic techniques and tools used in the research of a selected discipline;
- indicate scientific communities and centers – domestic or foreign – dealing with research in the field of interest of the Candidate,
- present methods of obtaining funds for conducting scientific research,
- analyze the opportunities for applying the achievements resulting from the planned doctoral dissertation in the process of commercialization of the results of scientific activity,
- describe the principles of research ethics, with a special emphasis on respect for the work of others,
- demonstrate knowledge of a foreign language, allowing studying international literature in the field of a leading scientific discipline and planned own research,
- be motivated, able to justify the need for constant broadening of knowledge and implementation of new methods for scientific research.

5. Scientific Fields and Disciplines Referred to in Learning Outcomes

Field: social sciences

Disciplines: sociological science, economics and finance, legal science, pedagogy, psychology, socio-economic geography and spatial management, management and quality science, political and administrative science

6. Learning Outcomes for University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences as Characterized by the 2nd Degree of the 8th Level of the Polish Qualifications Framework (PRK)

PRK Code	Learning Outcomes	Internal Code
In Terms of Knowledge – the Doctoral Student Knows and Understands:		
P8S_WG	At an advanced level, enabling verification of existing paradigms, theoretical aspects, and international trends of change in the field of social sciences, as well as general knowledge as regards related fields	SDNS_W01
P8S_WG	Methodology of scientific research in the field of social sciences and criteria for selecting appropriate research methods for the conducted research	SDNS_W02
P8S_WK	Economic, ethical, legal, and social conditions of research activity	SDNS_W03
P8S_WK	Contemporary, innovative methods, concepts, and tools for teaching and disseminating scientific findings in a discipline selected from the following disciplines: sociological science, economics and finance, legal science, pedagogy, psychology, socio-economic geography and spatial management, management and quality science, political and administrative science	SDNS_W04
In Terms of Skills – the Doctoral Student Is Able to:		
P8S_UW	Analyze and evaluate economic phenomena and social processes at an advanced level based on interdisciplinary knowledge	SDNS_U01

P8S_UW	Identify complex problems in the field of social sciences, conduct research processes, and transfer research results to the economic and social spheres	SDNS_U02
P8S_UK	Interpret research results, popularize the acquired scientific knowledge by means of disseminating the results of own research, participate in the research discourse, including in the international scientific environment	USDNS_U03
P8S_UO	Plan and implement individual and team research projects in the field of social sciences	SDNS_U04
P8S_UU	In accordance with the concept of life-long learning, take care of own development, inspire and organize the development of others through teaching activities by employing modern educational techniques and tools	SDNS_U05
In Terms of Social Competences – the Doctoral Student Is Prepared to:		
P8S_KK	Objectively and critically assess one's contribution to the development of a given scientific discipline of social sciences, as well as the achievements of others	SDNS_K01
P8S_KO	Be open to new thought trends and work for the benefit of the public interest, contributing to the development of a knowledge-based society, as well as seeking the truth	SDNS_K02
P8S_KO	Think and act in an entrepreneurial way, both in the area of science and and business practice	SDNS_K03
P8S_KR	Comply with the principles of professional ethics in the work of an academic teacher	SDNS_K04
P8S_KR	Conduct scientific research in accordance with the principles of work ethics in the work of an academic researcher, as well as legal regulations, with particular emphasis on honesty and reliability	SDNS_K05
7. Study Program (Overview of Courses in Respective Semesters, Including Number of Course Hours and Formats)		
Annex No. 1		
8. Description of Courses or Learning Modules		
<p>The Study Program consists of the following groups of courses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) General Courses, compulsory for all doctoral students irrespective of the selected discipline – 154 hours. 2) Discipline Module, 1 out of 8 modules to be selected – 90 hours. 3) Optional Courses, 5 courses to be selected, to be completed in semesters 3-5 – 75 hours. 4) Doctoral Seminar – 240 hours. 5) Teaching Practice – 180 hours. <p>Descriptions of individual courses are available in the USOS system in the form of course cards, in accordance with the requirements of the University of Lodz.</p>		
9. Correlation Between Learning Outcomes, Listed in point f, and Learning Outcomes Defined for Individual Courses or Modules		
Annex No. 2: Learning Outcomes Matrix		

10. Description of Learning Outcomes Verification Methods for the Selected Program with Reference to Specific Courses or Modules

Learning outcomes at University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences are achieved through the implementation of compulsory General Courses, individual Discipline Courses within the module of the selected discipline, Optional Courses included in the Study Program, and Teaching Practice.

Each course contains Learning Outcomes in terms of knowledge, skills, and social competences, indicated program content and credit requirements. Learning Outcomes of individual courses are correlated with the Learning Outcomes for the entire education cycle at the Doctoral School.

Learning Outcomes shall be verified by means of:

- oral and written exams, practical tests, evaluation tests, analysis of lesson observation reports prepared by lecturers and course coordinators; detailed information on how to pass the course and obtain the course Learning Outcomes, and program content are available in the USOS system;
- analysis of information on the progress of research activities, including the implementation of the Individual Research Plan, involvement in teaching, and acquiring social competences, provided by the Doctoral Student in writing at the end of each academic year, reviewed by the Doctoral Adviser and the Director of the Doctoral School;
- a mid-term evaluation.

Courses completed at the Doctoral School are accounted for in annual cycles. In order to complete an academic year, the Doctoral Student is required to complete all courses indicated in the Study Program for a given year and in accordance with the selected courses.

11. Prospective Schedule of Visiting Lectures

Visiting lecturers shall conduct courses. However, it is impossible to plan them ahead.

12. Scope, Rules, and Forms of Completing Teaching Practice

Doctoral students are required to complete apprenticeships (independent teaching and/or participation in teaching courses of another lecturer for 10-60 hours per year, starting from the second year of education).

Detailed rules for organizing apprenticeships for doctoral students are described in **Annex No. 3**.

**Study Program of University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences
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Course Type	Course Format	No. of Hours in Respective Semesters								No. of Hours
		Sem 1	Sem 2	Sem 3	Sem 4	Sem 5	Sem 6	Sem 7	Sem 8	
GENERAL COURSES – 154 hours										
Integration Course	workshop	4								4
Problems of the Modern World from the Social Sciences Perspective	seminar	15	15							30
Ethical and Legal Research Aspects	seminar		15							15
Contemporary Philosophy	seminar	15								15
Introduction to Logic	seminar		15							15
Introduction to Social Sciences Methodology	seminar	15								15
Research Organization Tools	workshop	15								15
Didactics and Sharing Knowledge	seminar		15							15
Academic English	workshop			15	15					30
DISCIPLINE MODULE – 90 hours										
Module 1 Sociological Science										
Contemporary Sociological Theories I	seminar			15						15
Contemporary Sociological Theories II	seminar				15					15

Scientific Writing	seminar			15						15
Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences Research	seminar			15						15
Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences Research	seminar				15					15
Problems of Modern Culture in Sociological Perspective	seminar				15					15
Module 2 Economics and Finance										
Seminar in Microeconomics/Seminar in Finance	seminar	30								30
Seminar in Macroeconomics/Seminar in Finance	seminar		30							30
Quantitative Methods in Economics and Finance	seminar			30						30
Module 3 Legal Sciences										
Methods of Conducting Research in the Process of Planning a Doctoral Dissertation in Legal Sciences	seminar	15								15
Active Law Teaching Methods	seminar		15							15
Legal Argumentation	seminar			15						15
Legal Comparative Studies	seminar			15						15
Software Application in Legal Studies	seminar			15						15
The Art of Conducting Lectures on Law in Practice	seminar				15					15
Module 4 Pedagogy										
Contemporary Pedagogy	seminar		15	15	15					45
Designing and Conducting Research in Pedagogy	seminar		15							15
Presenting Research Findings – Structure of Scientific Texts and Conference Papers	seminar			15						15

Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in Pedagogy	seminar			15						15
Module 5 Psychology										
Contemporary Psychology	seminar		15	15	15					45
Designing and Conducting Research in Psychology	seminar		15							15
Presenting Research Findings – Structure of Scientific Texts and Conference Papers	seminar			15						15
Advanced Methods of Statistical Analysis	seminar			15						15
Module 6 Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management										
How to Apply For and Implement Scientific Projects	seminar	15								15
Writing Research Articles on Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management	seminar		15							15
Anthropogeography. Origins and Contemporary Theoretical and Methodological Trends	seminar		15							15
Spatial Databases	seminar			15						15
GIS in Spatial Analysis	seminar			15						15
The City of Lodz and the Lodz Region – Origins and Developmental Processes	seminar				15					15
Module 7 Management and Quality Science										
Evolution of Organization Theory	seminar	15								
Contemporary Problems of Managing Organizations	seminar		15							30
Contemporary Problems of Accountancy and Company Finance Management	seminar			15						15
Scientific Research Methodology in Management and Quality Science	seminar			15						15

Preparing Publications and Scientific Presentations	seminar		15							15
Methods of Data Analysis and Interpreting Findings	seminar				15					15
Module 8 Political and Administrative Science										
Getting Research Grants	seminar	15								15
Presenting Research Findings – Structure of Scientific Texts and Conference Papers	seminar		15							15
Contemporary Political Systems. Structures, Processes, Changes. (Basic Problems of Political Science)	seminar			15						15
Shaping Image and Interpersonal Communication	seminar			15						15
Political Science Research Methodology	seminar			15						15
Regionalism and Contemporary Integration Processes. (Basic Problems of International Relations)	seminar				15					15
DOCTORAL SEMINAR (in a selected discipline) – 240 hours	doctoral seminar	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	240
OPTIONAL COURSES – 75 hours (5 lectures to be chosen from the offer available for a given educational period, semesters 3-7, 15-hour courses)				15	15	15	15	15		75
Biographical Method, Theory and Practice	seminar									
Critical Discourse Analysis	seminar									
Social Exclusion and Marginalization	seminar									
The City as a Laboratory of Social Processes	seminar									
Main Trends in Economics	seminar									
Contemporary Global Economy	seminar									
Sustainable Development	seminar									

Project Preparation and Implementation	seminar									
Economic Models	seminar									
Social Research Methodology	seminar									
Humanistic, Critical, and Qualitative Perspective on Social Reality	seminar									
Introduction to Political Commitment	seminar									
Theoretical and Philosophical Problems of Judicial Application of Law	seminar									
Methodology and Legal Research. Common Law Perspective	seminar									
Neuroscience and Neuropsychology	seminar									
Human Health and Possible Threats – A Psychological Perspective	seminar									
Close Relations – A Psychological Perspective	seminar									
Psychological Theories of Career Development	seminar									
Introduction to Positive Pedagogy	seminar									
Cartography of Contemporary Pedagogical Thought	seminar									
Microhistory, Psychohistory, Affirmative Humanities and Perspectives of Historical and Pedagogical Research	seminar									
Loneliness and Solitude in an Interdisciplinary Perspective	seminar									
Spatial Disparities in the Socio-Economic Development of the World and Poland	seminar									
Basics of Shaping and Protecting the Cultural Landscape	seminar									
Structures and Processes Shaping Metropolitan Space	seminar									
Social and Cultural Conditions of Spatial Changes	seminar									

Cultural Determinants of Organizational Behavior	seminar										
Artificial Intelligence – Opportunities and Threats in Managing Contemporary Organizations	seminar										
Marketing Perspective of the World of Organizations	seminar										
Security of Modern States	seminar										
US Foreign Policy – Research, Institutions, Main Directions	seminar										
International Relations Theories and Japan’s Foreign Policy	seminar										
Interactions Between Popular Culture and International Relations	seminar										
Guest Lectures/Lectures conducted by the Lodz Scientific Society (ŁTN)*	seminar										
Teaching Practice**	Conducted independently/Participation				60		60		60		180
IN TOTAL, ENTIRE COURSE OF EDUCATION											
Courses/Teaching Practice									559		180

Mandatory OHS training to be completed before November 30.

*** Optional Courses may also be conducted in the form of guest lectures delivered by lecturers from Poland or abroad, or in the form of lectures for doctoral students organized by the Lodz Scientific Society (ŁTN).**

**** A Doctoral Student may carry out Teaching Practice in the form of courses conducted independently or by participating in courses taught by other lecturers, starting from the second year of education, and is required to complete min 10 – max 60 hours each academic year.**

University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences – LEARNING OUTCOMES MATRIX

Course Name	KNOWLEDGE				SKILLS					SOCIAL COMPETENCES				
	SDNS_W01	SDNS_W02	SDNS_W03	SDNS_W04	SDNS_U01	SDNS_U02	SDNS_U03	SDNS_U04	SDNS_U05	SDNS_K01	SDNS_K02	SDNS_K03	SDNS_K04	SDNS_K05
Integration Course								1						
Problems of the Modern World from the Social Sciences Perspective	1	1			1					1	1			
Ethical and Legal Research Aspects			1				1							1
Contemporary Philosophy	1				1						2			
Introduction to Logic			1						1	1			1	
Introduction to Social Sciences Methodology		1	1			1	1							1
Research Organization Tools	1								1			1	1	
Didactics and Sharing Knowledge				1		1	1				1		1	
Academic English	1						1				1			
Optional Courses – All Lectures	1				1					1				

Doctoral Seminar	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			1
Teaching Practice	1				1								1	
MODUŁ 1 Sociological Science														
Contemporary Sociological Theories I	1				1						1			
Contemporary Sociological Theories II	1				1						1			
Scientific Research Preparation		1	1			1	1			1				1
Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences Research		1	1			1	1			1				1
Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences Research		1	1			1	1			1				1
Problems of Modern Culture in Sociological Perspective	1				1						1			
MODUŁ 2 Economics and Finance														
Seminar in Microeconomics/Seminar in Finance	1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1			
Seminar in Macroeconomics/Seminar in Finance	1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1			
Quantitative Methods in Economics and Finance		1	1			1	1			1		1		
MODUŁ 3 Legal Sciences														
Methods of Conducting Research in the Process of Planning a Doctoral Dissertation in Legal Sciences		1			1	1				1	1			
Active Law Teaching Methods	1	1					1		1				1	
Legal Argumentation	1		1				1				1	1		
Legal Comparative Studies	1		1			1		1		1	1			

Software Application in Legal Studies		1					1		1		1			1
The Art of Conducting Lectures on Law in Practice	1			1					1				1	
Moduł 4 Pedagogia														
Contemporary Pedagogy	1			1	1	1				1	1			
Designing and Conducting Research in Pedagogy		1	1				1					1	1	1
Presenting Research Findings – Structure of Scientific Texts and Conference Papers	1						1	1					1	
Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in Pedagogy		1	1				1	1			1			
MODUŁ 5 Psychologia														
Contemporary Psychology	1				1	1				1	1			
Designing and Conducting Research in Psychology		1	1				1					1	1	1
Presenting Research Findings – Structure of Scientific Texts and Conference Papers	1						1	1					1	
Advanced Methods of Statistical Analysis		1	1				1	1			1			
MODUŁ 6 Socjo-ekonomiczna Geografia i Zarządzanie Przestrzenią														
How to Apply For and Implement Scientific Projects	1	1			1			1		1		1		1
Writing Research Articles on Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management	1	1			1		1			1				
Origins and Contemporary Theoretical and Methodological Trends	1	1			1						1			

Spatial Databases	1					1	1				1			
GIS in Spatial Analysis	1				1	1					1			
The City of Lodz and the Lodz Region – Origins and Developmental Processes	1	1			1		1			1				
MODUŁ 7 Management and Quality Science														
Evolution of Organization Theory	1													
Contemporary Problems of Managing Organizations	1				1	1				1	1			
Contemporary Problems of Accountancy and Company Finance Management	1				1	1					1			
Scientific Research Methodology in Management and Quality Science		1	1			1	1			1				1
Preparing Publications and Scientific Presentations		1	1		1			1		1				1
Methods of Data Analysis and Interpreting Findings		1					1			1				
MODUŁ 8 Political and Administrative Science														
Getting Research Grants			1				1	1				1		1
Presenting Research Findings – Structure of Scientific Texts and Conference Papers		1	1		1			1		1				1
Contemporary Political Systems. Structures, Processes, Changes. (Basic Problems of Political Science)	1	1			1	1					1			1
Shaping Image and Interpersonal Communication		1						1	1			1	1	

Political Science Research Methodology	1	1	1		1				1				1	1
Regionalism and Contemporary Integration Processes. (Basic Problems of International Relations)	1	1			1	1							1	1

Organization of Teaching Practice for Doctoral Students at University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences

1. Teaching Practice for doctoral students at University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences, consisting of conducting didactic classes or participating in conducting them, shall take place in institutes/departments related to the selected discipline.
2. Teaching Practice for doctoral students at University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences, consisting of conducting didactic classes at individual faculties, is planned by the institute/department in which the Doctoral Adviser of a given Doctoral Student is employed.
3. A Doctoral Student may teach classes independently starting from the second year of education.
4. In the absence of the possibility to conduct classes on their own in a given academic year, the Doctoral Student shall conduct Teaching Practice by participating in conducting courses. However, in this case, the following rules are to be applied:
 - a) at least one month before the beginning of the semester, the Doctoral Student shall confirm with the Doctoral Adviser the type of courses in which the Doctoral Student will participate;
 - b) the Doctoral Student may participate in courses conducted by the Doctoral Adviser or another employee of the institute/department in which the Doctoral Adviser is employed, if that employee agrees to the Doctoral Student's participation in the said course(s);
 - c) participation in teaching courses involves active participation of the Doctoral Student in:
 - preparing materials for classes (e.g. presentations, case studies, examples and exercises),
 - conducting classes on topics indicated by the Doctoral Adviser or another academic teacher,
 - preparing, conducting, and checking students' tests.
5. If no classes are planned for the Doctoral Student to teach in a given academic year, and participation in teaching courses is not possible for justified reasons, the Doctoral Student shall issue a request to the Director of University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences for a permission to transfer the classes to the next academic year. The said request must be submitted no later than by March 31 of a given academic year.
6. The requests referred to in item 5 may not be submitted by Doctoral Students of the last year of education at the Doctoral School.
7. The Doctoral Student who completes the apprenticeship in the form of participation in teaching courses shall provide the Director of University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences with information about the type of classes, the expected number of hours, and the name of the academic teacher whose classes the Doctoral Student will participate in no later than two weeks before the start of a given semester.
8. Teaching Practice is credited by the Director of University of Lodz Doctoral School of Social Sciences on the basis of a print copy of the Individual Teaching Obligations Form, referred to as KIOD (when the courses are conducted independently) or the opinion of the academic teacher in whose classes the Doctoral Student participated.