

Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical University of John Paul II (UPJPII) in Cracow

**Admission rules for
full-time third-cycle studies
Enrolment for the academic year of 2017/2018**

Field: Humanities
Discipline: Philosophy
Type of study: Doctoral studies
Mode of study: Full-time
Duration: 4 years

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Enrolment for the academic year of 2017/2018 is conducted for full-time doctoral studies in philosophy in the Polish language, and full-time doctoral studies in philosophy in the English language. The candidate shall declare his preferred language of instruction during the registration process.

Formal criteria

The studies can be undertaken by individuals with a master's degree or an equivalent degree in any field of study. Also, non-holders of the aforementioned degree can apply for admission to the studies on condition that they are beneficiaries of the Diamond Grant programme.

An additional, obligatory, formal requirement is a written permission from an independent research fellow who is a member of the Council of the Faculty of Philosophy at UPJPII, or from an individual authorised by the Council of the Faculty of Philosophy to act in the capacity of a research supervisor.

The candidates seeking to undertake the course of study conducted in the Polish language must meet the requirements concerned with the studies conducted in the Polish language (the obligation to prove the knowledge of the Polish language **applies to foreigners only** – see details below).

The candidates seeking to undertake the course of study conducted in the English language (**which concerns both the Polish citizens and foreigners seeking to undertake the course of study in the English language**) are obliged to submit a document certifying knowledge of the English language. A complete list of documents that entitle the holder to undertake doctoral studies in the English language is to be found in Annexe no. 2 to the *Ordinance of the President of the Council of Ministers of 16 December 2009 on the manner of conducting the qualifying procedure in the civil service* (Journal of Laws 2009, no. 218, item 1695, as amended), on-line: <http://isap.sejm.gov.pl/DetailsServlet?id=WDU20092181695>.

Qualifying Criteria

The admissions process for the candidates for doctoral studies (third-cycle studies) is conducted by the Department Admissions Committee (hereinafter called the Committee) headed by the Director of Doctoral Studies, and attended by two independent research fellows from the Department and a representative of the Doctoral Students' Council (as a non-voting observer). The Committee is appointed by the Council of the Faculty of Philosophy.

Admissions to the studies are granted by way of competition governed by the following principles:

1. The candidates whose applications meet the formal conditions shall be admitted to the application interview.
2. The individuals who have failed to meet the formal requirements shall not be admitted to the subsequent qualifying stages. Their names shall be entered on the ranking list, with the total number of points 0, and the substantiation: "application rejected – unmet formal conditions." Such candidates shall receive an administrative order stating a refusal to admit the candidate to the doctoral studies.
3. The enrolment process is conducted by way of competition, the result of which is determined by the final result (Wk) obtained in the manner described below.
4. The individuals with the status of a beneficiary of the Diamond Grant programme shall obtain the maximum number of points in the admissions process (the ultimate outcome of the qualifying procedure Wk=45 points) and thus shall be exempt from the obligation to take the application interview.
5. The next stage of the admissions process is an application interview during which the candidate shall:
 - a) present to the members of the Committee his scope of research interests and discuss a doctoral dissertation proposal in the context of national and international source literature, addressing his own academic accomplishments (publications);
 - b) answer the questions asked by the Committee members and concerned with the analysis of a philosophical text selected from a set list.
6. During the application interview the following assessment scale shall be applied: 0 (unsatisfactory, a failing mark - unmet requirements for the candidates for doctoral studies) to 5 (very good).
7. Each one of the members independently evaluates two aspects of the provided answer: (a) the capacity to perform a philosophical analysis (0-5), (b) the doctoral dissertation proposal (0-5). While evaluating the candidate's answer, the specificity of the third-cycle studies and the substantive requirements for doctoral students of philosophy are taken into consideration.
8. The result of the evaluation of the capacity to perform a philosophical analysis (Wa) is a sum of the appraisals of the capacity to perform a philosophical analysis made by each member of the Committee. The candidate who obtains a total Wa result of less than 6 points shall be negatively assessed in the admissions process, which shall be entered in the admission record. The name of the candidate shall be entered on the ranking list with a note of the negative admission outcome, along with the specific information on which section was negatively assessed (an administrative decision to refuse to admit the candidate to the doctoral studies shall be made as well).
9. The result of the evaluation of the doctoral dissertation proposal (Wd) is a sum of the appraisals of the doctoral dissertation proposal made by each member of the Committee. The candidate who obtains a total Wd result of less than 6 points shall be negatively assessed in the admissions process, which shall be entered in the recruitment record. The name of the candidate shall be entered on the ranking list with a note of the negative recruitment

outcome, along with the specific information on which section was negatively assessed (an administrative decision to refuse to admit the candidate to the doctoral studies shall be made as well).

10. The result concerned with the mean of the marks obtained during the studies W_s shall be rounded to the second decimal place. If, during the previous studies, a scale different than the one adopted at UPJPII was used, the result shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$W_s = 5 * [(S - m) / (M - m)],$$

where

S – the mean of the marks obtained by the candidate, calculated according to the scale applicable at the educational institution that issued the diploma,

M – the highest mark in the scale applicable at the educational institution that issued the diploma,

m – the lowest mark in the scale applicable at the educational institution that issued the diploma.

11. The final W_k result of the admissions process shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$W_k = 3 * W_s + W_a + W_d.$$

12. After all the interviews have been conducted, a ranking list shall be compiled following the final W_k admission result. In the case of the negative outcome of the assessment of the candidate, an additional note shall be made in the record to the effect of a lack of the right qualifications, along with a short description of the reason.
13. Besides the obligation to meet the above-presented conditions, in order to qualify for the studies, the candidate must obtain **at least 25 points (W_k)**.
14. The ranking list will serve to compile a list of the candidates who qualify to be admitted to the studies.
15. The decision to admit the candidate shall be made after the registration for the studies has been effected.

Prescribed reading to be selected from for the purpose of the application interview for the studies in the Polish language (the candidate is obliged to choose and prepare to discuss only one set book):

1. Arystoteles, *Etyka Nikomachejska*, [w:] Arystoteles, *Dzieła wszystkie*, t. 5, tłum. D. Gromska, Warszawa 1996, ks. I–II, s. 77–122.
2. Scheler M., *Resentyment a moralność*, tłum. J. Garewicz, Warszawa 1977, s. 27-129.
3. Roman Ingarden, *Księżeczka o człowieku* (wiele wydań).
4. Józef Tischner, *Myślenie religijne* [w:] *Myślenie według wartości* (wiele wydań).
5. Karol Wojtyła, *Osoba: podmiot i wspólnota*, [w:] K. Wojtyła, *Osoba i czyn oraz inne studia antropologiczne*, Wydawnictwo KUL, Lublin 1994, ss. 371-414.
6. Michał Heller, *Filozofia przypadku. Kosmiczna fuga z preludium i codą*, Copernicus Center Press, Kraków (wiele wydań).
7. Ernan McMullin, *Ewolucja i stworzenie* (wiele wydań).
8. Ernan McMullin, *Wartości w nauce*, „Zagadnienia Filozoficzne w Nauce”, 24 (1999), s. 7-25 oraz 25 (1999), s. 30-46 (cz. II) [obowiązują obie części] dostępne online:
część I: <<http://www.obi.opoka.org.pl/zfn/024/zfn02402McMullin.pdf>>
część II: <<http://www.obi.opoka.org.pl/zfn/025/zfn02506McMullin.pdf>>

Prescribed reading to be selected from for the purpose of the application interview for the studies in the English language (the candidate is obliged to choose and prepare to discuss only one set book):

1. Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, transl. W. D. Ross, Kitchener 1999, books 1-2, p. 3-32.
2. Scheler M., *Ressentiment*, transl. L. A. Coser, Marquette 1998, ch. 1-3, p. 3-48.

3. Wojtyła, Karol, *The Person: Subject and Community*, [in:] K. Wojtyła, *Person and Community. Selected Essays*, trans. Th. Sadok, Peter Land, New York 1993, ss. 219-
4. Tischner, Józef, selected essays: *Axiological Pieces*
<<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner3.pdf>>, *Thinking in Values*
<<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner4.pdf>>, *The Good*
<<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner5.pdf>>, *Agathology*,
<<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner6.pdf>>, *Wandering within the Heart of the Good*, <<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner7.pdf>>, *For the Existence of Man: An Ontological Argument*
<<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner8.pdf>>, *Freedom As a Manner of Existence of the Good*, <<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner9.pdf>>, *Phenomenology of the Encounter*,
<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner_3_tischner.pdf>, *The Offroads of Encounters* <http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner_4_tischner.pdf>, *A Response to a Question, or: Reciprocity*
<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner_5_tischner.pdf>, *Evil in the Domain of Dialogue* <http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner_6_tischner.pdf>, *The Axiological-I in Dialogue*
<http://www.tischner.org.pl/Content/Images/tischner_7_tischner.pdf>.
5. Heller, Michael. *Philosophy of Chance. A cosmic fugue with a prelude and a coda*. Kraków: Copernicus Center Press (many editions).
6. McMullin, Ernan. *Evolution and Creation*. Notre Dame IN: University of Notre Dame Press 1985, 1987.
7. McMullin, Ernan. Values in Science. *PSA: Proceedings of the Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association*, Volume Two: Symposia and Invited Papers (1982), pp. 3-28 <www.jstor.org/stable/192409> (read online free)

Deadlines

1st Enrolment

- A complete set of documents must be submitted by **19 September 2017** at the Secretariat of the Faculty of Philosophy during office hours.
- The application interviews shall be held on **21 September 2017**.
- The list of the candidates qualified to be admitted to the studies shall be announced on **22 September 2017** at the latest.
- Registrations for the studies will be possible until **2 October 2017**.

2nd Enrolment

- A complete set of documents must be submitted by **3 October 2017** at the Secretariat of the Faculty of Philosophy during office hours.
- The application interviews shall be held on **5 October 2017**.
- The list of the candidates qualified to be admitted to the studies shall be announced on **6 October 2017** at the latest.
- Registrations for the studies will be possible until **6 October 2017**.

An organisational meeting for **all the first-year doctoral students** shall be held on **6 October 2017**.

Required documents

NOTICE! The candidate's admission process begins with registration at irk.upjp2.edu.pl.

The candidates applying to be admitted to the first year of doctoral studies at UPJPII must submit the following documents:

- a) a record card of the candidate for the studies (a printout of personal data from the e-registration program) – irk.upjp2.edu.pl;
- b) an application to the Director of Doctoral Studies at the Faculty of Philosophy at UPJPII for admission to the studies;
- c) a copy of the master's diploma or a copy, together with a certified translation into Polish, of another document certifying completion of studies abroad that make the holder eligible for the third-cycle studies in the country where the document was issued, or a copy of the document certifying a status of the beneficiary of the "Diamond Grant" programme (a photocopy of the above-mentioned documents may be attached on condition that the originals are made available for inspection); If the candidate has not yet been issued with the master's diploma, they may submit a certificate issued by their educational institution and testifying that the graduation exam has been passed and thus the candidate has been qualified to undertake third-cycle studies in the country within the system of which the educational institution operates;
- d) a supplement to the diploma (a transcript containing final and examination marks);
- e) a certificate issued by the diploma-issuing educational institution that confirms the mean of the marks obtained during the whole course of the study;
- f) *Curriculum vitae* (CV);
- g) 2 photographs (in keeping with the requirements applicable in procedure of the identity document issuance);
- h) a consent from an authorised employee to undertake research supervision of the Candidate (see Formal Criteria);
- i) an opinion of the Candidate from a chosen research supervisor;
- j) a summary of the research project;
- k) a list of academic publications (if the candidate has any) and photocopies of the first pages of these;
- l) if the candidate has undertaken **any** doctoral studies before, they must attach a declaration which details **all the commenced doctoral studies** and their course. If the Candidate has earned a doctorate or a higher degree, they should inform about this in the aforementioned declaration.

The candidates who **hold a diploma from a tertiary education institution issued abroad** are obliged to submit a nostrification certificate issued by the council of the organisational unit at any tertiary education institution in Poland. This does not apply to diplomas issued by educational institutions operating within the system of higher education in the EU member states, OECD member states, EFTA member states or parties to the agreement on the European Economic Area, or the states bound by an agreement on mutual recognition of documents and signed by Poland.

The candidates who **are not Polish citizens** must additionally attach the following documents:

- a) a photocopy of the document certifying that they have taken out a disease and personal accident insurance policy for the duration of study in Poland, or a photocopy of the European Health Insurance Card, or a declaration of taking out an insurance policy with the National Health Fund, immediately after the commencement of study (the original documents must be submitted for inspection);
- b) the individuals seeking to be admitted on the conditions applicable to Polish citizens must submit a photocopy of the document certifying the right to undertake the studies on the

conditions applicable to Polish citizens (confirming that the applicable requirements contained in Article 43 of the Act on Higher Education have been fulfilled);

- c) a photocopy of the passport (the page with the photo);
- d) an apostille or attestation of the diploma issued outside Poland;
- e) a doctor's certificate stating that there are no counterindications to undertake the studies;
- f) a document confirming knowledge of the Polish language;
- g) a certified translation of all the documents issued in a language other than Polish.

Information for candidates without a master's degree in philosophy

The candidates who do not hold degrees in philosophy (and have earned a master's degree in a different discipline), and who have been admitted to the studies are additionally obliged to take, as part of the obligatory programme, the so-called foundation course. As part of this programme, they are obliged to pass the exams in the following subjects on an extramural basis: (1) history of philosophy (all); (2) logic; (3) metaphysics; (4) philosophy of God; (5) philosophy of religion; (6) anthropological philosophy; (7) philosophy of science; (8) philosophy of cognition; (9) ethics; (10) social philosophy.

The foundation course shall be undertaken in the first year of studies. It is possible to prolong the period during which the examinations in the above-mentioned subjects can be taken – this can be done only upon the request of the doctoral student, and the period can only be prolonged by no more than another year of study. Getting credits for this course is a prerequisite for the director of doctoral studies recognising the master's degree as equivalent to the canonical licentiate in philosophy (*Regulations of the Doctoral Study Programme at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow of 19 September 2016, Clause 12, items 2-3*).

Additional arrangements concerned with Edith Stein Institute of Philosophy in Granada

If the Faculty of Philosophy at UPJPII starts a paid part-time course of doctoral study at Edith Stein Institute of Philosophy (IFES) in Granada in the academic year of 2017/2018, these regulations shall accordingly apply to the admissions process for this course of study, and additional arrangements will come into force:

1. The composition of the committee admitting candidates to the doctoral studies in Granada shall be determined by the Faculty Council. In the event that an appropriate resolution has not been passed, the admissions process shall be conducted by the faculty admissions committee for doctoral studies.
2. The Council of the Faculty of Philosophy at UPJPII shall approve (by agreement with IFES) the admissions process dates as well as a list of set books to be used during an application interview, which shall be announced on the IFES website.
3. The admissions process shall be conducted via the admissions platform of UPJPII at irk.upjp2.edu.pl; all the study documentation, formal acts concerned with tuition fees and other matters not addressed in the regulations shall be handled by IFES.
4. The application interview shall be held in the English language.
5. The committee members may conduct interviews with candidates via telecommunications technology, and IFES shall ensure reliable and confidential conditions of the interview.

