

**Conditions for admission to study
at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava
in the doctoral degree programme *Philosophy. International Program*
for the academic year 2023/2024**

In accordance with Sections 48 and 49 of Act no. 111/1998 Sb. on higher education and on amendments and additions to other acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended, and in accordance with Article 31, Paragraph 4 of the Statute of the University of Ostrava, and in accordance with Article 26, Paragraph 2 of the Statute of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ostrava, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ostrava announces the conditions for admission to study in the doctoral degree programme ***Philosophy. International Program*** for the academic year **2023/2024**:

Article 1

Degree programmes on offer

1. Within the admissions procedures for the academic year 2023/2024, the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ostrava offers the new accredited degree programme in a foreign language (the English language):

Type of degree programme	Programme name	Form of studies	Standard duration of studies
doctoral	<i>Philosophy. International Program</i>	full-time, part-time	4 years

2. Students studying in a degree programme accredited in a foreign language pay a tuition fee of 65 000 CZK per academic year.

Article 2

Applications to study

1. Applications to study may only be submitted in electronic form (as e-applications).
2. The deadline for submission of applications to study is **15 July 2023**.
3. The administrative fee for the admissions procedure is **600 CZK** (five hundred and sixty Czech crowns). This fee must be paid to bank account no. 931761/0710, payment reference number (i.e. "variabilní symbol") 251011, payment type number (i.e. "specifický symbol") = the code number identifying the degree subject (i.e. "oborové číslo"; this code number is generated for the applicant when submitting the e-application). IBAN: CZ65 0710 0000 0000 0093 1761, SWIFT: CNBACZPP. We recommend payment by bank card.
4. The admissions procedure commences once the e-application has been submitted via the University of Ostrava Portal. An e-application may be submitted up to the deadline given in Paragraph 2.
5. The administrative fee for the admissions procedure is paid once for each application submitted. The fee is payable no later than the deadline set for the submission of applications. If an applicant fails to pay the administrative fee by the set deadline and in the stipulated form, an e-mail will be sent to the applicant at the e-mail contact

address given in the application, and the applicant will be instructed to pay the fee; a reasonable period of time will be given before the final deadline for payment. If the applicant fails to pay the fee by this final deadline, the admissions procedure will be suspended.

6. The process for submitting the e-application is as follows:
 - a) the application is submitted electronically via the “Electronic Application” internet app at <https://portal.osu.cz/wps/portal/eprihlaska?lang=en>;
 - b) the applicant enters their personal details and selects the studies for which they are applying;
 - c) the applicant pays the set administrative fee (600 CZK) in the stipulated manner.
7. Each applicant **must check the “Electronic Application” internet app** to ensure that their administrative fee has been credited to the University’s bank account. Any problems with the submission of the e-application can only be addressed up to the seventh working day after the final deadline for the submission of applications. Problems raised at a later date will not be addressed.

Article 3

Conditions for admission – previous education

1. The conditions for admission with regard to previous education are stipulated by Section 48 of the Higher Education Act.
2. Conditions for admission include:
 - a) full completion of studies in a Master’s degree programme.
3. The full completion of studies in a higher education degree programme is proved by an original or certified copy of a higher education diploma.
4. Applicants must submit the original or certified copy as per Paragraph 3 to the Study Department at the Faculty of Arts **by 25 August 2023. The applicant is entitled to request a postponement of the deadline for submitting a document confirming the applicant’s previous education.**
5. If an applicant completed their higher education in a foreign country (i.e. a country outside the Czech Republic), the applicant must submit (by the date stated in Paragraph 4) the following documents:
 - a) a document certifying the general recognition in the Czech Republic of foreign higher education;
 - b) a document certifying the recognition of foreign education for the purposes of the admissions procedure (under Order no. 69/2019 issued by the Rector, on the assessment of foreign secondary school education and foreign higher education for purposes of admissions procedures – see <https://www.osu.eu/foreign-transcripts/>).
6. If the University of Ostrava does not grant recognition of the applicant’s foreign education as per Paragraph 5 b), the applicant must proceed according to Paragraph 5 a).
7. The provisions of Paragraph 5 do not apply in the case if the Czech Republic, in accordance with its international commitments, considers a foreign document certifying the completion of foreign higher education to be automatically equivalent without the necessity for any further official procedures (at the time of issuing this

document, this applies to the following countries: Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia and Germany). In such cases, the applicant merely submits the original or a certified copy of the document.

Article 4

Further conditions for admission

1. Further conditions for admission are stipulated by the Faculty of Arts according to the provisions of Section 49 of the Higher Education Act.
2. Further conditions for admission to the doctoral degree programme are as follows:
 - a) the submission of a doctoral dissertation research proposal and the successful completion of the entrance examination;
 - b) the proposal must correspond with the research specializations of the Department of Philosophy and an appropriate dissertation supervisor must be available.
3. The number of applicants that can be accepted for admission is limited by the number and available capacity of individual potential supervisors.
4. Applicants for the doctoral degree programme must also send or attach to their e-application:
 - a) a curriculum vitae, including information on the applicant's proficiency in foreign languages according to the CEFR,
 - b) an overview of relevant activities (publications, participation in conferences, study stays abroad),
 - c) if available, a letter of recommendation from a university teacher or researcher,
 - d) any language certificates awarded to the applicant.

Information on the required documents and their structure is given in Appendix no. 1.

5. Applicants must submit the documents as per Paragraphs 2 and 4 by **15 July 2023** by uploading the pdf format to the e-application.
6. The evaluation of the admissions procedure systematically applies a points-based approach. The maximum possible points score is 100.
7. The minimum score for possible admission is 50 points.
8. The highest possible number of applicants that can be admitted after meeting the requirements for admission (i.e. the maximum capacity of the degree programme) is for the doctoral degree programme 5 applicants.
9. If the conditions stipulated by the Faculty are met by a higher number of applicants than the maximum capacity of the degree programme, the highest-scoring applicants are admitted in descending order of scores achieved.
10. Detailed conditions for the doctoral degree programme are given in Appendices 1.

Approved by the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava on 13 May 2023.

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Information on the doctoral degree programme *Philosophy. International Program*

Form of entrance examination: Oral interview

Content of the entrance examination: The entrance examination takes the form of an oral interview in English, which mainly concerns the dissertation research proposal - project (its conception, methodological background, the orientation of the topic, etc.). The interview may also include a test of knowledge of another foreign and source language. If the applicant has not achieved a Master's degree in Philosophy, the oral entrance examination may also focus on the orientation in subjects, knowledge of which is required in the PhD programme Philosophy. International Program (i.e., basic orientation in the history of philosophy and philosophical systematics).

Criteria for the evaluation of the entrance examination: The entrance examination is evaluated on a points-based principle. The maximum possible points score is 100. The minimum score for admission is 50 points.

Possible grounds for exemption from the entrance examination: No exemptions are granted.

Further information:

- Deadline for applications: Applications for the academic year 2023/2024 may be submitted **up to 15 July 2023**.
- The applicant must submit the research proposal by the deadline for the e-application, i.e. it must be received no later than 15 July 2023.
- The date of the entrance examination will be set by the degree programme coordinator.

Information on the required documents and their structure

The research proposal should include information on the following:

1. Research questions
2. The research context
3. Research methods
4. Research schedule/timeline
5. Publication and dissemination

Other documents:

1. The applicant's academic CV, including an overview of relevant activities (publications, participation in conferences, study stays abroad etc.),
2. A letter of recommendation from a university teacher or researcher, if available
3. Any language certificates awarded to the applicant.