

Special PhD study admission procedure for Ukrainian citizens

Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Social Work

Degree program: Social Work

Type of study: Doctoral

Form of study: Part-time (distance and full-time)

Academic degree: Ph.D.

Language of instruction: English

Standard length of study: 4 years

Maximum length of study: 6 years

Faculty: Faculty of Social Studies

University: University of Ostrava

Abstract

At present, scientific preparation in the degree program of Social Work is only offered at two universities in the Czech Republic: at the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University in Brno and at the Faculty of Social Studies of the University of Ostrava. The study program focuses on the preparation of graduates who are capable of scientific investigation in Social Work. The aim of the study is to cultivate knowledge in doctoral degree students that is highly professionally specialised and at the same time applicable in the various contexts of theoretical investigation as well as in applied research.

Graduate Profile Knowledge

A graduate:

- has extensive knowledge of issues falling within the scope of the field of study that is underpinned by the mastery of the latest professional literature both in domestic and international contexts;
- has knowledge of scientific methodology and the basic principles used in the sciences of man and society, or as the case may be, knowledge of research approaches, strategies, methods and techniques in social science research;
- has knowledge of the theories and methods that may be applied in the area of Social Work.

The graduate's knowledge is interdisciplinary in nature, and contains knowledge from the area of social work theories and methods, and furthermore sociology and social policies.

Skills

A graduate:

- has sound and comprehensive understanding of the abstract and complex issues related to current social problems;
- is capable of viewing social work issues in a wider sociological, economic, and political science context;
- is capable of applying scientific methodology and approaches used in the sciences of man and society to the area of Social Work, i.e., to solve scientific assignments independently, to design and implement basic as well as applied research in Social Work, and to analyse and interpret acquired data;
- knows how to draft and process an extensive piece of specialised scientific text;

- is capable of: presenting the results of scientific research independently, holding a discussion in the field of Social Work at a scientific level, publishing the results of his/her scientific research activities, and defending the outcomes of research before professional public;
- is capable of co-operating with professionals from other scientific fields;
- is capable of looking for non-routine and creative solutions to problems in the Social Work area on the basis of self-generated analysis;
- is capable of applying theoretical concepts to the area of Social Work.

A graduate has qualities expected from an expert whose activity is specific also due to the fact that apart from the professional context, also the significant ethic dimension of the profession has to be respected.

Careers or professions a graduate may carry out:

- scientific research workers in basic and applied research;
- conceptual workers and analysts in public administration, self-administration and non-profit sector institutions, and in institutions dealing with social issues at the local, national and international level;
- teaching positions at universities, colleges and specialised higher education institutions offering social work studies.

Content of the entrance examination

Personal presence at the entrance examination is not necessary. The Faculty Board will evaluate the project of the Doctoral Dissertation on the basis of a 10-15 page written text and the ruling on admission or non-admission will be sent to the candidate within 30 days from verification of the conditions for admission.

Dates and times of entrance examinations

Personal presence at the entrance examination is not necessary. The Application for Study and its compulsory attachments are to be sent by **August 31, 2022** at the latest.

Conditions for admission

1. Citizenship of the Ukraine or permanent residence in the Ukraine.
2. The candidate has completed a Master's degree university program in the field of Social Work; as the case may be, also a different field of study is admissible if the candidate manages to justify his/her choice by experience in the field.
3. Together with the application, the candidate has provided all the required compulsory attachments within the stipulated deadline. The deadline for submission of the attachments to the Faculty of Social Studies of the University of Ostrava (FSS UO) is August 31, 2022 with the required attachments being:

A. Project of the Doctoral Dissertation structured in the required manner and containing:

- preliminary title of the Doctoral Dissertation;
- brief description of the theoretical starting points,
- description of the main research question(s) and goals;
- a reflection on the possible approaches to the research, the research method, research population, and on the research organisation;

- an overview of the basic literature, which will provide starting points for the Doctoral Dissertation with emphasis placed on foreign language literature. The topic of the Doctoral Dissertation must correspond with the main research orientation of FSS UO (see more at <https://fss.osu.eu/research/>), or as the case may be with the European Research Institute for Social Work (ERIS) and with the now ongoing research projects of FSS UO (see more <https://fss.osu.eu/20960/projects-and-grants/>). Preference will be given to the candidate's project focusing on:

- modernisation theories, the societies of education, modernisation at the level of region or city/town/municipality;

- social aspects of sustainable development of cities and regions or the socio-spatial aspects of social exclusion (families with multiple problems, senior citizens, people with disabilities, and the like);

- social gerontological aspects of modernisation;

- the implications of modernisation for social work (including the consequences of social services privatisation and the like)

Recommended literature:

- Giddens, A. *Capitalism and modern social Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 1971.
- Bauman, Z. *Liquid Modernity*. Wiley-Blackwell. 2000
- Beck, U. *Risk Society. Towards a New Modernity*. Sage Publications Ltd. 1992

B. Structured Curriculum Vitae with data on previous studies and practical professional experience

C. Authenticated copy of a document confirming successful and due completion of Master's Degree studies

Criteria for evaluation of the entrance examination:

The maximum score attainable by a candidate for a Doctoral Dissertation project presented at the entrance examination is 100 points. The minimum number of points required for passing the examination is 75.

The application and the obligatory attachments are to be sent no later than by August 31, 2022 to the following address:

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The submission of an application for the study as well as the study itself is **free of charge**.