

Doctoral study program *Political Science*
with the specialization *Security and Strategic Studies*.

Academic Year 2022-2023.

The single-subject doctoral study in the field of political science takes place in full-time and part-time (distance study) forms. Its standard length is set at eight semesters. Students are obliged to meet all the requirements defined by the individual study plan, which is approved by the doctoral board. Students work out the individual study plan with their supervisor by the end of the first month of their studies. This study plan defines the stages of study, the schedule of completion of courses and tasks related to the implementation of a foreign research stay, publications in academic journals or conferences and similar public appearances. The study plan may be continuously supplemented, updated and, in justified cases, changed with the consent of the supervisor and the chair of the doctoral board. The study plan's fulfilment is checked and evaluated by the supervisor and the chair of the doctoral board.

All students have the same study duties. Based on an agreement with the supervisor, the chair of the doctoral board and the head of the department, full-time students receiving a monthly stipend are involved in research projects and pedagogical activities of the department.

Students register for an oral state examination in the third year of study. The course POLd0004 must be completed before the student applies for the examination.

The prerequisites for the PhD thesis defence is the passing of the oral state exam and obtaining 240 credits (ECTS); out of the 240 ECTS, 210 ECTS for compulsory courses and 30 ECTS for elective courses.

Within the doctoral study in the field of political science, it is possible to study the specialization **Security and Strategic Studies**. The condition for its successful completion is the **acquisition of 30 ECTS for elective courses focused on security issues.**

After passing the state doctoral examination and a successful defence of the dissertation, the graduates will be awarded the academic degree **PhD**.

Compulsory courses - fall semester

Course	Teacher	Code	Type	ECTS
Personal Study Program I.	Supervisors	POLd0001	Z	10
Personal Study Program II.	Supervisors	POLd0002	Z	10
Personal Study Program III.	Supervisors	POLd0003	Z	15
Personal Study Program IV.	Supervisors	POLd0004	Z	15
Dissertation Project	Supervisors	POLd0005	K	20
Preparation of Dissertation Thesis I.	Supervisors	POLd0006	K	20
Preparation of Dissertation Thesis II.	Supervisors	POLd0007	K	20
Dissertation Thesis	Supervisors	POLd0009	K	40
Research Abroad	Supervisors	FSSd0900	Z	20 ¹
Placement Abroad	Supervisors	FSSd0990	Z	20 ²
Political Science Conference	Supervisors	POLd0010	Z	10
Political Science Conference Abroad	Supervisors	POLd0011	Z	10
Political Research: Theories and Methods	Roberts, Spáč	POLd0012	Zk	20

Elective courses - fall semester

Course	Teacher	Code	Type	ECTS
Theory of Political Regimes	Holzer	POLd0101	Z	10
Regional Aspects of Politics	Pink	POLd0102	Z	10
Preparation for Conference	Spáč	POLd0107	Z	06
Study Visit	Supervisors	FSSd0910	Z	04
Presentation of the Academic Paper at the Intl Workshop	Sirovátka	FSSd0920	Z	15
Communication of Research Results	Macháčková	ZURd0010	Z	10

¹ Alternative: Placement Abroad.

² Alternative: Research Abroad.

Elective courses - fall semester – specialization Security and Strategic Studies

Course	Teacher	Code	Type	ECTS
Contemporary Political Science Research on Security	Mareš	POLd0201	Z	10
Contemporary Research On Populism and Radicalism	Havlík	POLd0202	Z	10
Security Praxis Study Visit	Mareš Supervisors	POLd0206 FSSd0910	Z Z	10 04
Presentation of the Academic Paper at the Intl Workshop	Sirovátka	FSSd0920	Z	15
Communication of Research Results	Macháčková	ZURd0010	Z	10

Faculty elective courses - fall semester

Course	Teacher	Code	Type	ECTS
Research Abroad II.	Supervisors	FSSd0901	Z	20
Study Visit II.	Supervisors	FSSd0911	Z	01-10
Placement Abroad II.	Supervisors	FSSd0991	Z	20

Compulsory courses - spring semester

Course	Teacher	Code	Type	ECTS
Personal Study Program I.	Supervisors	POLd0001	Z	10
Personal Study Program II.	Supervisors	POLd0002	Z	10
Personal Study Program III.	Supervisors	POLd0003	Z	15
Personal Study Program IV.	Supervisors	POLd0004	Z	15
Dissertation project	Supervisors	POLd0005	K	20
Preparation of Dissertation Thesis I.	Supervisors	POLd0006	K	20
Preparation of Dissertation Thesis II.	Supervisors	POLd0007	K	20
Dissertation Thesis	Supervisors	POLd0009	K	40
Research Abroad	Supervisors	FSSd0900	Z	20 ³
Placement Abroad	Supervisors	FSSd0990	Z	20 ⁴

³ Alternative: Placement Abroad.

⁴ Alternative: Research Abroad.

Political Science Conference	Supervisors	POLd0010	Z	10
Political Science Conference Abroad	Supervisors	POLd0011	Z	10
Political Research: Theories and Methods	Roberts, Spáč	POLd0012	Zk	20

Elective courses - spring semester

Course	Teacher	Code	Type	ECTS
Research on Communal Politics	Balík	POLd0103	Z	10
Electoral Studies: Theories and Approaches	Chytilék, Šedo	POLd0104	Z	10
Stein Rokkan's Theories	Kopeček	POLd0105	Z	10
Comparative Political Institutions	Rybář	POLd0106	Z	10
Preparation for Conference	Spáč	POLd0107	Z	06
Study Visit	Supervisors	FSSd0910	Z	04
How to Write Grant Application	Lišková, Lorencová, Wolfová	SOCd0128	Z	10

Elective courses - spring semester – specialization Security and Strategic Studies

Course	Teacher	Code	Type	ECTS
Comparative Strategies	Mareš, Procházka	POLd0205	Z	10
Research On Security In Post-Transitive Countries	Stojarová	POLd0204	Z	10
Security Praxis	Mareš	POLd0206	Z	10
Study Visit	Supervisors	FSSd0910	Z	04
How to Write Grant Application	Lišková, Lorencová, Wolfová	SOCd0128	Z	10

Faculty elective courses - spring semester

Course	Teacher	Code	Type	ECTS
Research Abroad II.	Supervisors	FSSd0901	Z	20
Study Visit II.	Supervisors	FSSd0911	Z	01-10
Placement Abroad II.	Supervisors	FSSd0991	Z	20

Recommended Schedule of Doctoral Study Program of Political Science

First semester: compulsory POLd0001 + POLd0012 + one elective courses

Second semester: POLd002 + POLd0005 + one elective course

Third semester: POLd0003 + one elective course

Fourth semester: FSSd0900, or FSSd0990 (placement or research abroad)

Fifth semester: POLd004 + POLd0010

Sixth semester: POLd0006 + POLd0011 + oral state exam

Seventh semester: POLd0007

Eighth semester: POLd0009

Short Annotation and Prerequisites of Compulsory Courses. All Matriculation Years.

Personal Study Program I. (POLd0001) - credits are awarded based on the assistance in teaching 2 courses, participation in the doctoral readings during the semester plus according to individual requirements of the supervisor.

Personal Study Program II. (POLd0002) - credits are awarded based on the assistance in teaching 2 courses, participation in the doctoral readings during the semester plus according to individual requirements of the supervisor. Prerequisite is passing the course POLd0001.

Personal Study Program III. (POLd0003) - credits are awarded based on the assistance in teaching 2 course, participation in so-called doctoral readings during the semester plus according to individual requirements of the supervisor. Prerequisite is passing the course POLd0002.

Personal Study Program IV. (POLd0004) - credits are awarded on the basis of (1) assistance in teaching 2 courses, (2) participation in so-called doctoral readings during the semester, and (3) a proof of publication or acceptance for publication of an article in the journal in the SCOPUS database, or a chapter in the monograph published in prestigious international publishing house located in the categories A*, A, or B of the FSS MU list (see https://www.fss.muni.cz/media/3065267/opatreni_fss_5_2018_soupis_stipendijnich_program_u_fss_2018.pdf), or an article in the journal in the Web of Science database with an impact factor Q1-Q3 (for more details, see the text below). Prerequisite is passing the course POLd0003.

Dissertation Project (POLd0005) - credits are awarded on based on a successful defence of a text presenting the conceptual, theoretical, methodological and data-source characteristics of the dissertation project (for more details, see the syllabus) before a committee composed of supervisors and members of the doctoral board. The course is compulsory in the second semester of study.

Preparation of Dissertation Thesis I. (POLd0006) - credits are awarded based on the submission of at least one-third of the dissertation. Prerequisite is passing the course POLd0004.

Preparation of Dissertation Thesis II. (POLd0007) - credits are awarded based on the submission of at least two-thirds of the dissertation. Prerequisite is passing the course

POLd0006.

Research Abroad (FSSd0900), or Placement Abroad (FSSd0990) – credits are awarded based on the completion of a research stay (FSSd0900) or an internship/placement stay (FSSd0990) abroad, related to the preparation of the dissertation and approved by the supervisor and the chair of the doctoral board. One of the listed courses must be completed at any time during the doctoral study; the minimal uninterrupted length of the stay is three months. Completion of both courses is determined by the supervisor.

Dissertation Thesis (POLd0009) - credits are awarded after submitting the full text of the dissertation to the supervisor and based on the publication or acceptance for publication of a part of the dissertation as an article in the journal in the Web of Science database with an impact factor Q1-Q3 (for more details, see the text below) or (if the text recognized in the course POLd0004 was in the WoS category with an impact factor Q1-Q3) as an article in the journal in the SCOPUS database, or a chapter in the monograph published in prestigious international publishing house located in the categories A*, A, or B of the FSS MU list (see https://www.fss.muni.cz/media/3065267/opatreni_fss_5_2018_soupis_stipendijnich_program_u_fss_2018.pdf). Prerequisite is passing the course POLd0007.

Political Science Conference (POLd0010) - credits are awarded based on a documented active participation (presentation of the author's paper) at a conference in the field of political science, approved by the supervisor.

Political Science Conference Abroad (POLd0011) - credits are awarded based on a documented active participation (presentation of the author's paper) at a conference in the field of political science outside of the Czech Republic, approved by the supervisor.

Political Research: Theories and Methods (POLd0012) - credits are awarded based on the conditions specified in the course syllabus (see IS MU). The course can also be completed by participating in a methodological workshop ECPR or IPSA.

Short Annotation and Prerequisites of Faculty Elective Courses

Research Abroad II. (FSSd0901) – the course is intended for doctoral students to recognize credits obtained during a duly reported repeated one-semester research internship abroad, in the length of at least three months or in the case of an extension of the internship FSSd0900 by another semester. The course completion is determined by the supervisor. The number of credits will be determined by the chair of the doctoral board or supervisor based on the length of the internship and workload (usually 20 ECTS credits are awarded in the case of whole-semester internships).

Study Visit II. (FSSd0911) – the course is intended for doctoral students to recognize credits obtained for repeated short-term trips abroad. The course completion is determined by the supervisor. The number of credits will be determined by the chair of the doctoral board based on the supervisor's recommendation, considering the length of the internship and workload (usually 1-10 ECTS credits for short-term trips, most often 4 ECTS).

Placement Abroad II. (FSSd0991) – the course is intended for doctoral students to recognize credits obtained for a duly reported repeated one-semester internship abroad, in the length of

at least three months and more or in the case of extension of the internship FSSd0990 by another semester. The course completion is determined by the supervisor. The number of credits will be determined by the chair of the doctoral board or supervisor based on the length of the internship and workload (usually 20 ECTS credits are awarded in the case of whole-semester internships).

Doctoral Readings – spring semester of the academic year 2022/2023

- Lectures of foreign lecturers: will be specified;
- Lectures included in the habilitation / professor procedures: will be specified;
- Defences of Dissertation Projects; will be specified.

Conditions to complete the courses Personal Study Program POLd0001-0004 are: participation in at least two doctoral readings; plus attendance at the defences of dissertation projects.

Research seminar

In both semesters, research seminars will be organised allowing doctoral students to present the results of their own research and to receive feedback. Contributions can be submitted by any doctoral student (as well as by senior researchers) at the Department of Political Science. The seminars will run according to the number of proposed contributions, but at least twice per semester, on dates announced in advance.

If you are interested, please send to the seminar's convenor the title and type of your proposed contribution (e.g. article manuscript, research design, newly obtained data and methods considered to process them, grant application etc.) as well as the document for the reviewer in Word (.docx) format containing the manuscript, or the design with commentary, as an attachment.

Each contribution will be assigned a reviewer who will review the submission and recommend the piece for presentation or for amendment / completion by the author. In the former case, the author will receive the date of their presentation as well.

The deadlines for sending the contributions, the contact person and other information will be announced by email in the second week of the relevant semester.

For doctoral students, this is also an opportunity to pass the optional course POLd0107 *Preparation for Conference* (guarantor: doc. Spáček) if they successfully present their work as a conference paper.

Requirements for publications

Authorship: either sole author or if co-author at least a 50% authorship share;

Publication credit: the paper is recognised when it has been accepted for publication (email from the editor) or published (including online first);

Validity of publication parameters in WoS: WoS Q1-3 starting with the matriculation year 2021/2022; students in earlier matriculation years should aspire for the same, however WoS Q4 will be recognised.

Rules for determining the quartiles

- a. The highest quartiles are counted for the period from submitting the manuscript to the student submitting their application to defend their PhD thesis.
- b. The journal's quartile is determined according to AIS / SJR. If the journal has not yet been awarded an AIS score, the quartile is counted according to IF.
- c. The journal's quartile is counted according to the "higher card wins" rule, i.e. if the journal is listed in multiple disciplines, the highest achieved quartile is counted.
- d. If the journal is featured in both WoS and SCOPUS databases, the WoS score is counted.

Standards for doctoral students' educational activities and remuneration for extra work

A fundamental teaching obligation that applies to all doctoral students is writing reports on Bachelor's theses.

Furthermore, all full-time doctoral students in the first four semesters of their studies are obliged to become involved in the teaching at the Department of Political Science. Assisting in the teaching of two courses is considered the standard extent of involvement. This involvement is linked with passing the courses ISP I.-IV. (POLd0001-0004).

Full-time students in the first four semesters who in any semester are involved in teaching more than two courses, full-time students in subsequent semesters who are no longer required to participate in teaching, and all students in a combined form of study, are eligible for remuneration for extra work. The amount of remuneration depends on the character of the course and the extent and character of the assistance, all expressed as hours of work.

In the academic year 2022/2023, the amount paid by the department **for one hour of work is CZK 200.**

Definition of the hours of work for a doctoral student assisting in teaching:

- Leading 1 seminar (90 minutes): **3 hours of work** (teaching + preparation);
- Reading and assessing 1 standard page (defined as 1800 characters) (papers and coursework): **6 minutes = 10 standard pages / 1 hour of work;**

If leading the seminar for multiple seminar groups only the teaching time (= **1.5 hours of work**) is counted towards the remuneration for a repeated seminar.

Applying for remuneration for extra work: the guarantors (or principal teachers if these are not the same people as guarantors) who used the educational assistance of some doctoral student(s) in any of their courses will by 25 October (fall semester) or 25 April (spring semester) send the following data to the department administrator, Mrs Pospíšilová:

- Title of the course,
- Extent and character of assistance provided by the doctoral student, expressed as hours of work.

The remuneration will be paid in November / May payrolls.