
(PhD) Programme: Sociology

Doctoral Programme P0312D250004: Sociology (DP_SOCA and DK_SOCA)

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The doctoral study programme of Sociology at the FSV UK prepares students for basic and applied research and teaching in the academia, in scientific and research institutes, private sector and in other institutions requiring a high level of theoretical and methodological education in sociology and related disciplines.

The programme supports the development of sociological thinking, especially as a scientific discipline focused on basic research in the main fields of social sciences as well as applied research. The students must prove their knowledge of present-day theories and methodology and also their ability to contribute independently to scientific debates new knowledge that meets internationally recognised standards. The graduate profile enables scientific careers, careers in applied research, analytical and expert work (in consultancy agencies, market and media research, individual organisations and corporations).

Language of Instruction:

English

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State doctoral examination (JSZSO1):

- The PhD state examination in the new format consists of a debate on the theoretical contextualization and methodological design of the dissertation. The manuscript of a publication (at least in the review process, i.e. after acceptance by the journal editor for review) that relates to the main research objective of the dissertation serves as the basis for this debate. The text must be accepted for consideration in a journal that is in the WoS or Scopus database. A text that is not related to the dissertation cannot be submitted for the state examination. The text is submitted by the student(s) to the committee one month in advance with a cover letter or introduction that places the text of the publication in the overall framework of the dissertation. The recommended length of this introduction is 3.500–7.000 words (excluding the list of literature).

Course Structure and Study Requirements:

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JJM002	<u>Content Analysis</u>	<u>Nečas</u>	WS	0/2	macc	6
JSDS01	<u>Sociological Seminar</u>	<u>Císař</u>	WS	0/1	Course credit	15
JSDS03	<u>New Approaches to Methodology of Social Research</u>	<u>Linek Císař</u>	SS	2/2	Course credit	20
JSDS04	<u>Sociology as a Contemporary</u>	<u>Hájek</u>	SS	2/2	Course credit	20

	Scientific Discipline					
JSDS05	Sociological Seminar II	Císař	SS	0/1	Course credit	15
JSDS06	Sociological Seminar III	Císař	WS	0/1	Course credit	15
JSDS07	Sociological seminar IV	Císař	SS	0/1	Course credit	15
JSDS08	Sociological Seminar V	Císař	WS	0/1	Course credit	15
JSDS09	Sociological Seminar VI	Císař	SS	0/1	Course credit	15
JSDS10	Research Design	Císař	WS	0/1	Course credit	15
JSDS11	Academic Writing in Sociology	Císař	SS	0/1	Course credit	15

Research Design is a professional platform where students discuss their dissertation projects and parts of their doctoral dissertations. Students must also enrol in the courses that are compulsory for the first-year (or second-year) students in the doctoral programme of study (these courses are usually organised in the summer semester). Students must enrol in and complete these courses during the first and second year of the programme. The compulsory courses are JSDS10 Research Design (WS), JSDS11 Academic Writing in Sociology (SS), JSDS03 New Methods in Social Research, and JSDS04 Sociology as a Contemporary Science.

Students are required to attend regular doctoral seminars organized according to thematic focus in the form of several creative groups (from the second semester for the entire period of study). Each academic year, the student presents at least twice part of his / her dissertation work.