

DOCTORAL SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY OF SZCZECIN

Since 2019

A summary of what Doctoral School at the University of Szczecin Poland is, and why is that worth to joinUS.

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ABOUT DOCTORAL SCHOOL



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A Brief Story About Doctoral School

The Doctoral School University of Szczecin started interdisciplinary 4-year education of the first doctoral students on 01 October 2019.

The comprehensive educational program of the Doctoral School offers domestic and foreign scientific environment and high development of research.

The discipline of science can be chosen in:

- Humanities (philosophy, history, literary studies, linguistics)
- Medical and health sciences (physical culture science)
- Social sciences (economics and finance, socio-economic geography and spatial management, political and administrative sciences, management and quality studies, law, educational sciences, psychology, sociology)
- Natural sciences (mathematics, biological sciences, physical sciences, Earth and related environmental sciences)
- Theology
- Interdisciplinary education

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DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



2019/2020

Establishment of the Doctoral School

Doctoral School University of Szczecin was established by order of the Rector of the University of Szczecin of May 30, 2019.

2021/2022

Teaching path in English

Knowing the need of internationalization, the new program guided by the values of the UNESCO Chair in equality and sustainable development policy has been open for recruitment. ProDok Doctoral Student Community Competition 2021 and 2022 award in categories The most pro-doctoral school in Poland

2023/2024

Dynamic development award

The most pro-doctoral school in Poland for association - West Pomeranian Doctoral Students' Agreement.

2024/2025

Best doctoral school in Poland

Award in prestigious national ProDok competition in two categories: Dynamic Start and Speed Dating of Young Scientist Event. The award of University of Leaders and Leader of Scientific Competences Award.

Future

New challenges

Doctoral School is scheduled for the first evaluation process.

VISION

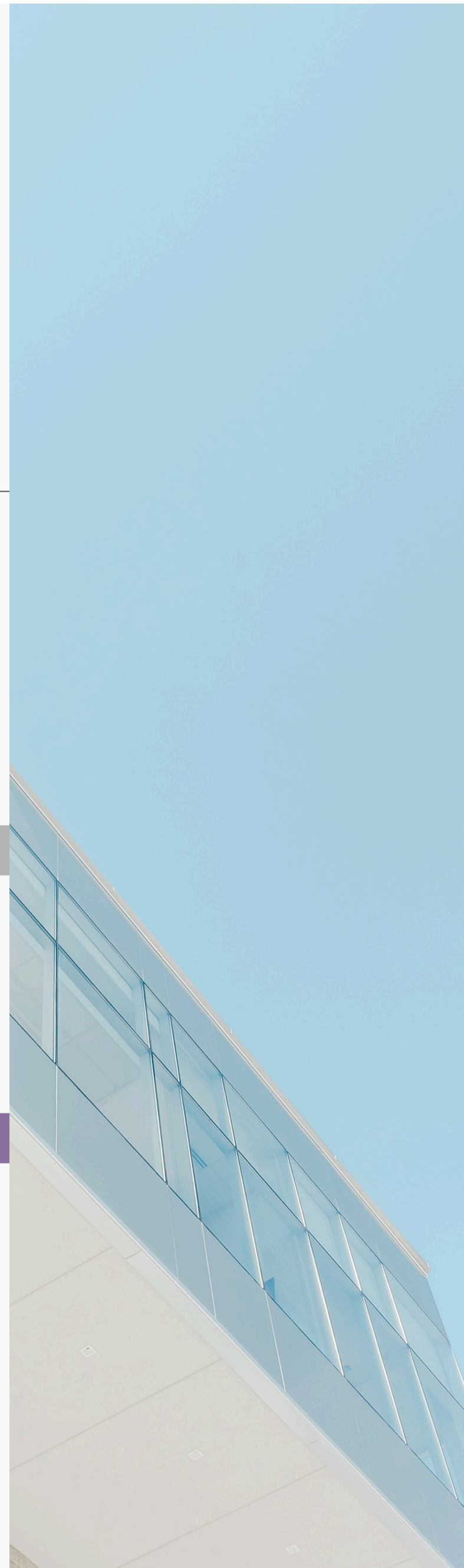
The vision is to offer multidirectional preparation of young scientists for independent functioning in the domestic and foreign scientific environment and high development of research.

MISSION

Interdisciplinary doctoral education for the development of international and national research carried out by young scientists.

Doctoral School is intended to be a place for exchanging views on interdisciplinary scientific discourses and creating a new quality of scientific implementation.

Doctoral School creates an academic environment that supports doctoral students in carrying out individual research projects. The results of these projects are doctoral dissertations.



MAJOR FACTORS



01 Infrastructure

Modern equipped research platforms and laboratories: Center for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Center for Human Structural and Functional Research, Laboratory of Nuclear and Medical Physics, Radiospectroscopy Laboratory, Service Inter-Lab Center, Center for Negotiations and Crisis Management.

02 Keys to success

Elitism, High quality of education, High quality of research, Interdisciplinarity, Internationalization, Organization and management.

03 Four Values

Individuality, Development, Identity, Tolerance.

04 Internationalization

Two teaching programs: Polish and English PhD programs, Doctoral School open for foreign scientists.

NUMBERS



A Brief Overview

The University of Szczecin was founded **40** years ago and is the largest university in the West Pomerania region. University hosts nearly **12.000** students at approximately **80** fields of study.

Doctoral School cooperates with **7** Faculties and **18** Institutes within the university and has more than **9** Erasmus partnership agreements with international units.

PhD Students

Average **130** PhD Students in each academic year, **30%** of foreigners.

PhD International Students

Recruitment admission of **12** PhD international Students in each academic year.

Publications

Over **408** scientific publications.

PhD Graduates

Over **50** PhD Graduates from the beginning of Doctoral School existence.

Grants

Over **446** grants awarded for scientific development; **12** implementation grants for more than **700.000** euro in total.

Teaching staff

11 Professors;
29 Associate Professors;
8 Professors in Scientific Board;
12 foreign Professors in Advisory Scientific Board.



STUDYING



A Brief Story About The Study

Doctoral School aims at ensuring that doctoral students achieve knowledge, skills, and social competences crucial for conducting researches and teaching students. Two teaching paths in Polish and English exist. Teaching programs as well as teaching staff competences are improved annually.



8 semesters (40 ECTS), 494 hours

214 hours of lectures, 120 hours of seminars, 60 hours of didactic practise, 100 hours of individual module.



Modules in studying

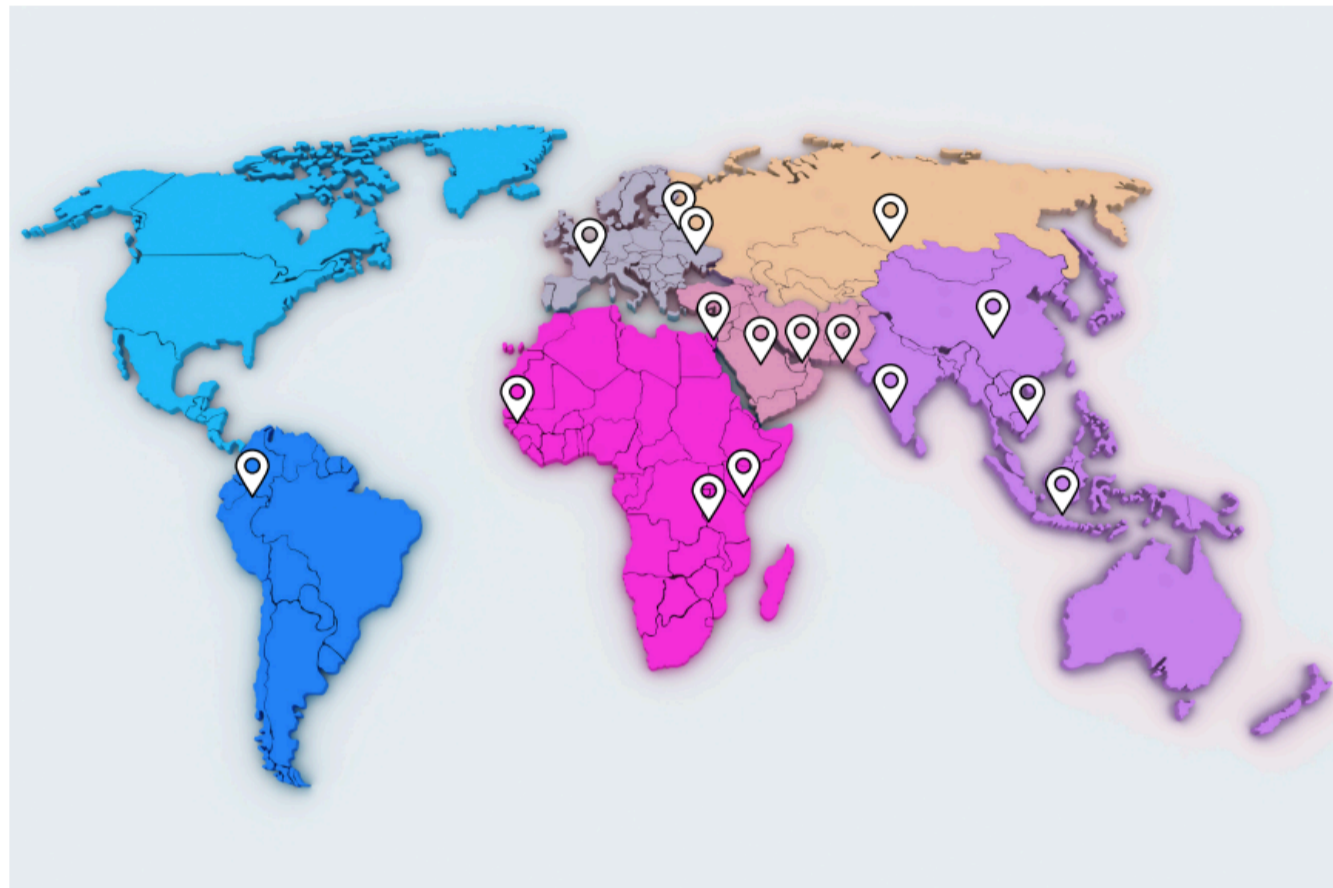
Basic module, research module, teaching module, competences module, individual module (summer schools, camps, courses, trainings, external classes), didactic practise.



Our teaching strategy

Classes on Fridays only;
I,II year – obligatory classes;
optional classes in individual module;
individual seminars schedule;
III and IV year – no scheduled classes,
didactic practise reported in the last semester.

INTERNATIONALIZATION



In 2021/2022 academic year, knowing the need of internationalization, the new program in English language guided by the values of the UNESCO Chair in equality and sustainable development policy, has been open for recruitment. Doctoral School entering English speaking teaching path attracted international students from all over the world. Main countries of interest are:

Belarus, China, Colombia, France, Gambia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Pakistan, Ruanda, Russia, Türkiye, Ukraine, Vietnam.

Since 2024, the Doctoral School has been co-organizing Polish language courses for its foreign-language doctoral students.



The UNESCO Chair for Social Sustainability at the Doctoral School has been established in 2020 to promote research, activities and policies of sustainable development, to share experiences and to facilitate international exchange of staff and scientists from the Doctoral School with countries in Europe, North America and the Pacific region.



COOPERATION AND MOBILITY



PhD Students participate in external Erasmus Programm, conferences, research visits, projects meetings, summer schools, seminars, queries. The main countries of outcomings are: Germany, France, Spain, Belgium, Great Britain, Italy and also Kenya, Ruanda, USA or Albania.



Doctoral School cooperates annually with several international units, for instance: University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka; Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya; Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia; University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Ankara Universitesi, Ankara, Türkiye or Sveuciliste u Splitu, Split, Croatia.



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Sveuciliste u Splitu, Croatia



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University and Caucasus
University, Tbilisi, Georgia



Klaipedos Universitetas, Lithuania



Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya



Ankara Universitesi, Türkiye



University of Kelaniya,
Sri Lanka

INITIATIVES

- University of Szczecin is a part of the prestigious UNESCO Chairs Network. UNESCO Chair for Social Sustainability works at the Doctoral School US.
- PhD representatives actively govern in the National Representation of Doctoral Students and West Pomeranian Doctoral Students' Agreement.
- PhDs organize annually Multidisciplinary Conference of Doctoral Students of the University of Szczecin "MKDUS 2.0" with participation of the noble Professors under the patronaite of Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, President of Szczecin and West Pomeranian Voivode
- As the result of "MKDUS 2.0" PhD conference, four monographies, the last one on over 400 pages with 35 authors publishing, have been issued by now

ACTIVITIES

- JOIN US – STAY WITH US as initiative of open on-line lectures conducted in English for PhD students, the unique opportunity to listen to outstanding international specialists in many fields of science, representing several research units cooperating with the University of Szczecin
- Tandem Meetings as initiative aimed at fostering integration and supporting the academic community, with a particular focus on international doctoral students
- Colloquia Erasmiana as interdisciplinary regular debates over main world issues mostly aimed on publications and books issued to provoke brain storm thinking

AWARDS

- The award of University of Leaders and Leader of Scientific Competences Award 2024
- ProDok Doctoral Student Community Competition 2024 award in category Open to the World School
- ProDok Doctoral Student Community Competition 2024 award in category The most pro-doctoral school in Poland
- ProDok Doctoral Student Community Competition 2023 award in category Dynamic Start
- ProDok Doctoral Student Community Competition 2021 and 2022 award in categories The most pro-doctoral school in Poland

PROJECTS

- 4 implementation doctorates funded by the Ministry of National Education
- Project ID #Title: 22210028, New challenges for economics in the post Covid-19 era in the countries of V4 region. The project is financed by: the Visegrad Fund
- National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) – SPINAKER program – Intensive International Education Programs 2021, grant entitled “Establishment of the IMPK in English at the Doctoral School of University of Szczecin “How to become a better scientist and teacher”
- Jean Monnet Module 101085427 GCAM – ERASMUS–JMO-2022-HEI-TCH-RSCH “Green Campus Strategies: EU Experience for Ukrainian Universities”, 2022-2025
- Project entitled “Forging (Kuźnia) of teaching staff and doctoral students at the University of Szczecin” under supervision of National Centre for Research and Development funded by European Funds for Social Development

THE PLACE WE LIVE

POLAND

- Poland is a country in the heart of Europe, known for its rich history, stunning medieval cities, and breathtaking natural landscapes – from the sandy beaches of the Baltic Sea to the snowy peaks of the Tatra Mountains.

SZCZECIN

- Szczecin, a port city in northwestern Poland, is famous for its unique star-shaped street layout inspired by Paris and its beautiful location on the Oder River near the Baltic Sea.

UNIVERSITY OF SZCZECIN

- Since 1984 an academic centre focused on innovation, implementation of modern research and teaching solutions, on breaking stereotypes and limitations in acquiring knowledge and on solving research problems.

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