

WARSAW INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGY

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

(starting from the 1st year commencing the studies in 2012/13 and future years)

YEAR I

		ECTS	HOURS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE ENDS WITH:
Semester 1	Introduction to Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam
	Research Methods	4	30	lecture	exam
	Biological Bases of Behaviour	4	30	lecture	exam
	Basic Psychological Skills *	0	30	class	pass
	Logic	3	30	seminar	graded pass
	Introduction to Contemporary Philosophy	4	30	lecture	exam
	Intellectual Property Rights	0.5	short stationary or online tutorials		
	Occupational Safety and Health	0.5			
	Physical Education (PE classes) **	0.5	30		pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	***		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester				
Semester 2	Statistics and Research Design	6	30+30	lecture + class	exam + graded pass
	Cognitive Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam
	Psychology of Learning and Memory	4	30	lecture	exam
	Basic Psychological Skills *	3	30	class	graded pass
	Physical Education (PE classes) **	0.5	30		pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	***		lecture/seminar/class	exam/pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester				17 ****
Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the year				37 ****	

Notes:

* This is a yearly course, therefore ECTS points are given after completing both semesters.

** Each student is required to complete 4 semesters of PE classes till the end of the 5th semester.

*** Each student completes a chosen number of elective/OGUN/language courses so that ECTS points from these courses combined with ECTS points from obligatory courses give at least 60 ECTS at the end of the year.

**** A minimum number of ECTS points from obligatory courses needed to finish the semester/year could be higher depending on the number of PE classes taken by a student.

YEAR II

		ECTS	HOURS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE ENDS WITH:
Semester 3	Psychological Testing	4	30	lecture	exam
	Developmental Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam
	Emotions and Motivation	4	30	lecture	exam
	Academic Skills	4	30	seminar	graded pass
	Statistical Methods for Experimental Design	2	30	class	graded pass
	Physical Education (PE classes) *	0.5	30		pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	**		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester				
Semester 4	Standard Diagnostic Methods	4	30	class	graded pass
	Individual Differences	4	30	lecture	exam
	Personality Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam
	Experimental Psychology	3	30	class	graded pass
	Physical Education (PE classes) *	0.5	30		pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	**		lecture/seminar/class	exam/pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester				
Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the year					33 ***

Notes:

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** Each student completes a chosen number of elective/OGUN/language courses so that ECTS points from these courses combined with ECTS points from obligatory courses give at least 60 ECTS at the end of the year.

*** A minimum number of ECTS points needed to finish the semester/year could be higher depending on the number of PE classes taken by a student.

YEAR III

		ECTS	HOURS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE ENDS WITH:	
Semester 5	Psychological Assessment (lab)	4	30	class	graded pass	
	Psychological Assessment (lec)	4	30	lecture	exam	
	Psychopathology	4	30	lecture	exam	
	Social Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam	
	Empirical Supervised Research*	0		seminar	pass	
	Physical Education (PE classes) **	0.5	30		pass	
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	***		lecture/seminar/class	exam/pass	
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester					16 ****
Semester 6	History of Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam	
	Introduction to Guidance and Counselling Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam	
	Empirical Supervised Research*	6		seminar	pass	
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	***		lecture/seminar/class	exam/pass	
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester					14 ****
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the year					30 ****

Notes:

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** Each student is required to complete 4 semesters of PE classes till the end of the 5th semester

*** Each student completes a chosen number of elective/OGUN/language courses so that ECTS points from these courses combined with ECTS points from obligatory courses give at least 60 ECTS at the end of the year.

**** A minimum number of ECTS points needed to finish the semester/year could be higher depending on the number of PE classes taken by a student.

YEAR IV

		ECTS	HOURS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE ENDS WITH:
Semester 7	Professional Ethics in Applied and Experimental Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam
	Master's Thesis Seminar	5		seminar	pass
	Specialization courses	*		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	*		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester				
Semester 8	Master's Thesis Seminar	5		seminar	pass
	Specialization courses	*		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	*		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester				
Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the year					14

Notes:

* Each student completes a chosen number of elective/OGUN/language/specialization courses so that ECTS points from these courses combined with ECTS points from obligatory courses give at least 60 ECTS at the end of the year. During Year IV and Year V together, each student is obliged to gain at least 48 ECTS from specialization courses. The remaining points could be gained by completing elective courses or a student could gain more than 48 ECTS from specialization courses (for example complete two specializations, but in this case the student still needs to gain at least 24 ECTS from elective courses).

YEAR V

		ECTS	HOURS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE ENDS WITH:
Semester 9	Master's Thesis Seminar	5		seminar	pass
	Specialization courses	*		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	*		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester				5
Semester 10	Master's Thesis Seminar	5		seminar	pass
	Specialization courses	*		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	*		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the semester				5
Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the year					10

Notes:

* Each student completes a chosen number of elective/OGUN/language/specialization courses so that ECTS points from these courses combined with ECTS points from obligatory courses give at least 60 ECTS at the end of the year. During Year IV and Year V together, each student is obliged to gain at least 48 ECTS from specialization courses. The remaining points could be gained by completing elective courses or a student could gain more than 48 ECTS from specialization courses (for example complete two specializations, but in this case the student still needs to gain at least 24 ECTS from elective courses).

Detailed rules about completing courses:

- 1) A student is obliged to complete all obligatory courses in the semester/year when they are offered.
- 2) A student can complete an obligatory lecture assigned to a higher year than the year the student is currently enrolled in. In this situation, an obligatory lecture from a higher year is assigned to the semester the student is currently enrolled in. Registering for obligatory workshops/labs from higher year is possible only after the Dean's approval.
- 3) During 5 years of studies, each student is obliged to gain at least 4 ECTS from courses from each of the elective modules:
 - (1) Clinical Psychology
 - (2) Cognitive Psychology
 - (3) Biological Bases of Behaviour
 - (4) Psychology of Personality, Emotions, Motivation and Individual Differences
 - (5) Educational and Developmental Psychology
 - (6) Social Psychology
 - (7) Methodology, Statistics and Psychometrics
 - (8) Interdisciplinary Courses

Students may choose with which elective courses they complete the 60 ECTS/year requirement.
- 4) Students of Year IV and Year V can take part in elective courses for PhD students.
- 5) During Year IV and Year V each student is obliged to gain at least 48 ECTS from specialization courses. It is possible to do that by completing a specific specialization (as for 2012, there are 4 specializations taught in English: Psychotherapy, Business Psychology, Neuropsychology and Neuroscience, Experimental Social Psychology) or by completing courses belonging to different specializations. In this second case the student completes a so-called "general specialization" which needs to be approved by the Dean. In order to receive the Dean's approval, the student writes a request to the Dean with a list of specialization courses they have completed. The grade from the general specialization is an arithmetic average from grades from all listed courses. It is the student who decides which specialization courses are on the list.
- 6) During 5 years of studies each student is required to gain at least 21 ECTS from university-wide (OGUN) courses. Specific courses and years/semesters of completing these courses are student's individual choice.
- 7) It is possible that a language class is qualified as a university-wide (OGUN) course, but only in a situation when the language of the language class is different than the language the student passed during the language exam. A maximum number of ECTS from language classes counted into ECTS gained from university-wide (OGUN) courses is 4.
- 8) During Year IV and Year V each student is obliged to complete 4 semesters of a master's seminar. First 3 semesters end with a "pass" and the last semester ends with a graded pass.
- 9) A specific master's seminar and a specific empirical supervised research seminar are student's choice.

- 10) Each student has an opportunity to complete a placement period (practice) and include it in the program of studies. The placement period needs to last at least 100h, cannot be shorter than 4 weeks and needs to be connected with one of the fields of psychology. The student may receive 4 ECTS for their placement period. It is possible to start the placement period after Year III at the earliest.
- 11) Each student is obliged to pass a foreign language exam at least on the B2 level till the end of Year III.
- 12) Till the end of Year V, each student is obliged to gain knowledge of a foreign language exam on the level B2+. It is possible to do that by: a) completing a language course on B2+ level, b) passing a language exam on B2+ level, c) taking a psychology specialization seminar/class in a foreign language.