

WARSAW INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGY

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

(starting from the 1st year commencing the studies in 2016/17 and future years)

YEAR I

		ECTS	HOURS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE ENDS WITH:
Semester 1	Introduction to Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam
	Research Methods	6	30+30	lecture + seminar	exam + graded pass
	Biological Bases of Behaviour I	6	30+30	lecture + seminar	exam + graded pass
	Basic Psychological Skills *	0	30	class	pass
	Academic Skills	4	30	seminar	graded pass
	Logic	3	30	seminar	graded pass
	Introduction to Contemporary Philosophy	4	30	lecture	exam
	Intellectual Property Rights	0.5	short stationary or online		pass
	Occupational Safety and Health	0.5	tutorials		pass
	Physical Education (PE classes) **	1	30		pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	***		lecture/seminar/class	exam/ graded pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory and general courses required to complete the semester				
Semester 2	Statistics I	6	30+30	lecture + class	exam + graded pass
	Cognitive Psychology I	4	30	lecture	exam
	Biological Bases of Behaviour II	4	30	lecture	exam
	History of Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam
	Basic Psychological Skills *	4	30	class	graded pass
	Physical Education (PE classes) **	1	30		pass
	Electives, university-wide courses (OGUNs), language classes	***		lecture/seminar/class	exam/pass
	Number of ECTS points from obligatory and general courses required to complete the semester				
Number of ECTS points from obligatory and general courses required to complete the year					51 ****

Notes:

* This is a yearlong 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. In the second semester students may take part in elective courses designed especially for them, but each student is required to complete at least one OGUN course anyway during that semester.

**** 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 completed by a student.

YEAR II

		ECTS	HOURS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE ENDS WITH:
Semester 3	Statistics II	3	30	class	graded pass
	Cognitive Psychology II	4	30	lecture	exam
	Developmental Psychology I	4	30	lecture	exam
	Psychological Testing	4	30	lecture	exam
	Emotions and Motivation	4	30	lecture	exam
	Experimental Psychology	3	30	class	graded pass
	Physical Education (PE classes) *	1	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	Statistics III	3	30	class	graded pass
	Developmental Psychology II	6	30+30	lecture + class	exam + graded pass
	Standard Diagnostic Methods	4	30	class	graded pass
	Individual Differences	4	30	lecture	exam
	Social Psychology	6	30+30	lecture + seminar	exam + graded pass
	Physical Education (PE classes) *	1	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				
Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the year					47

Notes:

* 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.

YEAR III

		ECTS	HOURS	COURSE TYPE	COURSE ENDS WITH:
Semester 5	Personality Psychology	4	30	lecture	exam
	Psychological Assessment	4	30	lecture	exam
	Introduction to Clinical Psychology and Psychopathology	6	30+30	lecture +seminar	exam + graded pass
	Counselling and Psychological Interviewing	3	30	class	graded pass
	Empirical Supervised Research*	0		seminar	pass
	Physical Education (PE classes) **	1	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 6	Qualitative Research Mehods	3	30	class	graded pass
	Professional Development	3	30	seminar	graded pass
	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				
Number of ECTS points from obligatory courses required to complete the year					29

Notes:

* This is a yearlong 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 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	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).

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).

Detailed rules about completing courses:

- 1) A student is obliged to complete all obligatory courses in the semester/year when they are offered.
- 2) During 5 years of studies each student is obliged to gain at least 35 ECTS from general academic elective courses. Each student is free to choose which elective courses they take to complete 60 ECTS a year (together with ECTS gained from obligatory courses).
- 3) Students of Year IV and Year V can additionally take part in elective courses for PhD students.
- 4) 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 2016, 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.
- 5) During 5 years of studies each student is required to gain at least 12 ECTS from university-wide (OGUN) courses. Out of these 12 ECTS, at least 5 ECTS need to come from courses in humanities and social sciences (except psychology). Specific courses and years/semesters of completing these courses are student's individual choice.
- 6) It is possible that a language course is qualified as a university-wide (OGUN) course, but only in a situation when the language of the language course is different than the language the student passed during the language exam. The student could ask for it only after they have passed the language exam. A maximum number of ECTS from language courses counted into ECTS gained from university-wide (OGUN) courses is 4.
- 7) 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.
- 8) A specific master's seminar and a specific empirical supervised research seminar are student's choice.
- 9) Each student has an opportunity to additionally include a completed placement (practice) period 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.
- 10) Each student needs to obtain 8 ECTS connected with learning a foreign language. Till the end of Year III, the student needs to pass a foreign language exam on the level B2. During the first three years of

studies, students need to complete at least 2 semesters of a foreign language course. A foreign language needs to be chosen by a student, but there are two exceptions:

- a. Students who study in English are obliged to pass a foreign language exam at least on the B1 level, but it cannot be English.
- b. Foreign students cannot choose their mother/official language in their country, but they can choose Polish.

11) 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 (foreigners could take a course in Polish).