

Selection criteria for admission to doctoral studies in 2025

The HUMANITIES

Field of science, code	Philosophy, H 001*	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA)**, up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,1 x (WA)	0,7 x (RPI)	0,2 x (SW)
Minimum score	5	

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** Weighted average of the diploma supplement (50%) and evaluation of the final work (50%)

Field of science, code	Philology, H 004	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,3 x (WA)	0,5 x (RP) + 0,5 x (I)	0,7 x (SW)
Minimum score	10	

Field of science, code	History and Archeology, H 005	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 1 point
1 x (WA)	1 x (RPI)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	16	

Field of science, code	Ethnology, H 007*	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,1 x (WA)	0,8 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	6	

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SOCIAL SCIENCES

Field of science, code	Law, S 001
Selection procedure	Research project and interview
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients	

Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,7 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	5	

Field of science, code	Political Sciences, S 002	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI)*, up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,1 x (WA)	0,8 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	7	

* The evaluation is carried out in two phases: in Phase I, the research project is evaluated in the absence of the candidate. The project is evaluated by all members of the admissions committee on a 10-point system, and the provisional score is calculated as the average of the scores. If the provisional score is less than 7 (seven), the candidate will not be called for an interview and will be excluded from the competition. In Phase II, the candidate will be interviewed by the admissions committee, which will decide on the final score of the research project.

Field of science, code	Management, S 003	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI)**, up to 10 poi	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,7 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	7	

* Weighted average of the diploma supplement (50%) and evaluation of the final work (50%)

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Field of science, code	Economics, S 004*	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA)**, up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI)***, up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,7 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	7	

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**Weighted average of the diploma supplement (50%) and evaluation of the final work (50%)

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Field of science, code	Sociology, S 005*	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,6 x (RPI)	0,2 x (SW)
Minimum score	6	

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Field of science, code	Psychology, S 006*	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	

The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,5 x (RPI)	0,3 x (SW)
Minimum score	6	

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** only candidates with a master's degree in psychology or equivalent higher education are accepted qualifications.

Field of science, code	Education, S 007*	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,1 x (WA)	0,2 x (RP)+ 0,4 x (I)	0,3 x (SW)
Minimum score	5	

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** Only those applicants whose motivational interview score is at least 8 (eight) points are admitted to doctoral studies.

Field of science, code	Communication and Information, S 008	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,6 x (RPI)	0,2 x (SW)
Minimum score	6	

NATURAL SCIENCES

The interview will take into account the applicant's scientific competence, motivation and scientific methodological skills in the chosen dissertation topic, and the relevance of the applicant's basic education to the discipline of the chosen topic.

Field of science, code	Mathematics, N 001	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 1 point
0,05 x (WA)	1 x (I)	0,5 x (SW)
Minimum score	6	

Field of science, code	Physics, N 002*	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	22	

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Field of science, code	Chemistry, N 003	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	22	

Field of science, code	Biochemistry, N 004*	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW)**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	16	

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Field of science, code	Geology, N 005	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to] 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	18	

Field of science, code	Physical Geography, N 006	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,6x[0,4 x (RP) + 0,6 x (I)]	0,2 x (SW)
Minimum score	7,5	

* Weighted average of the diploma supplement (40%) and evaluation of the final work (60%)

Field of science, code	Informatics, N 009	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	22	

Field of science, code	Biology, N 010*	
Selection procedure	Research project and interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW)**
1 x (WA)	1 x (RPI)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	16	

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Field of science, code	Biophysics, N 011*
Selection procedure	Interview

The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW)**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	16	

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Field of science, code	Ecology and Environmental Sciences, N 012*	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 5 points**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	18	

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Field of science, code	Zoology, N 014*	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 3 points**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	18	

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MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

The interview will take into account the applicant's scientific competence, motivation and scientific methodological skills in the chosen dissertation topic, and the relevance of the applicant's basic education to the discipline of the chosen topic.

Field of science, code	Medicine, M 001*	
Selection procedure	Interview in the context of a project	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 3 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	16	

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** For applicants who have completed a two-level course, the weighted average of the total weighted grades of the bachelor's and master's supplementary diplomas

Field of science, code	Odontology, M 002*	
Selection procedure	Interview in the context of a project	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 3 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	16	

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Field of science, code	Public Health, M 004*	
Selection procedure	Interview in the context of a project	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 3 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	16	

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TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES

The interview will take into account the applicant's scientific competence, motivation and scientific methodological skills in the chosen dissertation topic, and the relevance of the applicant's basic education to the discipline of the chosen topic.

Field of science, code	Chemistry Engineering, T 005*	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW)**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	16	

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Field of science, code	Informatics Engineering, T 007	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	22	

Field of science, code	Materials Engineering, T 008	
Selection procedure	Interview	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Diploma Supplement Grades weighted average (WA), up to 10 points	Interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Scientific experience and science evaluation of works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	22	