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## Program of studies for students starting in the year 2014-2015

### Obligatory courses

YEAR 1	semester	hours and format	ECTS
Biological Bases of Behavior	winter	30h lecture	4
Intellectual Property Rights	winter	4h lecture	0,5
Introduction to Contemporary Philosophy	winter	30h lecture	4
Introduction to Psychology	winter	30h lecture	4
Logic	winter	30h seminar	3
Occupational Health and Safety	winter	Online test	0,5
Research Methods	winter	30h lecture	4
Basic Psychological Skills	wint + sum	60h training	3
Cognitive Psychology	summer	30h lecture	4
Statistics and Research Design	summer	30h lecture + 30h training	6
Electives/ OGUN/ PE/ Language	wint + sum		27
			total 60

YEAR 2	semester	hours and format	ECTS
Psychology of Learning and Memory	winter	30h lecture	4
Developmental psychology	winter	30h lecture	4
Emotions and Motivation	winter	30h lecture	4
Academic Skills	winter	30h training	4
Psychological Testing	winter	30h lecture	4
Statistical Methods for Experimental Design	winter	30h training	2
Experimental Psychology	winter	30h training	3
Individual Differences	summer	30h lecture	4
Personality Psychology	summer	30h lecture	4
Standard Diagnostic Methods	summer	30h training	4
Electives/ OGUN/ PE/ Language	wint + sum		23
			total 60

YEAR 3	semester	hours and format	ECTS
Psychopathology	winter	30h lecture	4
Social Psychology	winter	30h lecture	4
Psychological Assessment lab	winter	30h training	4



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Psychological Assessment lecture	winter	30h lecture	4
Empirical Paper	wint + sum	Individual Research Project	6
History of Psychology	summer	30h lecture	4
Introduction to Guidance and Counseling	summer	30h lecture	4
Electives/ OGUN/ PE/ Language	wint + sum		30
		total	60

YEAR 4	semester	hours and format	ECTS
Master's thesis	wint + sum		10
Elective/ OGUN courses	wint + sum		variable
Specialization courses	wint + sum		variable
Professional Ethics in Applied and Experimental Psychology	summer	30h lecture	4
		total	60

YEAR 5	semester	hours and format	ECTS
Master's thesis	wint + sum		10
Elective/ OGUN courses	wint + sum		variable
Specialization courses	wint + sum		variable
		total	60

The **empirical paper** is an individual research project students conduct throughout year 3, under supervision of an academic researcher. Students select a topic of their interest and develop a research plan in cooperation with their supervisor. After data is gathered and analyzed, the results of the study will be described in an empirical paper that has the format of a scientific article. The paper is reviewed by the supervisor and a second independent reviewer.

The **master's thesis** is the closing piece of the study program. During four semesters –under supervision– students develop a research plan, collect and analyze data, and present the results in the master's thesis, which will be defended in front of a committee. The defense of the master's thesis is regarded as the final exam, and is the moment of actual graduation.

## Elective courses

During all years of study students have the freedom to select elective courses. Elective courses come in two general types, 1) those offered by WISP and 2) those offered by other departments of the University – so called **OGUN courses** (Polish abbreviation for “general university courses”, meaning that the course is open for all university students, irrespective of their field of study).



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The elective courses offered by WISP are psychology courses, the “OGUNs” offered by other departments can be related to any topic or field, depending on the department offering the course.

WISP elective courses range from basic introductory courses, primarily aimed at a beginning students, to very specific and specialized courses directed towards students in their final stage of studies. Elective courses are classified as belonging to one of eight thematic baskets:

1. clinical psychology
2. cognitive psychology
3. biological bases of behavior
4. personality, emotion, motivation, individual differences
5. developmental and educational psychology
6. social psychology
7. statistics, methodology and psychometrics
8. interdisciplinary courses

The course syllabus will mention the basket a course belongs to, as well as USOS will indicate this.

Students must complete at least 4 ECTS of elective courses from each of the 8 thematic baskets.

During years 4 and 5 together you are required to complete at least 24 ECTS of elective courses.

In addition, during their course of studies students must complete at least 21 ECTS of OGUN courses. A maximum of 40 ECTS of OGUN courses can be counted towards completion of the study program. It is allowed to complete more than 40 ECTS of OGUN courses, but course beyond the 40 ECTS limit will not count towards completion of the study program.

## Specialization courses

In years four and five students must complete at least 48 ECTS of specialization courses. At the end of year three students enroll in a specialization of their choice, which guarantees them access to all courses of that specialization. Students completing at least 48 ECTS of a given specialization, will receive a certificate of completion. Students are not obliged to complete all 48 ECTS within one specialization however. At their free will student may choose to de-register from courses of their specialization and to register for courses of other specializations – provided there is space. Although the requirement for graduation is the completion of at least 48 ECTS of specialization courses, a certificate of completion of a specific specialization is only awarded in case 48 ECTS are completed within a single specialization. Students are free to complete more than 48 ECTS of specialization courses, in order to make it possible to complete one specialization but also explore other specializations.



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## Other courses and requirements

### Physical Education (PE)

By the end of semester five, students must have completed 4 semesters/courses of Physical Education (PE) classes. You receive 0,5 ECTS per course/semester. The University offers a wide range of sports and physical activities students can choose from.

### Language

By the end of their third year of studies, students must have:

- Completed 2 semester of language classes (60 hours per course) offered by the University. They are free to choose any language except their native language OR the official language of the country of citizenship. Students receive credit for language classes.
- Pass a benchmarked language exam at the B2 CEFR level (lower intermediate). The language of choice cannot be the native language or English. To fulfill this requirement students can take exams organized by the University or present any of the major recognized language certificates attesting to the required level.

### Optional traineeship

Students in year 4 and 5 can choose to complete a traineeships of at least 100 hours for which they can receive 4 ECTS. The traineeship has to be organized by students themselves.