



Graduate School
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The Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR) at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences educates students at the postgraduate level. We offer programmes with the possibility of obtaining a British Master of Arts degree from Lancaster University, as well as programmes leading to a doctorate awarded by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Lancaster University is one of Britain's leading Universities.

The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology was awarded the highest rating, A+, in the most recent (2013) evaluation by the Ministry for Science and Higher Education's Committee for Evaluation of Academic Units.

We offer high academic standards, programmes following the British system of education, close links to a leading Polish social research institution, and the individual attention of our faculty members. Our programmes are intended to appeal to students with creative and independent minds who are ready not only for an intensive accumulation of knowledge, but

also for a critical way of viewing existing interpretations and conceptions. We expect our students to be intellectually open-minded and full of new ideas. When they leave our graduates have research and analytical skills in the social sciences/humanities equipping them for careers in academic, professional and public life.

Students who successfully complete one of three 'tracks' of our postgraduate programme have the possibility of being awarded one of three diplomas by Lancaster University: Master of Arts in Society and Politics; Master of Arts in Economy and Society; or Master of Arts in Culture, Media and Society.

Alumni of our postgraduate programme are eligible to continue on to the School's PhD programme. They must complete the usual application procedure, but if their application is accepted, they enter directly into the second year of doctoral studies.

It is of course possible to apply directly to the PhD programme to begin the first year of your doctoral studies.

The PhD programme lasts four years – the maximum period for such a programme normally allowed by Polish law (limited additional time is permitted for students interrupting their studies for various reasons, clearly specified in Ministerial regulations). Students spend only two of their four years as doctoral students attending taught courses, devoting the remaining two years entirely to completion of the research already begun in the first year under the guidance of supervisors chosen from among leading Polish academics. PhD students also have the opportunity to spend some time studying at a university in another EU country within the framework of the ERASMUS+ programme.

All applicants from non-EU neighboring countries of Poland (i.e. Belarus, Russia and Ukraine) to both MA and PhD programmes will be considered for a full scholarship funded by the GSSR.



Programmes of study in English

- MA in Culture, Media and Society
- MA in Economy and Society
- MA in Society and Politics
- PhD Programme (full time)
- PhD Programme (part-time) in collaboration with Collegium Civitas

Facts & figures: Established in 1992 • Part of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (rated A+ by the Ministry of Sciences and Higher Education) • Lancaster University is one of Britain's top ten Universities • Students from Europe, North America, Asia and Africa

● Available full scholarships for applicants from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia

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