

How Are Doctoral Studies at FSV UK Organized? Key Facts

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9 PhD programs (CZ/EN)

- Area Studies 7.5%
- Digital Social Science: just opening
- **Economics and Finance 23%**
- International Relations 9.5%
- **Media and Communication Studies 20%**
- Modern History 6%
- Political Science 9%
- Public and Social Policy 7.5%
- **Sociology 16.5%**



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- CZ:EN approximately 79:21
- Trend: less CZ students, more EN students
- CZ programs converge to being operated (almost) fully in English; seminars in English, all instruction materials and emails in English, and publications in English



What attracts EN applicants?

- Study program 90.9% (3rd out of 15)
- Charles University 78.2% (1st out of 15)
- Faculty of Social Sciences 78.2% (5th out of 15)
- Prague 78.2% (2nd out of 15)
- Czech Republic 70.9% (11th out of 15)



Placements in 2023/24

Academic/Research Placement Outside of CZ

- Nino Buliskeria, Assistant Professor of Economics, **Nazarbayev University**
- Ali Elminejad, Assistant Professor of Economics, **Nazarbayev University**
- José Hildo de Oliveira Filho, Postdoctoral Researcher, The Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) & External Lecturer, **University of Cologne**
- Matej Nevrla, Lecturer (Assistant Professor) of Finance, **University of Liverpool Management School**
- Kristína Országhová, Research Assistant and External Lecturer, **Central European University, Vienna**
- Ondřej Rosendorf, Research Fellow, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, **University of Hamburg**
- Jakub Střelec, Research Associate (Postdoc) at Charité's Institute of Medical History (a joint institute of **HU Berline and FU Berlin**)



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Who is Who

- **9 Program Directors:** responsible for all the content and all operations
- **5 Directors of Institutes:** closely coordinate with Program Directors, responsible for all financial decisions and institute-level policies (TAs, research bonuses etc.)
- **5 Centers of Doctoral Studies:** conduct research and administrative tasks, especially internal/informal (within Institutes, especially communication with students); collaborate closely with administration of Institutes
- **Administration at FSV:** core administrative tasks, especially formal tasks, and all legally binding decisions
- **Vice-Dean:** regulations, monitoring, overlooks operations, signs all legally binding decisions, communication with Program Directors, Institutes and Charles University



Delegation

- Programs (and Institutes) are largely **self-governed**.
- Each Institute is expected to set the optimal structure of tasks for the incoming PhD students (integration into existing research structures: UNCE Fellowships, teaching seminars, administrative tasks in CDSs etc.)
- Financial responsibility for all key program aspects is fully given to Directors of Institutes, and it is assumed that **Program Directors** and **Directors of Institute** set jointly the optimal strategy.



Open Days

- **Media and Communication Studies:** February 26
<https://iksz.fsv.cuni.cz/aktuality/den-otevrenych-dveri-doktorskeho-studia-na-iksz-27-2-2025>
- **Sociology:** March 5
<https://iss.fsv.cuni.cz/en/news/online-open-doors-phd-studies-0>
- **Political Science:** March 18
<https://ips.fsv.cuni.cz/en/study/phd-programmes-english-language>



Quality Assessments

- Courses/Seminars Surveys
 - every term, including the opportunity to provide feedback
 - Spring 2024: overall grade **4.76** (scale 1-5)
 - Fall 2024: finished last week
- Annual Survey
 - late August/early September
 - motivations, career outlook, estimated success probability
 - feedback on the most enjoyable and most challenging points
 - feedback on the level of difficulty, the amount of work and time pressure
 - communication frequency: advisor, other faculty, students
 - feedback on advice (dissertation research, overall progress, resources)



Central Services

- Doctoral Study Hub: <https://phd.cuni.cz/PHDEN-41.html>
 - Events, Social Activities
 - Data Management Training
 - Survival Czech: Language Course for Beginners
 - Project Management
 - Data Visualisation, Introduction to Statistics



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Full time v. Part time

- Full time students
 - stipend + wage
 - involved in departmental activities (TA, RA)
 - typically, extra study requirements (seminars, defense attendance)
 - typically, stricter monitoring of progress (Working Papers)
- Part time students
 - no stipend
 - strict focus on dissertation
 - identical access to supervision
 - minimal involvement in departmental activities
 - less strict progress, but identical deadlines (at most 8 years)



Full time v. Part time

- Application to Part time
 - Admitted
 - Not admitted

- Application to Full time
 - Admitted to Full time
 - Not admitted to Full time
 - A) If Not Qualified for Part time, then Not admitted
 - B) If Qualified for Part time, the Applicant Receives and Offer for Part time
 - B1) If accepts, the Applicant is admitted to Part time
 - B2) If rejects, the Applicant is Not admitted



Thank you for your attention.

I'm looking forward to the Q&A session.



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