Ph.D. Studies
at the Institute of Literary Research
of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Literary Studies

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General information on Ph.D. studies:

The Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IBL PAN) has been conducting research on literature and culture for over 60 years and is the country's leading center of research in areas such as history and theory of literature, dritical editorship, comparative literature, as well as Holocaust, Gender, European, Postcolonial and Postcommunist Studies. The Institute has been and is employing outstanding personalities of Polish humanities and in the Communist period it used to be a mainstay of free humanistic thought and a center with much intellectual influence on the anti-Communist opposition. The Institute accomplishes its scientific mission through 3rd degree courses with the advantage of integrating Ph.D. students with eminent researchers and creating an opportunity to begin research at the Institute already during studies. The scientific and educational mission is also accomplished through cooperation with similar centers in France, Spain, Italy, United Kingdom, Hungary, Lithuania, Ukraine and Russia.

IBL PAN already has decades of experience in training Ph.D. students. It is allowed to grant doctoral degrees in literary studies. The Doctoral Studies in their contemporary form exist since 2003. The whole course is conducted as non-stationary studies and lasts three years (six semesters) with a possibility of one year's prolongation. The goal of doctoral studies at IBL PAN is to give students knowledge and abilities neccessary to begin scientific work in humanities in the multicultural community of modern Europe.

Seminars and conversatories are organized in two-week intervals on Fridays and Saturdays.

The winter semester runs from early October until late January and the summer semester – from the second half of February until late June.

Our tutors are outstanding scientists representing mostly the Polish Academy of Sciences.

The study program is not meant to present all elements of literary studies in a systematic way, but their purpose is to give significant insight into various disciplines through the prism of contemporary questions and problems and to show the relevance of broadly understood borders of literature and literary studies with philosophy, anthropology, psychoanalysis etc.

During the whole course (3 years) a doctoral student should gain 60 ECTS points.

OFFER for Ph.D. students participating in ERASMUS+ program
ERASMUS participants will encounter a friendly environment which is open to various forms of cooperation.
Ph.D. students who spend time at IBL PAN during their Erasmus program have an opportunity to choose courses (without having to meet requirements for individual study years) and study mode, so that they can pursue their scientific interests and gain the number of ECTS points they need.

Every Erasmus participant can visit seminars and coducting their own research.

Conducting one's own research on a particular subject presumes:
- individual consultations with a scientific tutor selected from IBL PAN employees (at least 10 hours of consultation in one semester);
- a measurable outcome accepted by the tutor (for example an article accepted for print of seminar presentation).

It is possible to gain **5 ECTS points** during one semester by conducting one's own research.

All classes are in Polish, so doctoral students who want to visit them have to speak Polish at a level which allows active participation.
Beside other requirements determined by the tutor for every course, attendance has much influence on passing and gaining the required number of ECTS points.

IMPORTANT! The maximum amount of points to be gained in one semester is 17.5, including:
- **12.5 points for participation in classes;**

- **5 points for individual work on a project with a measurable outcome.**

Practical and general information:

- All classes take place in the same building: the Staszic Palace – in the center of Warsaw, with good connection and close to the university campus (University of Warsaw) and scientific libraries: Warsaw University Library, National Library.
- IBL PAN itself has a scientific library, which is very well equipped in books from the area of literary studies.
- ERASMUS participants are able to get help in finding a course of Polish at the right level (should there be a neccessity), administrative care (help in solving problems related to staying and studying in Poland like **insurance, visas and housing**) and peer help (integration with other students, sightseeing and moving around in Warsaw etc.).

For more detailed information and solving administrative problems please contact Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator:
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Classes during 2016/2017 academic year

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