

Suicidology and mental health doctoral study programme, third Bologna cycle

COURSE STRUCTURE of the study programme

The study programme consists of the following components:

- compulsory courses,
- elective courses,
- seminar,
- individual research work,
- doctoral dissertation.

Upon enrolment in the first year, the student selects a supervisor in accordance with their research interests, who provides guidance throughout the study process and in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation.

The doctoral dissertation must represent a significant and original scientific research contribution in the field of suicidology and mental health.

The procedure for the registration of the doctoral dissertation topic and its defence is regulated in detail by the [Rules on the preparation and defence of the doctoral dissertation at the University of Primorska](#).

To complete the programme, the student must fulfil all study requirements defined by the programme and prepare and successfully defend a doctoral dissertation in the field of suicidology or mental health.

Prior to the dissertation being evaluated by the faculty senate, the candidate must have published (or have accepted for publication) two scientific articles related to their dissertation in international scientific literature indexed in the SCI or SSCI databases. At least one of these articles must be an original scientific article, and in both cases the candidate must be listed as the first or lead author.

The content and structure of the study programme are explained in greater detail in the following section.

Table 1: Structure of the study programme

Year of study	Study obligation	ECTS-credits (ECTS)	
		ECTS	ECTS/Year of study
1.	Compulsory course	42	60
	Individual research work	12	
	Seminar	6	
2.	Compulsory course	6	60
	Individual research work	15	
	Seminar	15	
	Internal elective course	24	
3.	Individual research work (preparation and defense of doctoral dissertation)	45	60
	Seminar	15	

Legend:

ECTS credits (ECTS) = credit points awarded under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The credit system facilitates student mobility and the mutual recognition of completed academic requirements.

ECTS credits represent an average estimate of the time required to complete a course and include both organized forms of instruction (lectures, seminars, seminar and laboratory exercises, fieldwork, practical training, etc.) and the student's independent work (exam preparation and other course-related obligations, etc.). One (1) ECTS credit corresponds to 25 to 30 hours of study workload. Credits are awarded upon the successful completion of the requirements for an individual course.

Table 2: Compulsory courses of the 1st year of study

No.	Course	ECTS
1.	Advanced Research Methodology 1	6
2.	Advanced Research Methodology 2	6
3.	Ethics in Research	6
4.	Mental Health	12
5.	Suicidology	12

Table 3: Compulsory courses of the 2nd year of study

No.	Course	ECTS
1.	Scientific Writing and Presentation	6

Table 4: Elective courses

No.	Course	ECTS
1.	Cultural Aspect of Suicide / Mental Health	12
2.	Bereavement and Postvention	12
3.	Suicidology and Media	12
4.	Genetics and Neurobiology in Suicidology / Mental Health	12
5.	Developmental Perspective on Mental Health and Suicidal Behaviour	12
6.	Public Health Aspects of Suicidal Behaviour / Mental Health	12
7.	Mental Health / Suicidal Behaviour and Gender	12
8.	Therapeutic Approaches and Treatment – Selected Topics	12
9.	Human – Computer Interaction and Mental Health	12

No.	Course	ECTS
10.	Mental Health and New Technologies	12
11.	Humanistic Perspectives on Mental Health and Suicidal Behaviour	12
12.	Mental Disorders – Selected Topics	12

For assistance and guidance, students may consult the study programme coordinator.

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