

Doctoral Study Programme Suicidology and Mental Health

Why Suicidology and Mental Health?

The Doctoral Programme in Suicidology and Mental Health is the **first of its kind in Slovenia**. It prepares leading researchers in mental health and suicide prevention through a **flexible curriculum tailored to individual research interests**. The programme **develops competencies** in independent research, applying research findings in practice, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

General information

Duration: 3 years

Mode of study: part-time

Language of study: Slovene, English

Degree awarded: Doctoral degree

Location: Koper

Admission requirements: Completed Master's degree (second cycle) (Več o pogojih za vpis na: www.famnit.upr.si.)

Benefits of the study at UP FAMNIT?

- **Personalised** approach to study
- Preparation for **independent**, internationally competitive research
- Graduates acquire the competencies to design and lead **complex research projects**
- Opportunities for **active participation** in international conferences, research visits, and other international academic activities
- **Internationally** recognised professors and researchers
- The programme is delivered in close collaboration with the Slovenian Centre for Suicide Research at the University of Primorska, **Andrej Marušič Institute (UP IAM)**.



Implementation of interventions



Systematic Reviews and Field Research



Networking



International exchanges



Recognized lecturers and scientists

My **career** opportunities

Work on demanding national and international research projects prepares graduates for careers in:

- academia, as well as public and private research institutions;
- a wide range of sectors where applied expertise in mental health and suicide prevention is needed.

The program provides students with a solid foundation in both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, opening up diverse career opportunities in sectors that prioritise mental health and suicide prevention through prevention, intervention, and research initiatives. Graduates are well-prepared to contribute to efforts aimed at improving the mental health of employees, vulnerable populations, and the general public. Additionally, opportunities to engage in applied research projects throughout the program give students a competitive edge when entering the job market.

What do **professors** think about the programme?

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The programme provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the various aspects of suicide research and prevention, while equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to research sensitive topics. We are proud that our doctoral students have earned international recognition through their outstanding scientific publications and research achievements.



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Course structure

1st year

Compulsory course
Individual research work
Seminar

2nd year

Compulsory course
Individual research work
Seminar
Internal elective course

3rd year

Individual research work (preparation
and defense of doctoral dissertation)
Seminar

Compulsory course

Advanced Research Methodology 1
Advanced Research Methodology 2
Ethics in Research
Mental Health
Suicidology
Scientific Writing and Presentation

