



The Doctoral Programme in Social Sciences (SPL 40)

Entry phase (1st year)

- ✓ Find thesis supervisor
- ✓ Gain admission to programme
- ✓ Join Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS)
- ✓ Participate in welcome meeting
- ✓ Form supervisory team or TAC
- ✓ Prepare research proposal

Courses (up to 10 ECTS credits) recommended:

- Introduction Course
- Methods seminars

- ✓ Attend Peer Mentoring for the FÖP
- ✓ Join First Year Retreat
- ✓ Complete Research Ethics Pre-screening for PhD projects
- ✓ Register for FÖP
- ✓ Present research proposal and pass FÖP
- ✓ Sign doctoral thesis agreement

Research phase

- ✓ Conduct research and write doctoral thesis
- ✓ Use coaching and writing schools
- ✓ Submit annual progress reports

Courses recommended:

- Research colloquia
- Theory seminars
- (Advanced-level) methods seminars
- Research workshops

- ✓ Join PhD Clubs and Forums
- ✓ Attend Brownbag Sessions
- ✓ Participate in transferable skills trainings
- ✓ Present at conferences
- ✓ Fulfill teaching obligations (if any)
- ✓ Consider research stay abroad

Opportunities
Research Funds

Final phase

- ✓ Complete research and doctoral thesis
- ✓ Use coaching and writing schools
- ✓ Submit annual progress report
- ✓ Complete 30 ECTS credits through courses and external activities

Courses recommended:

- Completion Course

- ✓ Attend career-oriented events
- ✓ Submit doctoral thesis
- ✓ Wait for reviews
- ✓ Defend thesis

Opportunities
Short-term Finishing Contracts
Final Year Fund

For graduates

- ✓ ViDSS Alumn Programme
- ✓ Career-oriented events

Opportunities
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