

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

DOCTORAL SCHOOL IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES (DSCS)

Criteria of Admission to the University Doctoral Studies Program in Communication Sciences

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1. The admission of the doctoral school candidates is competition-based, according to the Admission Methodology that is approved annually and that includes updated themes and bibliography.
2. The admission to the doctoral school is organized in compliance with the following principles set forth by the current regulations:
 - a) All candidates undergo the same examination procedure;
 - b) Allowing the candidates to prepare for the admission competition, the doctoral school publicizes general (optional) bibliographies;
 - c) Candidates are assessed by commissions set up specifically for admission purpose.
3. The admission tests consist of:
 - a) a research project proposal (written test);
 - b) presentation of the project proposal to the Admissions Committee (oral test);
 - c) presentation, at the request of the Admissions Committee, of some of the communication sciences' concepts / theories from the bibliography that is included in the project proposal (oral test).
4. The project proposal must include:
 - a) circumscribing the topic to a research field which is relevant to **communication sciences** - presentation of a theoretical and methodological framework;
 - b) a pertinent bibliography to the research topic, which observes the academic writing norms;
 - c) the contribution that the chosen topic brings to the respective field / area of research;

d) any attempt of academic fraud, including attempted plagiarism or falsification and fabrication of research data, is unacceptable, automatically leading to the candidate's expulsion from the admission process.

5. Applications for the doctoral school could be submitted only by candidates that hold bachelor and master degrees in the same field or in related fields to communication studies.

6. Those candidates who have been expelled from their doctoral studies course have the right to enter a new admission competition only for the non-budget places. Credits obtained during the previous stage of doctoral training can be recognized for the candidates who re-enrolled to doctoral studies. One person can benefit from budget funding for a single doctoral program.

7. Validation of the results of the admission competition for the doctoral school and the decision to enroll the doctoral students to the University doctoral studies stage is done by the head of the Doctoral School, is signed by the Dean of the Faculty and approved by the University of Bucharest rector.

8. The admission commission is constituted by the doctoral supervisors of the Doctoral School in Communication Sciences, members of the DSCS.

9. The minimum grade for admission (that is being calculated as the arithmetic mean of the two tests) to the university doctoral studies programme is 7 (seven).

10. In the event that two candidates have equal grades, the tie-breaker criteria are:

Criteria no. 1: the grade earned for the written research project, on the basis of its prior assessment by the admission commission.

Criteria no. 2: the general average of the candidate's Master programme (calculated as the arithmetic mean of their Master's grades for all the years of study and the graduation grade).

11. Candidates from non-EU foreign citizens or scholarship holders of the Romanian state will address the Directorate of International Relations (Office for International Cooperation and Foreign Students), for their application to the admission competition to the university doctoral programme.

12. The candidates that hold degrees from other countries need to present upon registration, the

diplomas they earned in translation as well as the certificate of recognition of these studies issued by the specialized directorate within the Ministry of National Education in accordance with O.M. no. 3102 / 2022.

12. A person can only benefit of a budget funded place for a single doctoral programme.

The admission tests will take place at the administrative headquarters of the faculty.

The registration as doctoral students of those candidates who successfully passed the competition is done by Rector's Order.

The doctoral admission contest is only valid for the field, institution, doctoral form, the year in which it was defended.

The admission process to the Doctoral School takes place according to the regulations in force.