

University of Bucharest
Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences
Doctoral Program in Communication Sciences (DPCS)

Admission Process for Doctoral Program in Communication Sciences

1. Admission for doctoral program occurs annually, in September, according to admissions process and requirements utilized by the University of Bucharest and to specifics from DPCS procedure - as per University of Bucharest and DPCS methodologies;
2. Admission for doctoral program is governed by the following procedures:
 - a) All candidates undergo the same examination procedure;
 - b) In order for all candidates to have access to useful information for the entry examination and also taking into account the fact that some of the candidates might have undergraduate studies in different social or humanities areas, a basic bibliography list has been made available both on-line and off line, by the members of the board of DPCS, and it can be accessed before each entry period;
 - c) For a better assessment of the scientific skills, candidates must also include in their applications a relevant chapter of their master's dissertation (in digital format) together with all other papers requested by admission procedure of the University of Bucharest, as per University of Bucharest methodology
 - d) Candidates are assessed by the committees set up specifically for admission purpose;
3. Admission consists of two stages of examination: samples of written work - a scientific research and oral - the research proposal presented for the admission committee; the samples of written work must include:
 - a) A brief presentation of specialized literature that is according to mass communication field and the proposed research theme;
 - b) Confining of the research theme within scientific trends of the research field;

- c) An eventual trajectory of the future doctoral research;
 - d) Proper bibliography;
4. 1. When assessing this sample research project, the following criteria will be taken into account:
- a) Clarity and consistence in presenting theoretical models and concepts;
 - b) Proper selection of benchmark works from the specific field of research and ability to critically evaluate this specific literature;
 - c) Ability to define the research trajectory by means of identifying objectives, corpus and research methods;
 - d) Correctness of citing, according to the conventions of the discipline and ability to correctly write the bibliography, according to academic standards (for further details and help, one can access DPMC site)
4. 2. When assessing the oral presentation of the research project, the following criteria will be taken into account:
- a) Clarity of oral presentation;
 - b) Effectiveness when presenting different ideas;
 - c) Ability to offer proper answers and logical arguments if requested by the committee members;
5. For settling exam appeals regarding written projects, the board of DPCS will nominate a specific committee;
6. If there are cases of equal grades, the grade of the oral examination will become a tie-breaker; provided that this criterion doesn't suffice, the grade of the Master Program graduated by the candidate will become tie-break criterion (for Bologna graduates) or the grade of the license program (for pre-Bologna Graduates);
7. The language test will take place at the Foreign Languages Center of University of Bucharest, as per University of Bucharest methodology;
8. Candidates who were expelled from prior doctoral programs have the right to apply for a new program only once, and only for fee places. Candidates who wish to re-apply for the program are allowed to use their former grades within the on-going program.

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