



Faculty of Education

PhD-programme in Education and Social sciences

Website: <https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/education/phd-education-social-sciences/>

Duration: 3 years

Academic year: 2023/2024

Start date: 01.11.2023

Official programme languages: Italian, German, English

1 available position covered by grant under Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023 (from PNRR with a minimum of 6 months abroad.)

<i>Research area:</i>	<i>Research project:</i>	<i>Abstract:</i>
PNRR/ Public Administration grant under Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023	Conservation and promotion of musical heritage in public administration.	The project examines, from an international perspective and in the light of technological innovations in the sector, the legal framework for PA activity in the field of music heritage and the related promotion methods.

PROGRAMME CONTENTS

The PhD programme is divided into two distinct branches of study and research: the Education and Social sciences. The programmes share core training on the epistemology of research and on qualitative and quantitative research methodologies.

Over the three years, PhD students are expected to actively attend the theoretical and methodological course of studies and dedicate themselves full-time to the programme, which aims to develop both the broad research areas in education and social sciences and specific subjects.

PhD students will work on a piece of original research as an individual research project. The research project is defined by the student with the supervisors and is developed under their guidance according to the guidelines established by the PhD Board of Professors.

PhD students shall draw up and keep update the **Research and Study Plan** in collaboration with the supervisors and the PhD Coordinator. The Research and individual Study Plan documents in detail the training provided for each student, showing clearly the type and the outcome of any intermediary assessment.

The Research and Study Plan contains a description of the work undertaken by the PhD student. Specifically, it does the following:



- describes the research field of the doctoral work and the relevance of the chosen topic within those proposed by the doctoral programme;
- includes a literature review of scientific work related to the research topic up to where current research has arrived (contents should reflect the positions of the scientific community and updated references);
- determines and gives reasons for the theoretical and methodical research procedures undertaken;
- defines the research findings and their relevance for the broad scientific community and for the specific regional territory;
- justifies the choice of research methodology, the originality of the research design and the critical analysis carried out;
- outlines a plan for publications, presentations, papers, participation in national and international conferences and stays abroad.

Research questions and research methodologies are defined in accordance with the supervisors and in cooperation with the coordinator and the Board of Professors.

The first supervisor is a lecturer at the Faculty of Education of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano.

The research and study focal points of the doctoral programme are based on common teaching activities in the areas of the philosophy of science and epistemology of the disciplines involved as well as research methodologies, both qualitative and quantitative, and actual questions and methods drawn from the international context.

Doctoral students develop their own research project on a topic of scientific and/or practical relevance that makes a theoretical and methodological contribution to the innovation and development of the specific discipline and practice.

Over the three-year period, several **teaching activities** are offered: lectures, practical sessions and seminars that aim to develop and illustrate the programme's subjects and research areas and to focus on the most recent findings in the Education and Social sector.

The cycles of compulsory and optional classes, workshops and seminars are decided by the PhD Board of Professors at the beginning of the cycle.

PhD students regularly present and discuss their research progress in front of the members of the Board of Professors. Periodical **reflection and presentation seminars** are organized in order to monitor and develop the skills of the students.

PhD students are also expected to participate in **scientific conferences** and present papers, in Italy and abroad, and to submit a **peer-reviewed contribution** in a journal or edited volume.

Over the three years, students with a grant under Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023 are required to spend a **research period abroad, of at least 6 months**. This period can be divided into different stays.



STUDY PLAN

FIRST STUDY YEAR:		CP
<i>Methodological courses 1st study year</i>	Philosophy of science	35
	Epistemology of Education and Social sciences	
	Qualitative methodology	
	Quantitative methodology	
	Ethnographic research methods	
	English for Academic purposes	
	Information Literacy	
	Research Ethics	
Coaching I		
Seminars and Systematic Literature review		2
First evaluation (1st study year)		2
Activity of choice: Winter-Summer-Spring-...Schools; documented participation in seminars - courses meaningfully related to research, of at least 50 hours; documented research stay of at least 3 weeks in Italian research institutions.		6
Draft of the own research paper (state of art, research question, methodology)		3
Participation in a language course (recommended in the language with the lowest level) or language certificate attesting proficiency in the third language according to the table of the unibz recognized language certificates		2
Annual evaluation, 1st study year: written report of the research activities, presentation to the PhD Board of Professors and discussion		10
SECOND YEAR:		
Coaching II		3
First evaluation (2nd study year)		10
Research stay abroad -university or research centre (minimum 3 months - maximum 12 months)		25
International conference research paper		5
Participation in a language course (recommended in the language with the lowest level) or language certificate attesting proficiency in the third language according to the table of the unibz recognized language certificates		2
Annual evaluation, 2nd study year: written report of the research activities, presentation to the PhD Board of Professors and discussion		15
THIRD YEAR:		
Coaching III		1
First evaluation (3rd study year)		6
Contribution for a peer-reviewed journal or volume		8
Final examination: Public defense of the Doctoral thesis		45



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Requirements:

All Master and all degrees from the old Italian system (laurea specialistica/laurea magistrale, *see Article 2 of the public competition announcement*).

Language requirements:

All candidates have to be proficient in at least two of the three languages of the programme: Italian, German, English. **Language certification at B2 level (CEFR) in two of the three languages of the PhD programme (Italian, German, English)** is a prerequisite for participating in the selection process according to the table of the unibz recognized language certificates: <https://www.unibz.it/assets/Documents/Languages/unibz-recognised-language-certificates-2019-2020.pdf>

Knowledge of the language may also be demonstrated by qualifications (secondary school/bachelor/master) related to a programme held entirely in the language to certificate. In this case, Italian and EU candidates must declare this on the pre-enrolment portal, both in the section related to the general application and in the one related to the language certificates. Also non-EU citizens must upload a copy of their diploma and any additional documentation indicating the language of instruction related to the foreign qualification in both sections. Candidates demonstrate their language proficiency in the application portal (in the section "upload language certificates") after they have created an application in the section "create/manage applications".

Candidates without the certification of language proficiency are excluded from the admission procedure.

Admission procedure and evaluation criteria for examinations:

Admission is based on the successful outcome of the selection procedure. The selection procedure consists of the assessment of a research project, which applicants upload to the application portal, and a personal interview. The interviews will take place in video-call: MS Teams.

Those candidates whose project receives a minimum score of 40/60 points will be admitted to the oral examination.

The research project to be submitted/uploaded to the portal has a maximum length of 10,000 characters using the attached template, font Times New Roman 11.

The research project can be completed in Italian, German or English, according to the free choice of the applicant.

Evaluation criteria for the research project:

- Formal register and terminological accuracy;
- Task completed according to the project title;
- Clear and logical argumentative structure;
- Demonstrated knowledge of scientific debates in the field;
- Originality of the proposed research project;
- Clear methodological approach for the proposed research project.

The evaluation criteria of the oral test take into consideration the following criteria:

- The quality of discussion on the subject of the research project submitted and on personal research interests;
- The ability to present an argument for one's own research project with reference to the theoretical and methodological assumptions of the research field;



To be successful in the oral examination, candidates must receive a minimum mark of 40/60.

Oral exam: meeting via MS Teams	
Date and time:	15 September 2023 , 3.00 p.m.

Composition of the Admission Board:

Prof. Giulia Cavrini *chair*, Prof. Annemarie Augschöll, Prof. Demis Basso.

Substitute members: Prof. Monica Parricchi, Prof. Elisabeth Tauber, Prof. Beate Weyland.

At the end of the exam period, the Admission Board will draw up a rank list of candidates (*see Article 6 of the public competition announcement, general Call*).

APPLICATION:

The following documents are required **for the application** to the doctoral programme (*see Article 3 of the public competition announcement*):

- **Degree certificate/exam transcript.** In case of Italian university qualifications, the certification MUST be substituted by a **self-declaration** or by the Diploma Supplement.
- **Language certification at B2 level** (CEFR) attesting proficiency in two of the official languages of the programme – **Italian, German, English** – according to the table of the unibz recognized language certificates: <https://www.unibz.it/assets/Documents/Languages/unibz-recognised-language-certificates-2019-2020.pdf>
(in the case of Italian public institutions, the certificates MUST be replaced by a self-declaration).
- **Curriculum vitae** containing:
 - a) a list of research experience;
 - b) if available, a list of publications with the respective online links.
- **Research project** (PDF/A file) written in Italian or German or English (max. 3 pages, 10,000 characters using the attached template, Times New Roman 11 font) to be uploaded to the portal.