

“Changing PUEB Together”

Doctoral School

Poznan University of Economics and Business



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Doctoral School – education (facts)

- We started educating in our Doctoral School in **2019** (new Polish Law on Higher Education and Science)
- Currently we have **51** doctoral students (**7** foreigners):
Year I – **15**; Year II – **15**; Year III – **15**; Year IV - **6**
- The programme as well as the rules and regulations of our doctoral school were accepted by the PUEB's **Senate** (previously consulted and accepted by the commission of quality education, Doctoral School Council and Doctoral Students Council)
- Basically, all our courses are **in English**, are **mandatory** and **in-person**
- We expect the first doctoral dissertation in **2023**

Doctoral School – institutional framework

- PUEB is a **Public University** and as such is **subject to many regulations**:
 - Law on Higher Education and Science
 - Law on Public Finance
 - Public Procurement Law
 - Code of Administrative Procedure.... among many others

These regulations **limit our flexibility** (especially in the area of funding) and **impose many formal procedures**, but we do our best to limit their impact on our students, teachers and researchers.

Doctoral School – scientific evaluation of University

- PUEB – category B+
- We do research and educate in **two** disciplines: **economics and finance** and **management and quality studies** and PhD dissertations must be prepared in these disciplines
- The finale of education is a submission of a PhD thesis to the Academic Advancement Boards (by the end of the 8th semester)
- Two versions of PhD thesis, as: a collection of thematically cohesive articles published in scientific journals or a manuscript

PhD Students and University

- Supervisor(s) – the **most important** person(s)!
- Departments and Institutes in which supervisors work
- Doctoral School – **responsible for education**
- Academic Advancement Board (Rada Awansów Naukowych)
- Scientific Research Department – external grants and university grants
- Office for International Relations – Erasmus+
- Doctoral Students Council
 - an institution regulated by the Law on Science and Higher Education and the Statute of the PUEB
- Other PUEB's departments, offices, entities and bodies

“Changing PUEB... main issues raised”

Issue: insufficient sources of financing research (conducting research, publications, conferences, summer schools, etc.)

Measures taken: **2 new programs** introduced in October 2022:

- Mini Research Grants
- Fast Track to Publication

Requirements and regulations available here:

<https://ue.poznan.pl/pl/uniwersytet,c13/uregulowania-wewnetrzne,c30/komunikaty-rektora,c141/komunikat-nr-27-2022,a107021.html?preview=1>

Other sources of financing research:

- Department to which a doctoral student is affiliated (PLN1,000 plus possible additional funding from department/institute sources)
- Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations – an application, supported by a supervisor and a director of a department
- External sources – NAWA, NCN

“Changing PUEB... main issues raised”

Issue: communication (website, e-mails, content in English, too formal language of announcements)

Measures taken:

- FAQ section on PUEB’s Doctoral School website
<https://ue.poznan.pl/en/programmes,c3/faq-education-of-doctoral-students,c15317/>
- Limiting the number of e-mails forwarded to doctoral students
- Adding the section devoted to conferences and other events on Doctoral School website
- Translating all new regulations that at least partly refer to doctoral students into English

Measures to be taken:

- Substantial changes in PUEB’s website structure/design
- Gradual replacing files (reports) with on-line interactive forms

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Issue: administrative procedures (unclear procedures, necessary approvals of requests and applications at different levels, access to rooms, etc.)

Measures taken:

- Most important procedures explained in „plain words” in FAQs (including access to rooms)

Measures to be taken:

- Depending on further improvements in PUEB’ Integrated Information System (completed in September 2022)
- Depending on the ministry policy towards the requirements of the Public Procurement Law in public universities

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Issue: **submitting dissertation** (requirements, procedures)

Measures taken:

- A separate meeting (especially for the doctoral students of the fourth year) devoted to this issue is planned in this semester

Issue: **semester reporting**

Measures to be taken:

- We **do not intend to resign** from semester reporting. Reason: legal requirements, 100% passed mid-term assessments so far (2 editions) and feedback from outside members of committees

Issue: **on-line classes** (at least partial)

Measures to be taken:

- To be considered. University authorities will initiate a discussion on that matter and conditions on which it would be allowed and effective.

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