

Center for Doctoral Studies (CED)

Doctoral School of Social Sciences and Humanities (DS SSH / ED 481)
Doctoral School of Exact Sciences and their Application (DS ESA / ED 211)

Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) / France

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General information on starting a PhD

Access conditions: Master or equivalent

Duration: 3 years (full time) or 6 years (part time)

Is the doctoral training compulsory or not?

Yes at least 150 hours of training (UPPA)
covering 6 skill blocks (Fr legislation):

1. Designing research (or/and development) project
2. Implementing a research (or/and development) project
3. Transferring the results from a research Project (R&D, etc.)
4. Undertaking a scientific and cultural watch at the international level
5. Disseminating the research results to a large audience
6. Supervising a research team.

and including *Ethics and scientific integrity*

Fields covered (all/ social sciences /.....)

All fields except medicine

How a programme is run: Guidance

Thesis supervisor:

1 main supervisor, responsible for the PhD project

+ possibly 1 co-supervisor

For PhDs with a partner from the socio-economic world:

+ possibly 2 co-supervisors

(Co)-supervisors: full professors or with research habilitation (French HdR) or authorized by UPPA's Research Council

Thesis commission:

Every year: PhD monitoring committees (mandatory for re-registration) with at least one external member from outside the laboratory

Set up of an individual training plan in the first year, up-dates every year

How a programme is run: Funding

Level of salaries for PhD students with a doctoral contract (Fr legislation):

Monthly salary before taxes:

- 1 866 € in September 2021 (around 1380 € after taxes)
- 1 975 € in September 2022 (around 1460 € after taxes)

Level of scholarships

Minimal monthly amount (UPPA): 900€ (for international joint PhDs: only for the time spent at UPPA)

Doctoral contracts or other three-year contracts (04 Feb 2022)

- DS ESA: 255 over 300 PhD students, among which 31 private contracts
- DS SSH: 74 over 250 PhD students, among which 5 private contracts

How a programme is run: Conditions for the defence

Publications: not required

Defence:

- mandatory in France
- authorization of the defence based on 2 reports by independent and external reviewers (full professors or with research habilitation) accredited by the doctoral school
- jury: 4 to 8 members, half of the members should be full professors or with research habilitation, half of the jury from outside UPPA, recommended parity; the reviewers can be part of the jury (and it is often the case)
- presentation by the PhD candidate: around 45 min
- no time limit for the questions of the jury

Participation in regular doctoral seminars ?

not required but can be part of the 150h doctoral training