

COMPLETION OF STUDIES

§ 43. Conditions for the completion of first-cycle and second-cycle studies

The condition to complete the curriculum of the second-cycle studies is to obtain 100 ECTS points.

The condition to complete the full curriculum of the second-cycle studies is to obtain 120 ECTS points.

In order to be admitted to the diploma examination, a student is obliged to:

- a) fulfil all requirements laid down in the curriculum;
- b) obtain a positive grade for the diploma thesis pursuant to § 46.1.(2);
- c) file all required documents at the Dean's office.

The diploma examination in the second-cycle studies has an oral form. The diploma examination is carried out by a board appointed by the Dean. The members of the board comprise: the tutor and a reviewer (reviewers). The chairperson of the board shall be an independent research worker accepted by the Dean upon request of the Institute Board. Other academic teachers and external stakeholders whose participation and the procedure for membership in the board is governed by Resolution 3/2015 of the Faculty Board on the implementation of the procedure for conducting the diploma examination, may also be members of the board. Diploma examinations shall take place on the dates specified by the Dean upon request of the Institute Board. Having completed the full curriculum, a student is awarded a professional title relevant to the type of studies, field of studies and the major, and becomes a graduate of the University of Wrocław.

Requirements concerning diploma theses

The framework requirements concerning diploma theses are set out in § 44.5 of the Regulations of Studies of the University of Wrocław according to which a diploma thesis is **an independent study of specific scientific issues, presenting the overall student knowledge and skills related to the degree, level and profile, and the skill of independent analysis and inference.**

Therefore, the Faculty Board has resolved that a diploma thesis in the second-cycle studies, **must include:**

- (1) a clear and unambiguous purpose, scope and subject-matter of the thesis;
- (2) literature considerations / academic literature analysis including the placement of the purpose, scope and subject-matter of the thesis in academic literature, involving a justification for taking up research in this regard, with critical reference to / discussion about the research on the issue in question;
- (3) identification of methods and techniques applied in the conducted research;
- (4) discussion and considerations / resolutions regarding definitions, if that is required by the purpose and assumptions of the thesis – employment of a specified definition apparatus;
- (5) presentation of the sources of origin of the data and an outline of the algorithm / procedure aimed at achieving the purpose of the thesis;
- (6) a critical interpretation of the obtained results with references to the findings made on the basis of academic literature, rather than a mere report on the obtained results included in the main body of the research;
- (7) summary and final conclusions which do not constitute a literal repetition of the primary general ideas formulated in the main / empirical part of the diploma thesis.

§ 44.12. Thesis evaluation shall be carried out by the supervisor / supervisors and the reviewer. A difference of at least 1.5 grade shall be considered to be a significant discrepancy in the assessment of the diploma thesis.

In the event of such discrepancy, the Dean in each case shall consult a second reviewer whose assessment of the thesis shall be conclusive (Resolution 3/2015 of the Faculty Board on the implementation of the procedure for conducting the diploma examination).