UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA
Faculty of Security Engineering

DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDY

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ACCREDITED STUDY PROGRAMMES OFFERED FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES	
FULL-TIME STUDY	**PART-TIME STUDY ****
LENGTH OF STUDY 3 YEARS	LENGTH OF STUDY 4 YEARS
Security Management *	Security Management *
Crisis Management *	Crisis Management *
Rescue Services *	Rescue Services *

** study programme is also accredited in the English language*

*** tuition fee for part-time study programmes in Slovak language is € 1, 300 for an academic year*

Detailed information about particular study programmes:

- curriculum,
- course information sheets

EXPECTED NUMBER OF ACCEPTED APPLICANTS TO THE FIRST YEAR

DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDY		
STUDY PROGRAMME/FIELD OF STUDY	PLANNED CAPACITY	
	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME
Security Management / Security Sciences	1	2
Crisis Management / Security Sciences	1	2
Rescue Services / Security Sciences	1	2
TOTAL	3	6

In case of a low number of applicants for full-time and part-time study, the Faculty retains the right not to open a study programme and to offer applicants another study programme in the same field of study.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

Basic conditions of admission

The basic condition for admission to the doctoral degree study (study programme of the third degree) is the full completion of the second degree of higher education (Higher Education Act, No. 300/2025 Coll. as amended; hereinafter only referred to as "Higher Education Act"). In case of a foreign applicant or a student who has completed his/her study abroad he/she shall submit along with the application form no later than on the date of enrolment a decision on the recognition of the certificate of completion of the second degree of higher education recognized by a relevant institution in the Slovak Republic or he/she shall ask UNIZA for the recognition of the certificate of education.

Other conditions of admission

Selection procedure

The selection of applicants will be performed on the basis of the evaluation of the entrance examination. The entrance examination is carried out in the form of an oral examination in front of the Committee of the relevant field of study. Content of the examination is designed to verify the knowledge of foreign language, scientific methods, and professional and scientific orientation of the applicant in the field he/she is applying for, including the reasons for the selection of the topic, the procedures which he/she expects to use in solving the topic as well as the expected conclusions of the dissertation thesis. The evaluation includes the assessment of the results of previous study and the prerequisites for independent scientific work of applicant.

Rules of the selection procedure

The course of the entrance examination is regulated by the UNIZA Directive No. 110 Study Regulations for the Third Degree of University Study at the University of Žilina.

The Admission Committee submits the results of the admission procedure as well as their proposal for admission of successful applicants to the Dean of the Faculty of Security Engineering UNIZA. The Dean of the Faculty of Security Engineering UNIZA, after discussing the proposal with the Committee and the guarantors of the doctoral degree study programmes and on the basis of capacity, will decide on the admission/rejection of the applicant within 30 days from the date of the entrance examination.

Language Competence

To study doctoral degree study programmes at the faculty, applicants must have a sufficient level of written and spoken Slovak or Czech, which foreign applicants must prove by means of a certified document. Applicants who do not have an active command of Slovak or Czech are required to successfully complete language training (which can be done at UNIZA). Applicants who do not actively speak Slovak or Czech are required to successfully complete language training (which can be done at UNIZA).

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

The basic and other terms and conditions of admission are applicable for applicants from abroad as well as for applicants from Slovakia.
Foreign students who study in a foreign language (i.e. not Slovak), pay the tuition fee as stated in the Higher Education Act. The tuition fee is specified by the UNIZA directive and published for the respective academic year on the University website. Foreign students who study in the Slovak language do not have to pay the tuition fee. Applicants from the Czech Republic can use the form valid in the Czech Republic to submit their application for study. Applicants who do not
actively speak Slovak or Czech are required to successfully complete their language training (it is possible to attend the Slovak language courses at UNIZA). For foreign applicants who were admitted on the basis of intergovernmental agreements, bilateral agreements or Slovak government grants, terms and conditions stated in the respective documents are applicable.

APPLICATION FORM

Application forms shall be submitted for the individual study programmes.
Applicants fill in the application form Prihláška na vysokoškolské štúdium – 3. stupeň *(Application form for the third degree of the university study)* or they can also use an electronic application form. The electronic application form can be filled via the UNIZA website: https://vzdelavanie.uniza.sk/prijimacky/index.php or on the Portal VS (University Portal): https://prihlaskavs.sk/sk/.
Even in the case of an electronic application form, it is necessary to provide the required attachments and the proof of payment of the fee. In case of completion of the application form Prihláška na vysokoškolské štúdium – 3. Stupeň (Application form for the third degree of the university study), it is necessary to send it to the address of the Faculty of Security Engineering (FBI) UNIZA, Ul. 1. mája 32, 010 26 Žilina **within the stipulated deadlines**.
An incomplete application form or application form sent after the deadline will not be accepted.
In the event of non-participation in the admission procedure or a failure in the admission procedure the Faculty does not refund the admission procedure fee. If the applicant wants to take part in the admission procedure at several faculties of UNIZA, the application forms must be submitted separately to each Faculty with the payment of the relevant fee.

Attachments to the doctoral degree application form:

- curriculum vitae,
- certified copies of the highest level of education completed (the Diploma on completion of university education of the 2nd degree, the Certificate on the state examination, the Diploma Supplement).
- certified copy of the certificate of state examination from foreign language (if the applicant completed this examination),
- a list of published professional and scientific papers (in case the applicant has published so far),
- other evidence indicating any professional activities,
- the original proof of payment of administrative fee for the admission procedure,
- the intention of solving the selected dissertation topic (topic name, applicant, supervisor, reasons for the selection of the topic, hypotheses and methods of solution, expected results and benefits of the solution, ...),
- the document from the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic on the recognition of university education of the 2nd degree completed outside the Slovak Republic, or, alternatively, applies to UNIZA for recognition of the educational document (applies to foreign and Slovak applicants who have completed 2nd degree university study abroad).

Admission fee:

Send **€ 30** to:	Žilinská univerzita v Žiline, Univerzitná 1, 010 26 Žilina	
	Bank:	Štátna pokladnica
	IBAN:	SK30 8180 0000 0070 0026 9933
	const. symbol:	0308
	variable symbol:	10933 – doktorandské štúdium
Payment method:	payment can be made by bank transfer or postal order to the above account.	
Proof of payment:	proof of payment is to be sent to the Faculty address with the application form.	

Tuition fees – in accordance with the Higher Education Act. The information on the amount of the tuition fee for the relevant academic year will be published on the website of the University of Žilina within the stipulated deadlines.

With payment of the admission fee from the EU member states, the EES countries, territories that are considered part of the EU (Treaty of Rome, Section 299) and SEPA countries, it is necessary to use **BIC: SPSRSKBAXXX**, **IBAN: SK30 8180 0000 0070 0026 9933**.

USEFUL DATES

Open Day	Deadline for submitting the application form	Entrance examination
18 November 2026, 3 February 2027	until 31 May 2027	9 June 2027

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation facilities of the University of Žilina provide accommodation according to the accommodation capacity, taking into account the distance between the student´s permanent residence and the seat of the University. **Monthly accommodation fee: € 66 – € 134**.

CATERING

Students can use the services of the catering facility of the University of Žilina. **Price for food: € 1.10 – € 4.70**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Full time students of the doctoral degree study programmes are granted a scholarship pursuant to the Higher Education Act.

GRADUATE PROSPECTS

DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES

SECURITY MANAGEMENT
(Field of study 9205 Security Sciences)
The graduate masters the scientific methods and approaches in the field of protection of persons, property and information and finds employment at universities, where study programmes in the field of study Security Sciences are delivered, either as a university teaching staff member or as a scientific research worker. He/she also finds employment in various positions in the security forces or in the organisational units of state and local government. He/she is employed as a research, development and professional worker in organisations focused on research and development in the field of security. Last but not least, he/she can work in law firms, consultancy and auditing companies.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT
(Field of study 9205 Security Sciences)
The graduate can apply theoretical and empirical research methods with the subsequent use of exact methods in order to increase the knowledge of theoretical and applied research in security sciences. The student expands the theoretical framework in the field of security by creating a general theory of security sciences with a focus on crisis management

by creating new approaches and procedures within security systems, risk management systems and new and innovative proposals for preventive measures of a managerial, technical and technological nature in the social, technical and natural environments. With the aim of raising the level of crisis management, he/she is able to design new procedures. He/she is able to develop new procedures to increase the effectiveness of preventive measures for different types of organizations, enterprises, as well as in urban communities. With the use of experimental methods, he/she is able to increase the effectiveness and reliability of the elements of the proposed solutions.

RESCUE SERVICES

(Field of study 9205 Security Sciences)

The graduate is able to formulate a scientific problem, scientific questions and a scientific hypothesis on the basis of the knowledge of the highest level of development in the given field of security. He/she masters the scientific methods of research and development in the field of rescue activities and in the field of fire protection. Based on scientific methods, he/she can create programmes for long-term development of an integrated rescue system. He/she is able to use analytical methods of process optimization and design complex measures in order to improve the quality of operation of the integrated rescue system. He/she designs new methods and technologies for carrying out rescue operations.