UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA
Institute of Mediamatics and Cultural Heritage

DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDY

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ACCREDITED STUDY PROGRAMME 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
Mediamatics and Cultural Heritage	Mediamatics and Cultural Heritage

** tuition fee for the part-time study programme is € 1, 000 for an academic year*

Detailed information about study programme:
- 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**
Mediamatics and Cultural Heritage / Media and Communication Studies	2	3
TOTAL	2	3

In case of a low number of applicants for full-time and part-time study, the institute retains the right not to open the study programme.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

Basic condition of admission

The basic condition for admission to the doctoral degree study (the third-degree study programme) is the full completion of secondary education or full secondary vocational education in accordance with Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Higher Education Act"). In the same field of study or in a study programme related in content to the study programme (in the study programme Mediamatics and Cultural Heritage). In the case of a foreign applicant or a student who completed his/her study abroad, he/she shall submit along with the application form (no later than 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, resp. requests UNIZA for recognition of the educational document / proof of education.

Other conditions of admission

1. All applicants for study undergo an admission procedure. For applicants for external study, the UMKD takes into account their abilities and prerequisites arising from the focus of their practice over a period of at least the last 2 years.
2. The content of the entrance examination is as follows: The entrance examination takes the form of a selection procedure, with the aim of ensuring that applicants with the necessary abilities and prerequisites are admitted to the study programme. The entrance examination consists of a presentation of the applicant's own project on the chosen dissertation topic, followed by an expert discussion in which the applicant must demonstrate the prerequisites for independent scientific research activity and a good orientation in the chosen field of study.
3. Applicants will not be admitted to the study if, within the previous five years, they have been expelled from study as a result of disciplinary proceedings, or have been repeatedly expelled from a study programme in the same field of study and at the same level for failing to meet the requirements as set out in the study programme and the university's study regulations (Section 69 par. 2 of the Higher Education Act).
4. Applicants who, in the preceding five years, have been expelled from studies as a result of disciplinary proceedings, or who have been repeatedly expelled from a study programme in the same field of study and degree level for failure to fulfil the requirements arising from the study programme and the study regulations of the higher education institution (Section 69(2) of the Higher Education Act), shall not be admitted to the study.
5. The entrance examination is held before the admissions committee of the given study programme. The admissions committee evaluates the result of the entrance examination at a closed meeting and concludes with the decision "passed" or "failed". The committee submits a recommended proposal of successful applicants for admission to the Rector.
6. The selection of applicants for the 3rd degree (doctoral studies) is based on a ranking compiled according to:
   - results of the entrance examination (max. 40 points; the number of points awarded is decided by the admissions committee). The minimum number of points required for successful completion of the entrance examination and fulfilment of the admission conditions is 24 points (60 %).
   - results of previous studies (max. 30 points, awarded according to the weighted study average – VŠP – of the second cycle of higher education according to the following scale: VŠP 1.00 – 1.25 = 30 points, VŠP 1.26 – 1.99 = 20 points, VŠP 2.00 and higher = 0 points),
   - publication and scientific activity (max. 30 points; the number of points awarded is decided by the admissions committee).

Language requirements

For studies at UMKD, applicants are required to have a written and verbal proficiency of either Slovak or Czech language (equivalent to at least level B1), which foreign applicants shall demonstrate by submitting a certified document. If the applicant does not posses such a document, their language level shall be verified by means of a language test held on the dates specified and published on the website of the Institute of Lifelong Learning at UNIZA. Applicants lacking the expected language proficiency are required to successfully complete a language preparatory course, which may be taken at ÚCV UNIZA.

ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

Admission requirements are the same for both foreign applicants and applicants from Slovakia.
Students studying in language other than the official language of the Slovak Republic shall pay tuition fees in accordance to conditions set out in the Higher Education Act. Foreign students studying in Slovak do not pay tuition fees. Applicants from the Czech Republic may use a study application form valid in the Czech Republic. In the case of foreign applicants admitted on the basis of international agreements, bilateral agreements, or for scholarship holders of the Government of the Slovak Republic, conditions set out in the relevant documents shall apply.

APLICATION 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 case of an electronic application form, it is required to print it, sign it, enclose other required documents, including the proof of payment of the fee and subsequently send them to the address of the Institute of Mediamatics and Cultural Heritage UNIZA **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 Institute 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:

1. curriculum vitae,
2. certified copies of the documents on completed second-degree higher education (not applicable to graduates of UMKD, FHV, and FPV UNIZA),
3. a list of professional and scientific papers published so far and other evidence of professional and scientific activities in the field of media and communication studies,
4. elaborated framework project on the selected topic,
5. proof of payment of the admission fee.

Admission fee:

Send **€ 20** to:	Žilinská univerzita v Žiline, Univerzitná 1, 010 26 Žilina	
	Bank:	Štátna pokladnica
	IBAN:	SK52 8180 0000 0070 0026 9925
	const. symbol:	0308
	variable symbol:	10833 – 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 attached to the electronic application form, or sent to the Institute address with the paper application form.	

Tuition fees are determined in accordance with the Higher Education Act, as amended. Information on the amount of tuition and other fees for the current academic year shall be published by UNIZA **within the deadlines specified on its websites**.

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: SK52 8180 0000 0070 0026 9925**.

USEFUL DATES

Open Day	Deadline for submitting the application form	Entrance examination
4 February 2027 [1]	until 31 May 2027	23 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**.[2]

CATERING

Students can use the services of the catering facility of the University of Žilina. **Price for food: € 1.10 – € 4.70**.[2]

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

GRADUATE PROSPECTS

DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMME

MEDIAMATICS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
(Field of study 7205 Media and Communication Studies)

Graduates of the doctoral degree programme in Media Studies and Cultural Heritage is prepared for the field of basic and applied research in the media, culture, creative industries or academic sectors. He or she has an in-depth knowledge of the principles of managing professional activities in media, cultural and heritage information institutions, including in the context of their future digital transformation, current legislation and project management.

[1] Applicants for study may also request consultations on the study/study programme individually.

[2] Accommodation and meal fees are subject to change depending on price developments.