

UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN
DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

ADMISSION INFORMATION
ABOUT DOCTORAL (PHD) EDUCATION



University of Debrecen
2025

1. Offices and persons responsible for organizing doctoral education

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Application:

- Only electronically, by sending the Application Form and the attachments in PDF (!) format, as small as possible: phdbtk@arts.unideb.hu. Subject of the mailing: "Géza Minta - PhD Admission 2025"
- Maximum shipment size: 10 Mb

Deadlines:

Online payment of the application form, related attachments and processing fee, submission of the application:

- Application period: *from 14 April to 15 May 2025* (for state-funded and self-financed doctoral programmes in all sciences, as well as for individual preparation). The number of available state scholarship places in the field of humanities is 41.
- Cross-semester application period: *from 1 November to 15 November 2025* (for individual training in all sciences)

Planned dates of the entrance exams: 1–30 June 2025 (20 November – 22 December 2025)

Not all schools/programs are expected to hold an admission interview or organize it in the form of a video conference. Applicants will be notified of the admission method by e-mail.

- **Admission decision:** by 15 July 2025 (until 15 January 2026)

2. General information

Doctoral education takes place in the following doctoral schools:

- Doctoral School of Humanities
- Doctoral School of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies
- Doctoral School of History and Ethnography

Attachments and documents required for the application

- application form,
the detailed elaboration of the Planned Research Topic and Research Plan constituting point 2 of the Application Form will be given great emphasis in the 2025 admission,
- **supervisor's recommendation,**
the recommendation of the supervisor is also a mandatory part of the Application Form. Before submitting the admission, the applicant determines the topic to be researched together with the supervisor, about which the applicant informs the secretary of the given doctoral school. (For email addresses of school secretaries, see "School-specific requirements for admission" below.)
- **at least a university or MA level diploma with good qualifications, in the case of a current diploma or a diploma obtained in the previous two academic years (2022/2023, 2023/24). In the case of an MA degree, a copy of the BA diploma is also included,**
- in the case of a foreign diploma, a certified translation of the diploma and the "Diploma Supplement" or equivalent subject list in the 2nd semester of the 2024/25 academic year, but in the case of students obtaining a degree after the PhD entrance exam, a copy of the transcript/electronic summary of the BA and MA programmes and, in the case of a language other than English, a certified translation,
- in the case of Hungarian students graduating in the 2024/25 academic year, but **not** at the University of Debrecen, a certificate of the qualification of the diploma, which should be sent by e-mail as a supplement, or brought with you to the entrance exam at the latest,
- proof of **at least intermediate (B2 level) complex language proficiency** in one of the foreign languages required for the pursuit of science, as specified by the given doctoral school.
In the case of Hungarian applicants from beyond the borders, the school-leaving certificate obtained abroad (!) and its certified translation, and in the case of higher education programmes other than Hungarian, the diploma and its certified translation certify at least intermediate foreign language skills. Depending on the type and extent of the disability identified in the expert opinion, the disabled applicant is entitled to an exemption from any part of the language examination (oral/written) or its level. The requirement for the language exam part not affected by the disability will not change.
In the case of hearing-impaired applicants, a certificate of a non-Hungarian intermediate level sign language exam is required.
- **the condition of application is at least one publication published on professional publication forums (or accepted for publication according to the attached editorial certificate) or 1–3 places achieved at the OTDK in the case of the Humanities and the Doctoral Schools of History and Ethnography. The Doctoral School of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies prescribes publication in a recommended form and gives extra points for published publications (accepted for publication).**
- a professional CV,
- list of publications,
- a copy of the cheque slip or online certificate certifying the payment of the 9000 HUF processing fee. Payment of the application fee: account number: 11738008-21489815-0000000000 (IBAN:HU03-1173 8008 2148 9815 0000 0000, BIC/Swift code: OTPVHUHB); name of account holder: University of Debrecen; in the comment box: name of the candidate, followed by 247, 1C00PHDF, BB00],
- Doctoral schools/programmes may request additional documentation, see school-specific requirements for admission.

And for individual preparation , the following:

- the relevant language exam or certificate certifying the fulfilment of the language requirements for obtaining a doctoral degree, in accordance with the provisions of the doctoral school,

- proof of scientific work in accordance with Article 15 of the Doctoral Regulations in the form of a list of publications and/or a university doctoral diploma, as well as a copy of the publications specified by each doctoral school (at least four publications written on the subject of the dissertation within four years),
- the first version of the doctoral dissertation in spiral form,
- a written statement by the future supervisor on the application form stating that a dissertation of an appropriate level can be prepared within one year on the basis of the documented preparatory work.

You can apply for full-time and correspondence courses:

- state scholarship holder (full-time),
- self-financed (daytime),
- for individual preparation (correspondence).

The applicant may indicate both the state-funded and the self-financed form of training on the application form.

It is possible to apply to more than one doctoral program/school, in which case the application documentation must be submitted as many times as the number of places you apply for and the amount of the admission procedure is also due several times.

To select the research topic and supervisor, please consult the doktori.hu website on the interface of the given doctoral school. Only research topics and supervisors related to the topics listed there can be selected!

Scholarship/tuition fee:

Applicants with Hungarian and EU citizenship can apply for state scholarship training.

The amount of the scholarship: HUF 140,000/month (24 months) in the training and research phase, HUF 180,000/month (24 months) in the research and dissertation phase.

For the amount of tuition fees, see the description of the doctoral programmes.

Hungarian applicants from beyond the borders can also be admitted to the state-funded training of the given school. If they are admitted to a self-financed programme, they can submit a separate application to Hungarian scholarship organisations beyond the borders. Applicants from a non-EU Member State must submit their application for the scholarship to the organisations in the country of origin.

Entrance exam:

The admission process consists of an evaluation of the materials submitted in writing and, as usual, an oral interview. The committee gets an idea of the candidate's professional knowledge, ideas related to his or her doctoral work, scientific activities and language skills so far. The committee will evaluate the performance of the candidates and rank them.

In the case of a diploma obtained in the current (2024/2025) and the previous two academic years (2022/2023 and 2023/2024), the condition for application is a diploma with at least a good grade. Degrees obtained earlier and abroad will not be scored, in which case the maximum score for professional intelligence and scientific work will increase by 15 points each.

Depending on the application, doctoral schools and programs may choose to build the applicants' scores without an admission interview or through videoconferencing. Applicants will be notified of the admission method by e-mail.

The categories of scoring applications remain unchanged even without the oral examinations.

At the entrance examination, the committee awards points in the following categories:

- professional knowledge	max. 40 points
- Diploma	max. 30 points
(Honours/Excellent 30, Excellent/Excellent 25, Good 20)	
- previous scientific work, publication, TDK thesis	max. 30 points

Publication:

In the Doctoral Schools of Humanities and History and Ethnography, the prerequisite for application is at least one compulsory publication published in a professional publication forum (or accepted for publication, in which case an official editorial certificate must be attached). The publication must be attached to the application in one copy. Writings published in daily and weekly newspapers and university newspapers are not accepted as professional publications. The Doctoral School of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies prescribes the publication(s) in a recommended form and gives extra points for the publication(s) published (accepted for publication).

The secretaries/leaders of the doctoral programmes can provide information about professional publication forums.

The 1st-3rd place at the OTDK competitions also qualifies as publications.

Language skills:

Applicants to the courses of the Doctoral School of Humanities, the Doctoral School of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies and the Doctoral School of History and Ethnography are those who possess the language skills necessary for the cultivation of science in one of the English, Finnish, French, Dutch, Latin, German, Italian, Russian (and, if justified, other) languages. Knowledge of the Esperanto language is not sufficient for admission to doctoral education.

The method of proving the language skills necessary for the cultivation of science can be:

- state-recognised, at least intermediate level (equivalent to level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), complex (proving both oral and written skills, formerly type "C") or equivalent (e.g. at least 60% advanced level school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language) or nostrified;
- a diploma in languages or translations or a diploma in a foreign language training;
- a school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language;
- a certificate from the Foreign Language Centre of the University of Debrecen on the B2 level complex knowledge of the given language. (The The Literature and Cultural Studies Section of the Doctoral School of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies does not accept it!)

In exceptional cases, upon request, with the prior permission of the Doctoral Council of the discipline, the Admission Committee of the Doctoral School of Humanities, the Section of Linguistics of the Doctoral School of Literature, Culture and Linguistics and the Doctoral School of History and Ethnography may also ascertain the language proficiency required for the cultivation of the discipline within the framework of the admission procedure conducted in the given language.

The requirement for admission is an intermediate level complex (type C) language skills, which cannot be given a point. Language exam performance beyond this can be rewarded with extra points. An intermediate level A or B type language exam is worth 2 points, an intermediate level C type or an advanced A or B type language exam is worth 3 points, and an advanced C type language exam is worth 5 points.

To the attention of graduate students:

Students graduating in the 2nd semester of the 2024/25 academic year can be admitted if they have presented all the documents required for obtaining the diploma (e.g. proof of language proficiency) at the Registrar's Office by 16 June (students who do not graduate from the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Debrecen should request a certificate of this at their own Registrar's Office and attach it to the application by 16 June). As the Doctoral Council will establish the final order of admission at its June meeting, it will only be able to evaluate the results of the entrance exam of applicants who have all the documents described as a condition for applying for the education. Exceptions are those students from beyond the borders who obtained a diploma in the 2nd semester of the 2024/25 academic year after the PhD entrance exam, whose admission will only become final after the submission of a copy of the diploma and/or a certified translation of the diploma.

3. Detailed information

Application for four-year doctoral education:

(1) Doctoral schools in the field of humanities only offer admission to full-time courses in four-year programmes. Within this, it is possible to apply for state scholarship and self-financed financial financing with the same training requirements. Hungarian and foreign citizens who have a Hungarian or foreign university degree or obtain it in the academic year of admission can apply for organised doctoral education. For those preparing individually, it is possible to obtain a degree in correspondence training.

(2) Applicants are interviewed by a committee of at least three members per programme, commissioned by the Doctoral Council of the discipline, in order to get an idea of the candidate's professional knowledge, ideas related to his or her doctoral work, scientific activity and language skills so far. The committee evaluates the performance of applicants, ranks them and unconditionally recommends, conditionally recommends or does not recommend their admission.

(3) The final admission decision is made by the disciplinary disciplinary doctoral council. The admission is for a specific doctoral school, and within that, for a program and a subprogram, and also names the supervisor. The decisions cannot be appealed, a complaint can only be filed with the rector of the university in the event of a violation of rights.

(4) Applicants will be notified of the decision by the Doctoral Council of Arts and Humanities.

(5) At the time of enrolment, admitted applicants must sign a declaration stating that they have studied the university regulations related to doctoral education and the acquisition of degrees, the relevant procedural rules and the requirements of the doctoral programme, and have become acquainted with their rights and obligations based on them.

(6) In the case of the present diploma and the diploma obtained in the previous two academic years (2022/2023, 2023/2024), the condition for application is a diploma with at least a good grade. Diplomas obtained earlier than this will not be scored, in which case the maximum score of professional knowledge and scientific work will increase by 15 points each.

(7) The further professionally justified conditions of admission are determined by the doctoral council of the discipline, taking into account the recommendation of the programme councils. These may include conditions related to the applicant's professional qualifications, language skills, and previous professional activities.

(8) The score required (but not necessarily sufficient) for admission is 60 points. Candidates must score at least 20 points in each of the admission categories listed in point 2.

(9) The prerequisite for enrolment for the doctoral programme is the presentation of an MA level diploma and documents certifying language proficiency (or language exemption), if the admitted student is unable to meet these requirements, enrolment is not possible.

Application for individual preparations:

(1) The aim of the individual preparation is to enable professionals with significant teaching and/or research experience and documented scientific achievement (doctor, university title and/or appropriate number and quality publications) to obtain the PhD degree. Those who have a PhD absolute who have not submitted their thesis by the deadline specified in their original training can also apply for the individual training.

(2) The scientific condition for admission is at least five previously published professional publications related to the topic of the thesis. For the exact publication conditions, see the given doctoral programmes and subprogrammes.

(3) The candidate must attach to the admission material the existing manuscript of the first version of the thesis (approximately 75%, but the degree of completion varies from doctoral school to doctoral school).

(4) Students in individual training are exempted only from fulfilling their academic obligations, but they must meet all other requirements for obtaining a doctoral (PhD) degree (research and dissertation), so they are

also required to complete at least one active semester and obtain 120 credits. Doctoral programs expect individual students to obtain a degree in the shortest possible time, so it is advisable to capitalize the period of the legal relationship for one semester. During the individual preparation, it is possible to activate a maximum of four semesters.

- (5) Those who continue their individual preparation do not receive state doctoral scholarships.
- (6) The registration of the participants of the individual preparation in the electronic study system (correspondence self-financed legal relationship) takes place after the successful complex exam. If the complex exam is completed by 10 October or 10 March, registration for the given semester will take place, otherwise registration will be due in the following semester.
- (7) Within one year of the completion of the complex examination, the participant shall take part in the preliminary debate prescribed for him/her. If the dissertation is not in a condition to allow a preliminary debate to be held, the candidate must be deleted from the register.
- (8) Students in individual training apply to the Doctoral Council of the discipline by filling in the Application Form and submitting the necessary attachments. Applications must be submitted at the same time as the spring applications for the organised training by 15 May. The Doctoral Council of the discipline may also authorise cross-semester preparation on the proposal of the Programme Council, in which case the deadline for applications is 15 November.
- (9) At the entrance exam, applicants for individual preparation will also receive points according to the three categories given above. Unlike in the case of organised training, however, a candidate may only be admitted to individual preparation if he or she has already fulfilled the language requirements for obtaining a degree according to the school regulations, has independent scientific work in accordance with Article 15 of the Doctoral Regulations (see the exact requirements for each doctoral school), possesses all the professional knowledge possessed by those who have completed the organised training, and the first version of the dissertation has already been completed. To prove the latter, the existing manuscript of the thesis must be attached to the admission material and the prospective supervisor must declare in writing that a thesis of an appropriate level can be prepared within one year on the basis of the submitted material.

Foreign applicants:

In addition to the above, the following applies to foreign applicants:

- (1) Foreign citizens – similarly to Hungarian citizens – can apply for scholarship or self-financed training. If they are admitted to a self-financed training, but at the beginning of the next academic year they present a certificate from a scholarship organisation stating that the organisation provides them with a scholarship, they will start their studies in scholarship training. Otherwise, the student can only participate in self-financed training.
- (2) The admission requirements and scoring system of foreign applicants may be regulated differently by the disciplinary disciplinary doctoral council on the proposal of the programme councils. The qualification of diplomas obtained abroad is not scored, in which case the maximum score for professional intelligence and scientific work increases by 15 points each.

Decree No. 137/2008. (V. 16.) and Decree No. 260/2012 (IX.14.) Government decrees provide:

- (1) If the applicant has a state-recognized or nostrified language exam of at least intermediate level C in a language required for research on the given topic, it is sufficient to submit his/her diploma to the DCAH of the University of Debrecen for the recognition procedure for further studies. In this case, the diploma only entitles you to take the entrance exam to the University of Debrecen, to continue your studies and to obtain a degree.
- (2) If the applicant does not have a language exam and wishes to have his or her foreign diploma recognised only for the purpose of further education, it is sufficient to submit his or her diploma for a recognition procedure for the purpose of further education. According to the provision, a school-leaving certificate or diploma obtained in a foreign language and obtained in a state-recognised foreign public education institution must be a state-recognised monolingual complex (formerly type C) tertiary higher education (corresponding to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level C1) language

exam. In this case, the degree only entitles you to take the entrance exam at the University of Debrecen, to continue your studies and to obtain a degree.

(3) The school-leaving certificate certifying studies completed and completed in Hungarian obtained in a state-recognised foreign public educational institution shall be equivalent to a state-recognised general, monolingual, complex intermediate level language examination in the official language of the given foreign state. The completion of studies in the official language of the given state in the official language of the given state in any general education subject and successfully completed for at least two academic years is equivalent to a general, monolingual, complex type advanced level language exam recognized by the state from the point of view of the official language of the given foreign state.

(4) If the applicant wishes to have his or her foreign degree fully recognised as a diploma and language examination, he or she must contact the Ministry responsible for higher education for the recognition of his or her diploma, as only the Equivalence and Information Centre of the Ministry responsible for higher education is entitled to this type of recognition. Only those are entitled to full recognition if they prove their citizenship and residence in Hungary with an official certificate certifying their address.

(5) The following must be submitted as an annex to the application:

- a, a certified copy of the original certificate or diploma,
- b, a certified copy of a document (e.g. a transcript) that credibly certifies the duration of the studies and the successful fulfilment of the prescribed study requirements,
- c, a and b. Certified translations are translations with the authentication clauses of the National Office for Translation and Attestation, Hungarian foreign representations and Hungarian notaries.

In cases that cannot be decided on the basis of the existing legislation, the DCAH turns to the ministry responsible for higher education for a statement on the basis of the indicated government decree.

If a candidate with a foreign degree is admitted and if he or she has requested the Hungarian Equivalence Committee to recognize his or her certificate or diploma as a diploma and language exam, he or she must present the certificate of the Hungarian Equivalence Committee at the time of enrolment for the first semester.

Linguistic requirements for obtaining a PhD degree and its certification per doctoral school:

a, The prerequisite for obtaining a degree in philosophy and educational sciences at the Doctoral School of Humanities is that the candidate has at least intermediate language skills in one of the English, French, German (and other languages required for the pursuit of science). In psychology and sociology, the linguistic requirement for obtaining a degree is at least an intermediate knowledge of the English language. In sociology, if you have intermediate language skills in another professionally justified language, we ask for a basic knowledge of English.

The method of proving the language skills necessary for the cultivation of science can be:

- state-recognised, at least intermediate level (equivalent to level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), complex (proving both oral and written skills, formerly type "C") or equivalent (e.g. at least 60% advanced level school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language) or nostrified;
- state-recognised, basic level (equivalent to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, level B1), complex (proving both oral and written skills, formerly type "C") or equivalent or localised language exam; (Only in the case of sociological science, from the English language!)
- a diploma in languages or translations or a diploma in a foreign language training;
- a school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language;
- a certificate from the Foreign Language Centre of the University of Debrecen on the complex knowledge of the given language at the B2 level (and in the case of sociological science, English at B1 level). (Except in the discipline of philosophy!).

The language skills required for the pursuit of science must be certified by the submission of the doctoral dissertation at the latest.

b, In the Literary and Cultural Studies Section of the Doctoral School of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies, the condition for obtaining a degree is that the candidate has an intermediate level of proficiency in one foreign language and a basic knowledge of one of the English, Finnish, French, Dutch, Latin, German, Italian, Russian (and in justified cases) languages required for the pursuit of the science.

The method of proving the language skills necessary for the cultivation of science can be:

- state-recognised, at least intermediate level (equivalent to level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), complex (proving both oral and written skills, formerly type "C") or equivalent (e.g. at least 60% advanced level school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language) or nostrified;
- a state-recognised language exam of at least basic level (equivalent to level B1 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), complex (proving both oral and written skills, formerly type "C") or equivalent or nostrified; (to prove knowledge of a second foreign language)
- a diploma in languages or translations or a diploma in a foreign language training;
- a school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language;
- the final language exam certified in the higher education transcript or in the electronic study system with an excellent or good result (acceptable for the certification of basic level "B1" language proficiency)
- a higher level oral or written state or state-recognized language exam (accepted for the certification of basic B1 language proficiency)
- certificate from the Foreign Language Centre of the University of Debrecen (accepted for the certification of basic "B1" language proficiency).

The language skills required for the pursuit of science must be certified by the submission of the doctoral dissertation at the latest.

c, In the Linguistics Section of the Doctoral School of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies, the condition for obtaining a degree is that the candidate has at least intermediate level of complex language skills in one of the English, Finnish, French, Dutch, Latin, German, Italian, Russian (and in justified cases) languages necessary for the pursuit of the science.

The method of proving the language skills necessary for the cultivation of science can be:

- state-recognised, at least intermediate level (equivalent to level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), complex (proving both oral and written skills, formerly type "C") or equivalent (e.g. at least 60% advanced level school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language) or nostrified;
- a diploma in languages or translations or a diploma in a foreign language training;
- a school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language;
- Given language is the candidate's native language.

The language skills required for the pursuit of science must be certified by the submission of the doctoral dissertation at the latest.

d, The prerequisite for obtaining a degree at the Doctoral School of History and Ethnography is that the candidate has at least an intermediate level of complex language proficiency in one of the English, Finnish, French, Dutch, Latin, German, Italian, Russian (and in justified cases, other) languages necessary for the pursuit of science .

The method of proving the language skills necessary for the cultivation of science can be:

- state-recognised, at least intermediate level (equivalent to level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), complex (proving both oral and written skills, formerly type "C") or equivalent (e.g. at least 60% advanced level school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language) or nostrified;
- a diploma in languages or translations or a diploma in a foreign language training;
- a school-leaving certificate obtained in the given language;

a certificate from the Foreign Language Centre of the University of Debrecen on the B2 level complex knowledge of the given language.

The language skills required for the pursuit of science must be certified by the submission of the doctoral dissertation at the latest.

Depending on the type and extent of the disability identified in the expert opinion, a candidate with a disability is entitled to an exemption from any part of the language examination (oral/written) or its level. The requirement for the language exam part not affected by the disability will not change.

In the case of a hearing-impaired candidate, a certificate of a non-Hungarian intermediate level sign language exam is required.

4. Additional school-specific requirements for admission

4. 1. Doctoral School of Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies

Head of the School: Prof. Dr. Tamás Bényei

School secretary: Dr. Mónika Gönczy

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Website: <https://deiknydi.unideb.hu>

Admission requirements for the doctoral school for individual preparation:

Students in individual training must have at least four professional studies published in a professionally recognized journal and submit the manuscript of the preliminary version of the thesis at the time of admission.

Section of Literary and Cultural Studies

Head of the Section: Prof. Dr. Tamás Bényei

Section Secretary: Dr. Mónika Gönczy

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4.1.1. Doctoral Programme in Hungarian Literature, Modern Literatures and Cultural Studies

Head of the Programme: Prof. Dr. Péter Szirák

Programme Secretary: Dr. Monika Gönczy

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Subprogrammes	Head of the subprogrammes
Subprogramme in French Literature and Culture	Dr. Katalin Bódi
Subprogramme in Dutch Literature and Culture	Dr. Gábor Pusztai
Subprogramme in Hungarian Literature and Culture	Dr. Péter Bényei
Subprogramme in Media Studies	Prof. Dr. Sándor Kálai
Subprogramme in German Literature and Culture	Dr. Andrea Horváth
Subprogramme in Italian Literature and Culture	Dr. Orsolya Száraz
Subprogramme in Russian Literature and Culture	Prof. Dr. Ildikó Regéczi

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in French Literature and Culture:

Secretary of the subprogramme: Anikó Forgács

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- MA diploma in French or OMA diploma or other university/MA diploma in the arts or social sciences (such cases are individually deliberated by the admission board). MA students of French in their year of graduation are eligible to apply to the doctoral subprogramme. In exceptional cases, a diplôme issued by another faculty of arts and social sciences diploma is acceptable (such as a literature or a philosophy major); in these cases, the applicant has to present evidence of a successful advanced-level (equivalent to a C1 level) language examination in French.
- A 2–3-page written study plan in French, explaining the reasons for the choice of major and, within that, a closely reasoned elucidation of the chosen field of interest. This document is also expected to include an account of relevant professional activities and achievements (thesis, undergraduate research, publications). The study plan serves as the basis for an assessment of the level of the applicant's general academic intelligence.
- During the admission interview, conducted in French, the applicant has to demonstrate an adequate level of expertise in the chosen field as well as language proficiency.
- In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are

rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level) 20

- Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link.

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- Full-time students: 60.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 100.000 HUF

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in Dutch Literature and Culture:

Secretary of the subprogramme: Dr. Réka Bozzay

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- Diploma: the applicant is to have a university/MA diploma – with a mean grade average of at least 4.0 – in “Dutch language and literature” or in translation-interpretation. In exceptional cases, holders of an MA diploma issued by another arts and social sciences major can also be accepted (e.g. literature, history or philosophy); in these cases, the applicant has to present evidence of a successful an advanced-level (equivalent to a C1 level) language examination in Dutch.
- Record of relevant professional/academic activities (eg. undergraduate research performance (OTDK); publications or certificates of acceptance for publication. Additional points can be obtained (cf. DE-DSZ 3. supplement), for achievements and activities rewarded with performance credits as described in the regulations of the Talent Care Programme of the University of Debrecen ((II. 2. c)).
- Professional intelligence: the applicant is expected to enclose with his/her application form a 2–3-page research plan in Dutch.

The criteria of evaluation at the admission interview include:

- Professional intelligence – established on the basis of the enclosed research plan and the applicant's performance during the interview.
- The presentation of the objectives, approach and material of the projected dissertation. o Discussion of the domestic and international significance of the research topic.
- Adequate knowledge about the historical period, about the historical, social and literary context of the research topic, as well as an adequate level of expertise in literary criticism and theory, a level that may serve as sufficient basis for forming independent informed opinions and pursuing independent research.
- Record of the applicant's academic performance, including undergraduate research
- In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level)
- Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link
- Qualification of the diploma: according to the Doctoral Rules and Regulations (DSz)

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- Full-time students: 70.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 200.000 HUF

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in Hungarian Literature and Culture:

Secretary of the subprogramme: Dr. Monika Gönczy

(Main building ground floor. 3.; +36 52/512-900/22650; Phone/fax: +36 52/512-957; deidi@arts.unideb.hu)

- MA diploma in arts, humanities or social sciences.

The criteria of evaluating the admission interview include:

- The applicant's general intelligence
 - the demonstration of the objectives, methods and corpus of the proposed dissertation
 - the theme's domestic and international significance
 - familiarity with works of literary scholarship that are important from the perspective of the period and the topic;
 - familiarity with the secondary literature of the topic in Hungary and abroad, as well as with its comparative implications
- Record of relevant professional/academic activity
 - In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level)
 - Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link (eg. undergraduate research performance (OTDK); publications or certificates of acceptance for publication. The printed, xeroxed or typewritten publications are to be sent to the head of the doctoral programme, three weeks prior to the admission interview.
- The qualification of the diploma: according to the Doctoral Rules and Regulations (DSz)
- Foreign language proficiency: at least an intermediate (B2 level, "C" type or equivalent) language examination in a language relevant to the research topic.

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- Full-time students: 70.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 200.000 HUF

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in Media Studies:

Secretary of the subprogramme: Angéla Kiss

(Main building, 137; +36 52/512-900/23122; kiss.angela@arts.unideb.hu)

- An MA degree in the arts or social sciences or an OMA diploma; in exceptional cases, degrees issued by other faculties might be accepted
- A research plan of at least 3 typewritten pages, in which the applicant outlines the exploration of a given theme from the angles of communication theory and media science.

At the entrance examination the criteria of evaluation will be as follows:

- Professional intelligence
 - the demonstration of the objectives, approach, analysable and explorable substance of the projected dissertation.
 - the exploration of the theme's domestic and international cultural and mediascientific significance against the background of the relevant literature.
- Record of relevant professional/academic activity
 - In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level)
 - Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link (eg. undergraduate research performance (OTDK); publications or certificates of acceptance for publication. The printed, xeroxed or typewritten publications are to be sent to the head of the doctoral programme, three weeks prior to the admission interview.

- Undergraduate research (TDK).
- Qualification of the diploma: in accordance with the Doctoral Rules and Regulations (DSz)
- Foreign language proficiency: at least an intermediate (B2 level, “C” type or equivalent) language examination in a language relevant to the research topic.

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- Full-time students: 70.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 100.000 HUF

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in German Literature and Culture:

Secretary of the subprogram: Secretary of the subprogramme: Dr. Mária Molnár Török

(Main Building 125.; +36 52/512-900/62518;
molnar.maria@arts.unideb.hu; torok.maria@arts.unideb.hu)

- An MA degree in “German Language and Literature” or an OMA diploma. In exceptional cases, degrees issued by other faculties might be accepted; in these cases, the applicant must present evidence of a successful advanced German language examination (equivalent to C1 level).
- A research plan of at least three typewritten pages in German, submitted to the programme director and the head of the subprogramme.
- Academic performance assessed through a point system (documented publications, undergraduate research essay [TDK], etc.; cf. DE-DSZ enclosure No. 3). Additional points can be obtained (cf. DE-DSZ 3. supplement), for achievements and activities rewarded with performance credits as described in the regulations of the Talent Care Programme of the University of Debrecen ((II. 2. c)).

The criteria of evaluation at the entrance examination include:

- Professional intelligence – assessed on the basis of the enclosed work schedule and the performance shown at the examination:
 - The presentation of the objectives, approach and material of the projected dissertation. o Discussion of the domestic and international significance of the research topic.
 - Adequate knowledge about the historical period, about the historical, social and literary context of the research topic, as well as an adequate level of expertise in literary criticism and theory, a level that may serve as sufficient basis for forming independent informed opinions and pursuing independent research.
- Record of relevant professional/academic activity
 - In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level)
 - Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link (eg. undergraduate research performance (OTDK); publications or certificates of acceptance for publication. The printed, xeroxed or typewritten publications are to be sent to the head of the doctoral programme, three weeks prior to the admission interview.
- Undergraduate research (TDK).

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- Full-time students: 70.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 100.000 HUF.

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in Italian Literature and Culture:

Secretary of the subprogramme: Dr. Orsolya Száraz

(Main building 342/a; +36 52/512-900/22117
szaraz.orsolya@arts.unideb.hu)

- An MA degree in “Italian Language and Literature” or an OMA diploma. In exceptional cases, degrees issued by other faculties might be accepted; in these cases, the applicant must present evidence of a successful advanced Italian language examination (equivalent to C1 level).
- A research plan of at least three typewritten pages in German, submitted to the programme director and the head of the subprogramme. The plan should contain a detailed description of and justification for the proposed research
- Record of relevant professional/academic activity (enclosing authentic documents, and if possible, the texts themselves: diploma, MA thesis, award-winning OTDK research essays).
- During the admission interview, conducted in Italian, the applicant is expected to demonstrate that he/she is in possession of the professional expertise and language proficiency necessary for embarking on doctoral research in his/her chosen discipline, as well as the ability, commitment and resolution to carry out the proposed research.

The criteria of evaluation at the entrance examination include:

- Professional intelligence – on the basis of the study plan and the applicant’s performance during the admission interview:
 - Presentation of the theme, theses and methods of the proposed dissertation.
 - Outlining the scholarly significance, novelty, and expected results of the dissertation topic.
 - Familiarity with the international and domestic critical literature relevant to the proposed dissertation.
- Record of relevant professional/academic performance
 - In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level)
 - Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link (e.g. undergraduate research performance (OTDK); publications or certificates of acceptance for publication. The printed, xeroxed or typewritten publications are to be sent to the head of the doctoral programme, three weeks prior to the admission interview.
- Undergraduate research (TDK).
- Qualification of the diploma: according to the Doctoral Rules and Regulations (DSz).

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- Full-time students: 100.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 200.000 HUF.

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in Russian Literature and Culture:

Secretary of the subprogramme: Anna Piskóti-Posta

(Main Building (University Square Campus), 2nd floor, 245b; +36 52/512-900/22210;
posta.andrea@arts.unideb.hu)

- An MA/OMA degree in “Russian Language and Literature”. In exceptional cases, degrees issued by other faculties might be accepted;
- Language proficiency: intermediate or advanced level.

The criteria of evaluating the admission interview include:

- The applicant’s general intelligence
 - the demonstration of the objectives, methods and corpus of the proposed dissertation
 - the theme’s domestic and international significance
 - familiarity with works of literary scholarship that are important from the perspective of the period and the topic;

- familiarity with the secondary literature of the topic in Hungary and abroad, as well as with its comparative implications
- Record of relevant professional/academic activity
 - In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level)
 - Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link (eg. undergraduate research performance (OTDK); publications or certificates of acceptance for publication. The printed, xeroxed or typewritten publications are to be sent to the head of the doctoral programme, three weeks prior to the admission interview.
- Undergraduate research (TDK).
- Qualification of the diploma: as described in the Doctoral Rules and Regulations (DSz)

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- Full-time students: 70.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 100.000 HUF.

4.1.2. Doctoral Programme in British and North American Literature and Culture

Head of the Programme: Prof. Dr. István Rácz

Programme Secretary: Erika Kiss

(Main building 112; 52/512-900/23090; kiss.erika@arts.unideb.hu)

Subprogrammes	Head of the subprogrammes
Subprogramme in British Literature and Culture	Dr. György Kalmár
Subprogramme in North American Literature and Culture	Dr. Tibor Glant

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in British Literature and Culture:

- MA diploma in “English Language and Literature” or OMA diploma or other university/MA diploma in the arts or social sciences (such cases are individually deliberated by the admission board); a high level of English proficiency.
- A research plan in English (at least 1200 words or 10.000 n).
- An adequate level of knowledge pertaining to the research subject, as well as an adequate level of theoretical expertise. “Adequate” here means a level sufficient for independent research.
- Language proficiency: advanced – a language teacher’s – proficiency in English. Although proficiency in yet another world language is not a prerequisite of admission, a successful medium- or advanced-level state language examination or a university/MA diploma may mean an advantage.
- Similarly important is record of professional and scholarly activity: undergraduate research work, publications, contributions at professional forums (such as conference lectures).
- In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level).
- Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link.
- If applicants are not graduates of the Institute of English and American Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Debrecen, they are expected to enclose a copy of their MA thesis with their application material.

Tuition fee in the 2025/2026 academic year:

- Full-time students: 60.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 100.000 HUF

Admission requirements for the Subprogramme in North American Literature and Culture:

- MA diploma in “English Language and Literature” or OMA diploma or other university/MA diploma in the arts or social sciences (such cases are individually deliberated by the admission board); a high level of English proficiency.
- A research plan in English (at least 1200 words or 10.000 n).
- An adequate level of knowledge pertaining to the research subject, as well as an adequate level of theoretical expertise. “Adequate” here means a level sufficient for independent research. Priority will be given to applicants with academic record of 19 involvement in American and/or Canadian studies, especially if they have proof of such record.
- Language proficiency: advanced – a language teacher’s – proficiency in English. Although proficiency in yet another world language is not a prerequisite of admission, a successful medium- or advanced-level state language examination or a university/MA diploma may mean an advantage.
- Similarly important is record of professional and scholarly activity: undergraduate research work, publications, contributions at professional forums (such as conference lectures).
- In the Section of Literary and Cultural Studies, publications, rather than being a prerequisite for admission, publications are highly recommended; publications and certificates of their acceptance are rewarded with extra points – just like extracurricular undergraduate research papers (OTDK) awarded with first, second or third prize at the OTDK conference (national level).
- Publications and certificates of their acceptance must be sent, in electronic form, to the secretary of the section (deidi@arts.unideb.hu). In the case of online publications, it is enough to list the title of the publication and the link.
- If applicants are not graduates of the Institute of English and American Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Debrecen, they are expected to enclose a copy of their MA thesis with their application material.

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- Full-time students: 40.000 HUF per semester (N.B.: tuition fee reductions are subject to negotiation)
- Applicants for the individual preparation type of training: a lump sum of 100.000 HUF

Section of Linguistics

Head of the Section: Prof. Dr. Valéria Tóth

Section Secretary: Lucia Szendreiné Főzy (fozy.lucia@arts.unideb.hu)

Website: <http://denydi.unideb.hu/>

Admission requirements for the doctoral school for individual preparations:

For students in individual training the Section of Linguistics supplements its general admission requirements as follows:

- (a) The aim of the individual preparation is to enable professionals with significant teaching and/or research experience and documented scientific performance (a sufficient number and quality of publications, i.e. at least five published or accepted studies, one review and one conference presentation) to obtain a doctoral degree.
- (b) At the entrance exam, applicants for individual preparation must also meet the requirements for those who have completed the training and research phase.
- (c) A candidate can only be admitted for individual preparation if he or she has already fulfilled the language requirements for obtaining a degree.
- (d) The candidate must attach the existing manuscript of the first version of the thesis to the admission material, and the prospective supervisor must declare in writing that a thesis of an appropriate level can be prepared within two years on the basis of the submitted material.
- (e) Students of individual training can also participate in the study sessions of the doctoral programs.

(f) In addition to the individual preparation, the Council of Linguistics Section appoints a supervisor who monitors and assists the candidate's preparation.

(For more details, see <http://denydi.unideb.hu/>)

4.2.1. Doctoral Programme in General and Applied Linguistics

Head of the Programme: Dr. Péter Csatár

Subprogrammes	Heads of the subprogrammes
Subprogramme in English Linguistics	Dr. György Rákosi
Subprogramme in German Linguistics	Dr. Péter Csatár
Subprogramme in Translation Studies	Dr. Péter Csatár
Subprogramme in Romanistics	Dr. Andrea Nagy
Subprogramme in Computational Linguistics	Prof. Dr. László Hunyadi

Doctoral Programme in Hungarian and Finno-Ugric Linguistics

Head of the Programme: Prof. Dr. Sándor Maticák

Subprogrammes	Heads of the subprogrammes
Subprogramme in Finno-Ugric Linguistics	Prof. Dr. Sándor Maticák
Subprogramme in Hungarian Linguistics	Prof. Dr. Valéria Tóth

Subprogramme secretaries:

Subprogramme in English Linguistics:	Szendreiné Lucia Főzy (fozy.lucia@arts.unideb.hu)	Institute of English and American Studies Main Building. 101.
Subprogramme in Finno-Ugric linguistics:	Prof. Dr. Sándor Maticák (maticsak.sandor@arts.unideb.hu)	Finno-Ugric linguistics. Department Main Building. 336/a.
Subprogramme in Translation Studies	Szendreiné Lucia Főzy (fozy.lucia@arts.unideb.hu)	Institute of English and American Studies Main Building. 101.
Subprogramme in Hungarian linguistics:	Katalin Mészárosné dr. Nagy (enagy.katalin@mnytud.arts.unideb.hu)	Department of Hungarian Language Main Building. 338/a.
Subprogramme in German Linguistics:	Mária Törökné dr. Molnár (torok.marina@arts.unideb.hu)	Institute of German Studies Main Building. 125.
Subprogramme in Romance Studies	Anikó Forgács (forgacs.aniko@arts.unideb.hu)	Department of French Main Building. 427.
Subprogramme in Computational Linguistics:	Dr. István Szekrényes (szekrenyes.istvan@arts.unideb.hu)	Institute of Philosophy Main Building. 232.

Admission requirements for both doctoral programmes:

In the admission procedure, the admission committee awards points in three categories specified in the University Doctoral Regulations.

In addition,

- The candidate must attach to their application form a 2-3 page topic plan that serves as a starting point for the interview. In the interview conducted on the basis of the topic plan, the candidate must demonstrate that he/she understands the problem raised by his/her planned thesis, he/she is familiar with the literature of the topic at least at an elementary level and has the basic professional knowledge necessary for processing it. In the interview, the jury will also examine the candidate's skills that are necessary prerequisites for successful creative work: first of all, argumentation skills, problem seeing, insight into the essentials,

the ability to generalize inductively, deduction skills, abstraction skills, and commitment to scientific work.

- The candidate – must have a master's degree in – any language and literature or general and applied linguistics, or a master's degree in translation or a master's degree in language teaching.
- At least one publication published on professional publication forums (or accepted for publication according to the editorial certificate) or 1–3 placements at the OTDK are recommended for admission.
- It is recommended that candidates also have a level of English (as well as other language skills justified by the practice of the given field) that enable them to read the literature.

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

Subprogrammes	Full-time self-financed students:	Individual preparations:
English Linguistics	150.000 HUF/semester	one-time 150.000 HUF
Finno-Ugric Linguistics	80.000 HUF/semester	one-time 130.000 HUF
Translation Studies	80.000 HUF/semester	one-time 130.000 HUF
Hungarian Linguistics	80.000 HUF/semester	one-time 130.000 HUF
German Linguistics	80.000 HUF/semester	one-time 130.000 HUF
Romanistic	80.000 HUF/semester	one-time 130.000 HUF
Computational Linguistics	80.000 HUF/semester	one-time 130.000 HUF

4.3. Doctoral School of Humanities

Head of the School: Prof. Dr. Gabriella Pusztaí

School secretary: Lilla Szakályné Lantai (512-900/22573; lantai.lilla@arts.unideb.hu)

Website: <http://www.humandi.unideb.hu>

4.3.1. Doctoral Programme in Modern Philosophy

Head of the Programme: Prof. Dr. István Bugár

Programme Secretary: Lilla Szakályné Lantai (512-900/22573; lantai.lilla@arts.unideb.hu)

Admission Requirements:

Applicants to the Doctoral Programme in Modern Philosophy must meet additional specific conditions in addition to the conditions set out in the University and Doctoral Regulations of the Arts and Humanities.

- The Modern Philosophy program is open to graduating university students, as well as professionals with a university/MA degree who have demonstrated their preparedness and aptitude in various forms (outstanding thesis, publications published or accepted for publication in prestigious professional journals, scientific conference presentations, OTDK rankings, etc.).

During the admission procedure, the Admission Committee awards points in the three categories specified in the University Doctoral Regulations (see page 3).

- The applicant is recommended to choose a topic related to one of the specializations of the program. It is also possible to apply with an interdisciplinary topic, as long as the personal and professional conditions are met on the part of both the program and the candidate. However, this requires prior consultation with the possible co-supervisors and the programme director.
- The candidate must attach to their application form a topic plan of about 3 pages, which they have discussed and agreed in detail with the potential supervisor in advance. At the admission interview, the candidate will give an account of his/her sensitivity to professional problems, his/her at least basic knowledge of the relevant domestic and international literature, and his/her proficiency in handling the literature (presentation of his/her thesis and publications). The admission committee considers and evaluates the candidate's skills necessary for creative work, argumentation skills, insight into the essence and the ability to abstract. An important aspect is the candidate's commitment to scientific work.
- The requirement for admission is at least one publication published on professional publication forums (or accepted for publication according to the editorial certificate) or 1–3 placements at the OTDK.
- In the case of a degree not in philosophy, the candidate must demonstrate his/her philosophical proficiency, in particular his/her knowledge of the general and specific issues of the philosophical foundations and aspects of the chosen topic. For this, you can find questions and literature on the <https://humandi.unideb.hu/hu/filozofia-doktori-program-tajekoztatok> page for informational purposes.
- In addition to the generally expected language requirements, the candidate must be justified from the point of view of the cultivation of the given field and have a level of language proficiency that enables him or her to read literature.
- A candidate can be admitted to individual training if he or she has already fulfilled the language requirements for obtaining a degree, has independent scientific work and professional knowledge comparable to those who have completed full-time training, or if the first version of the thesis is already ready. This must be attached to the admission material, as well as a written statement by the future supervisor stating that the thesis can be completed within one year. Students of individual training must have at least five published or accepted papers in a nationally recognized journal (see the list of Modern Philosophy Programs) and 1 conference presentation.

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- fee-paying students: 100.000 HUF/semester
- individual preparations: one-time 150.000 HUF

4.3.2. Doctoral Program on Educational Sciences

Head of the Programme: Prof. Dr. Gabriella Pusztai

Deputy Head of the Programme: Dr. Klára Kovács-Nagy

Programme Secretary: Cintia Csók (512-900/22660; csok.cintia@arts.unideb.hu)

Website: <http://nevtudphd.unideb.hu/>

Subprogrammes	Heads of the subprogrammes
Research in education and its applications subprogramme	Prof. Dr. Mihály Duffek
Higher education research	Prof. Dr. Gabriella Pusztai
Adult Education, Vocational Training and Public Culture Research	Prof. Dr. Ágnes Engler
Public Education Research	Dr. Magdolna Rébay
Inclusive pedagogical research	Dr. Klára Kovács-Nagy

Admission Requirements:

- Qualifications: primarily a master's degree *in* educational science, andragogy, social pedagogy, special education, secondary school teacher *training, or a university-level degree*, as well as a master's degree *in* humanities or social sciences *or a university-level degree* relevant to educational research.
- Language skills: English, German or French complex (C) type intermediate language skills. (An English language exam is an advantage.) This condition is replaced by a diploma concluding a higher education course in a non-Hungarian language for applicants from beyond the border.
- At least one scientific publication (book chapter, study in an edited volume or journal article in a nationally recognized professional journal). The list of accepted journals is available on the website of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences: <http://mta.hu/doktori-tanacs/a-ii-osztaly-doktori-kovetlemenysrendszere-105379>. A photocopy of the publication or a certificate of the publication accepted for publication should be presented at the admission.
- A 10-page research plan of the topic agreed with one of the supervisors of the program, with references to the literature. We recommend participation in the admission preparation sessions that help with the preparation of the research plan. You can apply for the preparatory course at the program secretary. The research plan must outline the concept of the research, the scientific significance and novelty of the research topic, the research results related to the topic so far, as well as the methods to be applied and the expected results.

Admission requirements for the doctoral program for individual preparation:

- *Scientific work:* List of publications, which includes the candidate's independent publications (with ISBN or ISSN number), at least ten peer-reviewed studies (in a national or international journal, counting the study published in an international publication as two), as well as articles, reviews (in professional weekly journals and ISSN publications), as well as documented manuscripts and conference presentations. The list of publications is recommended for approval by the programme council in accordance with the rules of the Doctoral Regulations.
- *Language proficiency:* in accordance with the language requirements for obtaining a degree.
- *Dissertation:* A work presenting the aims of the research, the regular processing of the relevant literature and the results of a (new) empirical research in Hungarian or English in the length of about 200 pages (without appendices). Further content and formal requirements are subject to the rules of the Doctoral Regulations. The preliminary manuscript of the dissertation must be attached to the admission material.
- *Supervisor's opinion:* A detailed professional opinion of one of the supervisors of the programme on the submitted thesis.

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- tuition fee students: 150.000 HUF/semester
- individual preparations: one-time 220.000 HUF

4.3.3. Doctoral Programme on Psychology:

Head of the Programme: Judit Molnárné Prof. Dr. Kovács

Programme Secretary: Klára Zeke

(512-900/22539; zeke.klara@arts.unideb.hu)

Admission Requirements (School Specific):

- Admission is not tied to a certified psychology degree, but a university master's degree or a diploma issued after 5 years of training is required.
- The applicant must choose a topic agreed with one of the supervisors of the programme for elaboration.
- The chosen topic and the related research plan must be submitted in writing on 4-5 pages (and a summary of about 1 page in English must also be attached).
- Language skills: Intermediate level knowledge of English, German or French type C. An English language exam is an advantage.
- The requirement for admission is at least one publication published on professional publication forums (or accepted for publication according to the editorial certificate) or 1–3 placements at the OTDK.
- Students of individual training must meet the publication requirements for applying for the degree acquisition procedure at the time of application.
- Students of individual training must submit the manuscript of the preliminary version of the dissertation at the time of admission.

A doctoral student who does not have a BA degree in Psychology or a psychology degree from a 5-year course of study must complete at least one course in the following BA subjects in psychology during their PhD studies in the four semesters preceding the complex exam :

- General Psychology 1-3 (responsible: Dr. Zoltán Kondé)
- Personality Psychology 1-3 (responsible: Dr. Anita Szemán-Nagy)
- Developmental Psychology 1-2 (responsible: Dr. Zoltánné Kondé, Dr. Judit Inánts-Pap)
- Social Psychology 1-3 (responsible: Judit Molnárné Prof. Dr. Kovács)

In addition, in the field of science (e.g. general psychology or personality psychology, etc...) to which the topic of the doctoral student belongs, he/she should complete all the subjects listed above, not just one!

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- tuition fee students: 150.000 HUF/semester
- individual preparations: one-time 200.000 HUF

4.3.4. Doctoral Programme of Sociology and Social Policy

Head of the Programme: Prof. Dr. Ibolya Czibere

Programme Secretary: Edit Juhászné Marosi

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Website: <https://humandi.unideb.hu/hu/szociologia>

Subprogramme	Heads of the subprogrammes
Regional Studies	Prof. Dr. Ibolya Czibere

Admission Requirements:

- General entry and admission requirements: at least a good (4) degree *certifying a master'* s degree or *a university-level* degree in sociology or social policy, or a university degree in social sciences or other disciplines,

- Language skills: intermediate (B2) complex language skills (English is an advantage).
- The requirement for admission is at least one publication published on professional publication forums (or accepted for publication according to the editorial certificate) or 1–3 placements at the OTDK.
- The application form must be accompanied by a detailed, 10-15 page (!) research plan of the topic agreed with the supervisor of the programme, which includes a clear explanation of the chosen topic, methods, goals and tasks.

Admission requirements for the doctoral program for individual preparation s:

- A candidate can be admitted to individual training if he or she has already fulfilled the language requirements for obtaining a degree, has independent scientific work and professional knowledge comparable to that of those who have completed full-time training.
- The admission material must be accompanied by a summary of the research results so far, the publications published so far in the field of the thesis, the version of the thesis to be written that is at least 80% complete, and the written statement of the future supervisor stating that the thesis can be completed within one year. He or she is obliged to prove his or her scientific work with an accurate and authentic list of publications (MTMT).
- Students of individual training must have at least 4 published or accepted papers in a nationally recognized journal (see the list of the Doctoral School of Humanities) and 1 conference presentation.
- *Language skills:* in accordance with the linguistic requirements for obtaining a degree

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- fee-paying students: 140.000 HUF/semester
- individual preparations: one-time 280.000 HUF

4.4. Doctoral School of History and Ethnography

Head of the School: Prof. Dr. Attila Bárány

School secretary: Dr. Orsolya Tóth (toth.orsolya@arts.unideb.hu, +36 52/512-900/22246)

Website: <http://tdi.unideb.hu>

School-specific requirements for admission:

For individual training (in the framework of which you have to register for a complex exam and a degree acquisition procedure), we accept applications from colleagues with experience in the profession and certified history and ethnographic activities. Applicants can prove this by a thorough (written) description of the content of the planned dissertation and by presenting a significant part of the draft (at least 90%), which is countersigned by the supervisor. To be admitted, at least five publications published in professional journals or publications must be presented. The evaluation of local scientific publications is the competence of the committee, we do not accept newspaper articles.

4.4.1. Doctoral Programme in History

Head of the Programme: Prof. Dr. Levente Püskei

Programme Secretary: Dr. Ádám Novák (adamanovak@unideb.hu)

The requirement for admission to the PhD programme is at least one publication published on professional publication forums (or accepted for publication according to the editorial certificate) or 1–3 placements at the OTDK.

Subprogrammes	Heads of the subprogrammes
Economic and Social History	Prof. Dr. Levente Püskei
History of Political Thoughts and Institutions	Dr. Ferenc Velkey
History of International Relations	Dr. Róbert Barta
Ancient History	Prof. Dr. Péter Forisek
Classical Cultural History	Prof. Dr. Tamás Gesztesy

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- fee-paying students: 120.000 HUF/semester
- individual preparations: one-time 150.000 HUF

4.4.2. Doctoral Programme in Ethnography

Head of the Programme: Prof. Dr. Elek Bartha

Programme Secretary: Bazil Telenkó (telenko.bazil@arts.unideb.hu)

The requirement for admission to the PhD programme is at least one publication published on professional publication forums (or accepted for publication according to the editorial certificate) or 1–3 placements at the OTDK.

Subprogrammes	Heads of the subprogrammes
Nations, Regions and Cultures in Central Europe	Prof. Dr. Elek Bartha
Cultural ecology	Dr. Máté Kavecsánszki
Museology	Prof. Dr. Róbert Keményfi

Tuition fee in the 2025/26 academic year:

- fee-paying students: 200.000 HUF/semester
- individual preparations: one-time 400.000 HUF