



The list of doctoral research topics in foreign language for 2024/2025. academic year in the Doctoral School of Public Administration Science

The research topic list shall be valid from the 2024/2025. academic year, however the validity of doctoral researches started on the basis of the list of previous academic years remains continuous.

With regard to foreign languages only the English language is acceptable as a language of training and research period, including the doctoral dissertation.

The list of research topics includes topics primarily recommended for doctoral students by the supervisors. The title and subject of the doctoral student's specific research topic must be developed in consultation with the supervisor.

Within a research field, a doctoral student can request a topic that is not included in the list of topics, but is considered relevant to the research field. In this case, the applicant must consult beforehand with the head of the research area and the candidate supervisor appointed. As a result of the consultation, the candidate supervisor can request the inclusion of the research topic in the list of topics from the head of the doctoral school.

The list of research topics encouraged by domestic ministries and other state administration bodies is available on the website of the doctoral school.

The chosen research topic must fall within the scope of public administration, i.e. with the theory and practice of a given state or states, national or international public institutions, individual levels of multi-level governance, state or public administrative institutions, policies, public services, regional or local self-government, and must be based on hypotheses related to its operation. The topic can include historical as well as Hungarian, foreign, comparative and/or international aspects

01. History of state and public administration

Head of research area: Prof. Attila Horvath, PhD, Head of Dep.

The research area supports the processing of the topics of state history and, within this, the history of public administration. The topics provide an opportunity to study the history of public organizations, related ideas, institutions and the history of law, where appropriate, by applying the comparative method. The research area emphasizes the development of the given topic based on historical sources.

For more information on specific topics please contact Prof. Attila Horvath, PhD, Head of Dep. or Dr. Zsuzsanna Peres, PhD, associate professor.

02. Legal studies

Head of research area: Prof. András Patyi, PhD, Head of Doctoral School; Prof. Tekla Papp, DSc, Head of Dep., Head of Doctoral Council of LUPS

The basic focus of the research area is on topics related to the study and understanding of the state and public administration, which fall within the field of public law in the broad sense. At the same time, this field includes those topics of a non-public law nature, which affect the activities of the modern state and public administration in the course of their operation, by applying the institutions of other legal fields, their legal phenomena, and their effects on public administration and the state. The topics basically require a legal dogmatic approach, in addition to the need for description and systematization, concept creation and conceptual analysis are also essential in this field of research.

1. Institutions and the legal basis for the supervision of public administration, basic issues and system of administrative jurisdiction, and the dogmatics of administrative procedure
Supervisor: Dr. Patyi András PhD, Head of DS, professor
2. Current challenges in Hungarian company law, especially in regard to legislative amendments
Supervisor: Dr. Papp Tekla DSc, Head of Dept, professor
3. System and hierarchy of fundamental rights; collision of fundamental rights
Supervisor: Dr. Kiss György DSc, professor emeritus, MHASC
4. The Regulation and Financing of Political Parties in Hungary and Europe
Supervisor: Dr. Smuk Péter PhD, professor
5. The EU and domestic competition law aspects of state aid, intellectual property, anti-competitive behavior
Supervisor: Dr. Barta Judit PhD, professor
6. Space Law
Supervisor: Dr. Bartóki-Gönczy Balázs PhD, Head of Dept, associate professor
7. Business and labour rights as human rights
Supervisor: Dr. Kun Attila PhD, professor
8. Regulation of platforms
Supervisor: Dr. Zódi Zsolt PhD, senior research fellow
9. Challenges of the codification of administrative procedural law - the relation between the general and the special procedural institutions
Supervisor: Dr. Pollák Kitti PhD, adjunct
10. Modernization of administrative procedural law, tools for increasing its efficiency
Supervisor: Dr. Pollák Kitti PhD, adjunct

03. Public management and sociology

Head of research area: Prof. Norbert KIS, PhD, Head of Institute

The research area prefers topics dealing with the organizational and operational dimensions of public administration, which concern with the systemic attributes of public administration, operational and activity processes, questions of how they are organized and managed, and individual organizational tools. Issues related to the development of public administration are analyzed not only in relation to the organizational system as a whole, but also to individual public bodies. The examination of the general concepts of administration, organization, leadership, control, and management in specific systems and activity types also belongs to this field. The topics of e-public administration and the digital state also belong to this field.

1. Organizational development in governance
Supervisor: Dr. Koronváry Péter PhD, associate professor
2. The modernisation of public administration: eGovernment
Supervisor: Dr. Budai Balázs PhD, Head of Dept, associate professor
3. Quality management methods in the service of the public sector
Supervisor: Dr. Berényi László PhD, associate professor
4. Automation/Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work (Special Focus on the Workplace Innovation)
Supervisor: Dr. Makó Csaba DSc, professor emeritus
5. Learning Economy and Organizational Innovations
Supervisor: Dr. Makó Csaba DSc, professor emeritus
6. Recent crisis management experience in Hungary and/or in any other country of interest
Supervisor: Dr. Gellén Márton PhD, associate professor
7. Servitization of Public Services
Supervisor: Dr. Gyula Vastag PhD, professor emeritus
8. Media use in public administration
Supervisor: Dr. Kovács Gábor PhD, associate professor
9. The communication aspects of cyberspace
Supervisor: Dr. Kriskó Edina PhD, associate professor
10. Organisational communication in public sector
Supervisor: Dr. Bajnok Andrea PhD, associate professor
11. The impact of artificial intelligence on administrative communication
Supervisor: Dr. Veszelszki Ágnes PhD, Head of Dept, associate professor

12. Security environment, critical infrastructure protection and its impact on the public administration system
Supervisor Dr. Babos Tibor PhD, associate professor(ÓE)
13. Global knowledge-industry, media science
Supervisor: Dr. Demeter Márton PhD, professor
14. Trends and socio-cultural effects of synthetic, virtual and AI-driven media
Supervisor: Dr. Fehér Katalin PhD, associate professor
15. Social integration of diasporas
Supervisor: Dr. Gazsó Dániel PhD, senior research fellow
16. Public administration aspects of ESG (environmental, social and governance)
Supervisor: Dr. Besenyei Mónika PhD, senior research fellow



04. Economics

Head of research area: Dr. Gábor Kutasi, PhD, Head of Dep.

In addition to the disciplines of public administration and public law, an essential component of political science in the traditional sense is the broad field of national economics and international economics. The basic goal of the research area is to examine the various dimensions of the economic role of the modern state, with particular attention to the interrelationships between the functioning of international coordination mechanisms and the economic organizing functions of national states. Within this topic, areas of emphasis are the impact assessment of economic policies and the economics of national, European and international public policies.

1. Economic Relations of Technological Development
Supervisor: Dr. Halmai Péter, DSc, professor, MHASC
2. Economic impact of free trade and trade war in the 21st century
Supervisor: Dr. Kutasi Gábor, PhD, Head of Dept, associate professor,
3. Guns or butter: Fiscal analysis of trade-off between defense and welfare spending
Supervisor: Dr. Kutasi Gábor, PhD, Head of Dept, associate professor,
4. Economic and financial changes in the Subsahara region
Supervisor: Dr. Pásztor Szabolcs, PhD, associate professor
5. Current challenges of labour market
Supervisor: Dr. Toth Arnold, PhD, associate professor
6. National Competitiveness Strategies in the Age of Rapid Changes
Supervisor: Dr. Csath Magdolna DSc, research professor
7. Innovation dynamism and resilience
Supervisor: Dr. Kovács Olivér PhD, senior research fellow
8. International and national innovation systems, innovation strategies
Supervisor: Dr. Csath Magdolna DSc, research professor (PPKE)

05. Public governance and political science

Head of research area: Prof. Iván Halász, DSc, Head of Dep.

The research area examines the issues of state theory, constitutionalism, constitutional law, political science, and governance and includes other relevant topics. Its approach is basically theoretical, however it prefers governmental, governance-centered approach to public administration. Questions of the constitutional definition and political environment of public administration (such as democratic legitimacy) are also discussed here.

1. Efficiency Issues in the State System – the Efficient State
Supervisor: Dr. Bordás Mária PhD, professor
2. Self-governance as an organization, public tasks and finances
Supervisor: Dr. Vértesy László PhD, associate professor
3. Financial and Economic Governance
Supervisor: Dr. Vértesy László PhD, associate professor
4. State-Church Relations in Western Political Systems
Supervisor: Dr. Nyirkos Tamás PhD, senior research fellow
5. Automatization and the use of Artificial Intelligence at the Public Administration
Supervisor: Dr. Zódi Zsolt PhD, senior research fellow
6. Comparative Constitutionalism
Supervisor: Dr. Deli Gergely PhD, rector, professor
7. Conceptual and justificatory issues of paternalistic state interventions
Supervisor: Dr. Szerletics Antal PhD, associate professor
8. Challenges of government systems in the 21st century: presidentialization
Supervisor: Dr. Tanács-Mandák Fanni PhD, adjunct
9. Government Policies and Sustainable Development
Supervisor: Dr. Kis Norbert PhD, professor
10. Critical analysis of the concept and practical application of integrated water resources management
Supervisor: Dr. Bogárdi János József PhD, research professor
11. Sustainability policies in water, energy and climate governance
Supervisor: Dr. Pálvölgyi Tamás, PhD, Head of Dept, associate professor

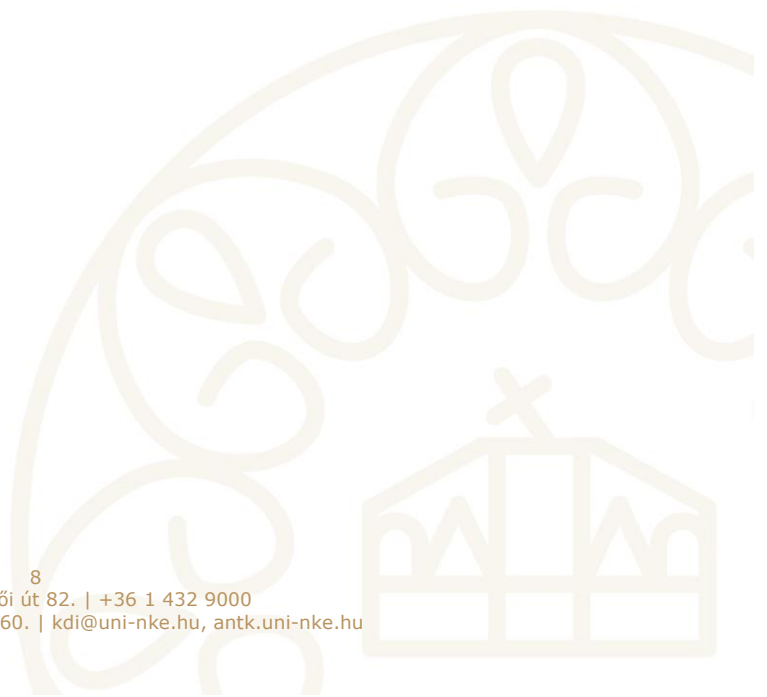
06. International and European studies

Head of research area: Prof. Boglárka Koller, PhD, Head of Dep.

The research area covers two large areas. One is the topic of European integration, with particular regard to the relationship between Hungary and the EU. The other is the exploration of the defining topics of international law and international relations today. Within the two areas, the individual topics examine the legal and political connections of the European Union and international relations based on theoretical, strategic and practical aspects.

1. Euroscepticism, future scenarios, multi-speed Europe and differentiated integration in the European Union
Supervisor: Dr. Koller Boglárka PhD, professor
2. The challenges of identity, migration and multiculturalism in the European Union
Supervisor: Dr. Koller Boglárka PhD, professor
3. The political and security challenges of Africa in the 21st century
Supervisor: Dr. Marsai Viktor PhD, associate professor
4. Language rights, language policy
Supervisor: Dr. Nagy Noémi PhD, associate professor
5. Challenges of the international protection of human rights, minority rights, and the rights of indigenous peoples
Supervisor: Dr. Nagy Noémi PhD, associate professor
6. The changing power relations in the Middle East
Supervisor: Dr. Nagyné Rózsa Erzsébet DSc, professor
7. The role and status of European agencies
Supervisor: Dr. Szegedi László PhD, associate professor
8. Self-determination of peoples and sovereignty today
Supervisor: Dr. Vizi Balázs PhD, associate professor
9. Human rights and identity issues in international law
Supervisor: Dr. Vizi Balázs PhD, associate professor
10. Theory and Ethics of International Relations: Liberalism, Realism and Conservatism (Communal Callings)
Supervisor: Dr. Boda Mihály PhD, associate professor
11. Application and challenges of rules of international humanitarian law (law of war), humanitarian considerations in international law
Supervisor: Dr. Varga Réka PhD, dean, Head of Dept, associate professor
12. European Space Policy
Supervisor: Dr. Bartóki-Gönczy Balázs PhD, Head of Dept, associate professor

13. Democracy and legitimacy in the EU
Supervisor: Dr. Varga András PhD, adjunct
14. Environment policy in the EU
Supervisor: Dr. Varga András PhD, adjunct
15. Global knowledge-industry, media science
Supervisor: Dr. Demeter Márton PhD, professor
16. Trends and socio-cultural effects of synthetic, virtual and AI-driven media
Supervisor: Dr. Fehér Katalin PhD, associate professor
17. International Political Discourse Analysis
Supervisor: Jakusné Dr. Harnos Éva, associate professor
18. International water conflicts: political, legal and institutional aspects
Supervisor: Dr. Baranyai Gábor PhD, adjunct



07. Human resources and public administration

Head of research area: Dr. Zoltán Hazafi, PhD, Head of Dep.

The research area discusses the human policy of the public administration in two approaches. On the one hand, it presents the legal nature of the public service with a legal-dogmatic method, in a Hungarian relation and in an international comparison. Another approach is the management of human resources in the public service, with a particular focus on efficiency and competitiveness. This field also includes the definition of public service competencies and research into their measurement methods.

1. Leadership development and talent management in public administration
Supervisor: Dr. Kajtár Edit PhD, associate professor
2. Fighting Corruption and Building Integrity in International Context
Supervisor: Dr. Klotz Péter PhD, associate professor
3. Further training, leadership development, dilemmas of efficiency analysis
Supervisor Dr. Paksi-Petró Csilla PhD, adjunct
4. Civil service human resource management practices for managing workforce problems
Supervisor: Dr. Paksi-Petró Csilla PhD, adjunct
5. Personnel Development Models and their adaptations
Supervisor: Dr. Belényesi Emese PhD, associate professor

