



**The list of doctoral research topics in foreign language for
2025/2026. academic year in the Doctoral School of Public
Administration Science**

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 at the secretariat 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, assistant professor

10. Modernization of administrative procedural law, tools for increasing its efficiency

Supervisor: Dr. Pollák Kitti PhD, assistant professor



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 be 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

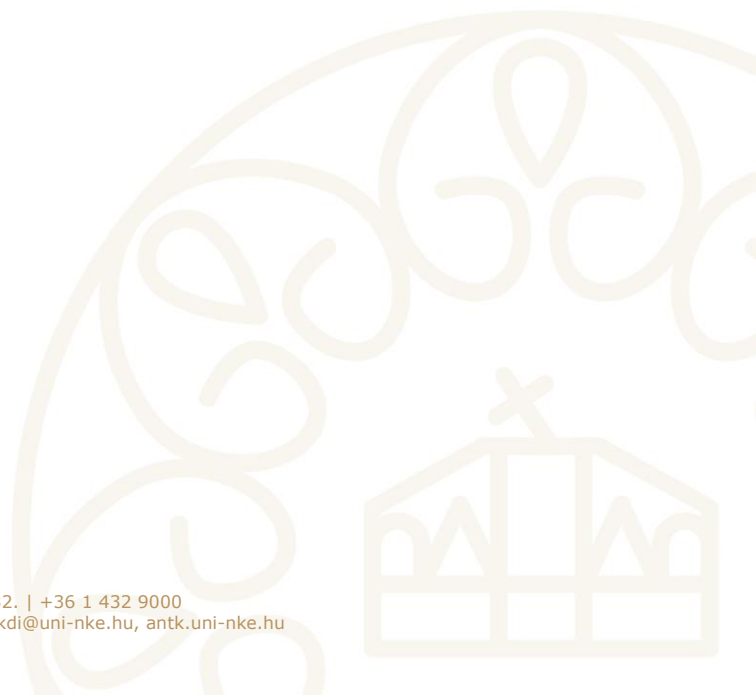
Supervisor: Dr. Demeter Márton PhD, professor

14. Trends and socio-cultural effects of synthetic, virtual and AI-driven media

Supervisor: Dr. Fehér Katalin PhD, associate professor

15. Social integration of diaspores

Supervisor: Dr. Gzásó Dániel 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. Self-governance as an organization, public tasks and finances

Supervisor: Dr. Vértesy László PhD, associate professor

2. Financial and Economic Governance

Supervisor: Dr. Vértesy László PhD, associate professor

3. State-Church Relations in Western Political Systems

Supervisor: Dr. Nyirkos Tamás PhD, senior research fellow

4. Automatization and the use of Artificial Intelligence at the Public Administration

Supervisor: Dr. Zódi Zsolt PhD, senior research fellow

5. Comparative Constitutionalism

Supervisor: Dr. Deli Gergely PhD, rector, professor

6. Conceptual and justificatory issues of paternalistic state interventions

Supervisor: Dr. Szerletics Antal PhD, associate professor

7. Challenges of government systems in the 21st century: presidentialization

Supervisor: Dr. Tanács-Mandák Fanni PhD, assistant professor

8. Government Policies and Sustainable Development

Supervisor: Dr. Kis Norbert PhD, professor

9. Critical analysis of the concept and practical application of integrated water resources management

Supervisor: Dr. Bogárdi János József PhD, research professor

10. 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, assistant professor

14. Environment policy in the EU

Supervisor: Dr. Varga András PhD, assistant professor

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: Dr. Harnos Éva, associate professor

18. International water conflicts: political, legal and institutional aspects

Supervisor: Dr. Baranyai Gábor PhD, assistant professor



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, associate professor

4. Civil service human resource management practices for managing workforce problems

Supervisor: Dr. Paksi-Petró Csilla PhD, associate professor

5. Personnel Development Models and their adaptations

Supervisor: Dr. Belényesi Emese PhD, associate professor

