

Structure of the PhD Programme (Curricula)

Duration of the programme: 3 years (6 semesters)

Teaching (teaching & learning) component: 50 ECTS

Research component: 130 ECTS

The presented PhD educational program consists of teaching and research components according the Tbilisi State University (TSU) doctoral standards. Each of them content-wise is represented as follow:

- Teaching/learning component: (a) Mandatory University courses, as defined by TSU minimal standards for PhD studies; (b) Elective courses which are clustered according above mentioned unites/modules; and (c) Assisting to professor.
- Research component: As defined by TSU minimal standards for PhD studies, the component involves two doctoral colloquiums and doctoral dissertation (for more details, see Table 1).

Table 1 The Structure of PhD curricula

Mandatory University Courses - 30 ECTS (According to TSU requirements)			
Contemporary teaching methods	I-II semester	5 ECTS	
Academic writing	I-II semester	5 ECTS	
Professor assistantship	III-IV semester	5 ECTS	
Doctoral seminar	III-IV semester	15 ECTS	
Elective Courses - 20 ECTS (PhD student is allowed to choose any 4 courses)			
	Module 1 Positive psychology in personality studies	Module 2 Positive psychology in counseling	
Using statistical methods in psychology (Advanced course)	✗	✗	5 ECTS
Social research methods (Advanced course)	✗	✗	5 ECTS
Studies of personality in positive psychology	✗		5 ECTS
Self in modern society	✗	✗	5 ECTS
Positive paradigm in psychological counseling and therapy		✗	5 ECTS
Special topics in positive psychology	✗	✗	5 ECTS
Mandatory research component - 130 ECTS (According to TSU requirements)			
Doctoral colloquium 1		20 ECTS	
Doctoral colloquium 2		20 ECTS	
Doctoral dissertation		90 ECTS	