



**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE CROSS-BORDER  
INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN  
EDUCATIONAL & COMMUNICATION SCIENCES**



# International Cooperative Cross-Border Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Educational & Communication Sciences

including STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the  
Arts and Mathematics)

The PhD doctoral programme is a three-year, part-time research programme suitable for professionals in the fields of education, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) and communication who wish to apply cutting-edge research knowledge and academic skills to their workplace. The programme offers a premium development of scientific, research and personal skills that is both academically challenging and intellectually inspiring.

The international PhD programme is offered jointly by state-accredited, highly ranked, internationally renowned universities of academic excellence: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Education, Ljubljana, Slovenia; International Burch University, Faculty of Education and Humanities, Sarajevo; University of Mostar, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mostar and University North, Faculty of Media and Communication, Croatia, all of which are authorised to award doctoral and postgraduate degrees as well as habilitations.





## Programme Fact File



**Degree Programme**  
Cooperative cross-border doctoral programme in cooperation with renowned universities  
Academic Degree  
PhD in Educational & Communication Sciences including STEAM



**Programme Structure**  
Part-time study  
Duration  
at least 7 semesters / 3 years up to 6 years



**Tuition Fees**  
Tuition fees are defined by the Consortium and are subject to change every academic year (see website for details)



**Programme Language**  
English

## Target Groups and Entry Requirements

The International Cooperative Cross-Border PhD Programme addresses candidates in qualified professional positions, preferably with backgrounds in the educational or communication field who wish to obtain a doctoral degree based on advanced applied research.

The International Cooperative Cross-Border PhD Programme is open to applicants who

- hold a Diploma or Master's degree (5 years) or equivalent degree issued by an officially accredited university or institution of higher education;
- submit complete application documents including a statement of personal motivation and a description of the intended research orientation;
- have at least two years of qualified professional experience;
- master English on at least C1-level
- and successfully pass the admission process.

## Highlights

- part-time studies to be completed within a minimum of 3 years (6 semesters, 180 ECTS); to complete the doctoral dissertation a student may take up to six years from the date the Consortium accepts his/her research proposal
- language of tuition: English
- professors are renowned and distinguished academics and professionals of highly acclaimed universities
- individual and group tutorial face2face sessions
- international research cooperations.

## Application process

For each academic year, the application process is organized along key dates. Current deadlines are to be found on the website [www.fh-burgenland.at](http://www.fh-burgenland.at).



## Curriculum and Exams

The total academic requirement of this Doctoral Cooperative Programme comes to 180 ECTS. These 180 ECTS comprise:

Subjects	Credits in						Total	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>I. EDUCATIONAL CREDITS</b>								
Basic subjects	5+5	5+5	-	-	-	-		
Compulsory subjects of the programme	5	5	5	5	-	-		
Optional subjects	-	-	-	-	6	-		
<b>Total educational credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>56</b>	
<b>II. RESEARCH CREDITS/THESIS WORK</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>74</b>	
<b>III. PUBLICATION CREDITS</b>								
	Credit points according to publication activity at the end of the doctoral programme (in total)						Compulsory 50	
<b>Total (obtainable credits)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>180</b>	

The international doctoral programme is jointly offered by university institutions internationally known for their academic excellence and holders of the prestigious accreditation: University Ljubljana, Faculty of Education, International University Burch Sarajevo, Faculty of Education & Humanities, University of Mostar and University North, Varaždin. All partner universities are long-established, highly ranked universities entitled to award doctoral and post doctoral degrees and qualifications.

## Academic Degree

After the successful completion of all exams and academic requirements, doctoral students are awarded the internationally recognized highest academic degree on behalf of all partner universities.

The International Cooperative Cross-Border Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Educational & Communication Sciences was submitted to the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ) in accordance with § 27 para. 1 and registered by the AQ in accordance with § 27 para. 6 HS-QSG. The registration of the programme in accordance with § 27 para. 6 HS-QSG does not ascertain equivalence with Austrian study programmes and similar Austrian academic degrees. Graduates awarded an academic degree are entitled to use it in accordance with § 88 para. 1 of the 2002 law governing universities. The academic degrees jointly awarded by the participating universities are therefore recognized foreign degrees in Austria and may be used in official documents in accordance with § 88 para. 1a of the 2002 law governing universities.

## Consortium members



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Faculty of Education



**IBU** | International  
Burch  
University





## Fachhochschule Burgenland

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- Health

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