

YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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TEMPUS VERITAS
JOINT PROJECT

Organization of Post-Graduate Education



- At YSLU the post-graduate education is realized in accordance with the RA law on “Higher and post-graduate education”.
- To award a PhD degree YSLU is guided by the regulation on final certification of the RA HEI graduates confirmed by RA Education and Science Minister’s order N 1197 on October 31, 2011.

Post-graduate program at YSLU



- Currently, YSLU has 33 postgraduate students: 5 - full time students and 29 - students by correspondence. The university also has 124 research applicants.
- YSLU has 45 supervisors in its academic staff, among them 15 professors and 30 docents(associate professors).

YSLU scientific council is entitled to confirm dissertation themes in the following specialties



- Ժ.00.00 Philological sciences
- Ժ.01.00 Literature Studies
- Ժ.01.03 Russian Literature
- Ժ.01.07 Foreign Literature
- Ժ.02.00 Linguistics
- Ժ.02.02 General and Applied Linguistics
- Ժ.02.03 Comparative and Typological Linguistics
- Ժ.02.04 Slavonic Languages
- Ժ.02.07 Germanic Languages
- Ժ.02.08 Romance Languages
- ԺԳ.00.00 Pedagogy
- ԺԳ.00.02 Education and Instruction Methodology
- ԺԳ.00.01 Theory and History of Pedagogy
- ԻԳ.00.00 Political Sciences
- ԻԳ.00.02 Political Institutions and Processes
- ԻԳ.00.04 International Relations

The main directions of YSLU's scientific activity



- General Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Contrastive Typology, Text Linguistics
- Romance-Germanic Philology, Russian Studies, Armenian Studies
- Pedagogy, Theory and Practice of Foreign Language Teaching Methodology
- Theoretical and Practical Translation
- International Relations and Area Studies
- Philosophical and Psychological Issues of Language and Culture. Developmental Psychology
- Literary Studies: European and American Literature
- Intercultural Communication and Culturology
- Human Rights and Civic Education. Socio-economic and Political Issues of Transforming Society.

The core component of doctoral training is the advancement of knowledge through original research.



For the theme of dissertation to be confirmed by the relevant chair and further by the faculty council, YSLU scientific council and Supreme Certifying Commission, the post-graduate student/research applicant and the supervisor present its novelty and topicality, as well as its theoretical and practical value.

Embedding in institutional strategies and policies



The University implements the following procedure to obtain places for post-graduate students:

- The chairs present to the YSLU scientific council their propositions for the need of a specialist in the given sphere.
- The University sends its request to the RA Ministry of Education and Science.



YLSU organizes the necessary courses for post-graduate students and research applicants that are aimed at developing and enhancing their research skills and equipping them with research tools and techniques. Seminars and workshops are organized for them to share their experience and discuss their research results and findings. The post-graduate students and research applicants are also encouraged to participate in republican and international conferences and seminars to be aware of current trends in scientific research.

The importance of diversity:



YSLU promotes interdisciplinary dissertation themes.

There are some interdisciplinary dissertation themes that are confirmed at joint chair meetings of relevant YSLU chairs. However, only one of the chairs assumes the responsibility of monitoring the work of the post-graduate student/research applicant, while the other chair is required to provide consultations and to review the dissertation.

Doctoral candidates as early stage researchers:



YSLU provides the continuity of education and the interconnection of the three cycles of education. The bachelor students who display academic excellence are admitted to the master's program, and the students with master's degree who display ability and proper skills of doing research are recommended to become post-graduate students and research applicants. Some of them are given an opportunity to combine their research and teaching activities at the University.

Currently,

- 27 post-graduate students/research applicants work at YSLU full time.
- 13 post-graduate students/research applicants work at YSLU half time.
- 13 post-graduate students/research applicants work at YSLU 0.25 time.

The role of supervision and assessment:



The YSLU chairs and the science department are entitled to organize and monitor the post-graduate education at the university. The greater part of the supervision and assessment is carried out by the chairs.

- Chairs review the individual plans that post-graduate students develop with their supervisors and monitor their compliance with these plans;
- The relevant chair organizes the attestation of a post-graduate student every six months (twice a year). The chair reviews the work done by a post-graduate student within the given period.



- Chairs organize the review (at least two) of the dissertation before the pre-defence (the staff members of other chairs are involved as well).
- Chairs organize the pre-defence of dissertations and provide part of the necessary documentation for submission to Specialized Councils.
- The supervisor gives instructions, directs and observes the process of research makes corrections, assesses the work and assures that the dissertation is completed as scheduled.
- The dissertation is assessed by two official opponents and a leading organization.

Duration



Three categories of post-graduate students are applied at YSLU.

- **Full-time post-graduate** students are financed by RA government and receive a scholarship. They are required to complete their dissertation **within 3 years**.
- **Half –time post-graduate** students (by correspondence) are financed by RA government(no scholarship is available) and are required to complete their dissertation **within 4 years**.
- **Research applicants** pay tuition fees and are required to complete the dissertation **within 4-5 years**.

Increasing mobility



At present YSLU can't provide the mobility of its post-graduate students as the University lacks the necessary funding and is not involved in many international projects.

Ensuring appropriate funding



Post-graduate education is free of charge and is financed by the Ministry of Education and Science. However, the post-graduate students have to finance themselves or to apply for grants to obtain the necessary literature and to participate in international conferences.



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