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**Doctoral Programme Admission Requirements:
Creative Photography
Faculty of Philosophy and Science
Silesian University in Opava
Academic Year 2026/2027**

(in accordance with Article 4(1) of the [Admission Procedure Regulations of the Silesian University in Opava](#))

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1. Electronic Application Website

The electronic application must be submitted at: <https://is.slu.cz/prihlaska/>

2. Application Deadline and Administrative Fee

Applications must be submitted no later than **midnight on 31 July 2026**.

Applicants may select only the combined (part-time) form of study in their application.

An administrative fee of 500 CZK must be paid for each application submitted, no later than 31 July 2026. If the applicant fails to pay the fee by the deadline, the application shall be deemed withdrawn.

International applicants may pay the fee either directly in Czech crowns or in foreign currency, provided that the final amount after deduction of all currency exchange fees equals the required sum (i.e. 500 CZK).

The fee is non-refundable, including in cases of non-attendance at (or absence from) the entrance examination.

Payment instructions are provided in the electronic application web interface. Applicants must verify in this system that their payment has been received by Silesian University in Opava. If confirmation of payment receipt is not displayed within 10 days of making the payment, applicants should contact the Department of Science and International Relations via email: eva.jakubcova@fpf.slu.cz.

3. Admission Requirements

Doctoral Programme (Ph.D. degree, standard duration: three years)		
Programme	Form of Study/ Maximum Number of Students Admitted	
	Full-time	Combined
Creative Photography	not available	yes/4 students

Creative Photography

Applicants are required to upload the following documents in the relevant section of the [electronic application](#):

- Proof of completion of a master's degree programme focused on photography (diploma and diploma supplement or certificate of final state examination) in the form of an authorised conversion from paper to digital format, or electronic confirmation of current enrolment in a master's degree programme (**this requirement does not apply to graduates of the Faculty of Philosophy and Science in Opava**)
- Theoretical paper on the history and theory of photography of master's thesis length, or a link to published work (**this requirement does not apply to graduates of the Faculty of Philosophy and Science in Opava**)
- Structured curriculum vitae including an overview of previous professional experience
- List of publications
- Doctoral study project including the dissertation topic, basic bibliography, and methodological framework

The applicant confirms in the relevant section of the e-application that they have sent their practical work in the field of creative photography (an exhibition set of ten photographs representing the applicant's independent creative work with maximum dimensions of 50 x 60 cm) and one printed copy of the theoretical work on the history and theory of photography of master's thesis length by email (eva.jakubcova@fpf.slu.cz) and by post or in person to the Department of Science and International Relations SU FPF (Masarykova třída 343/37, 746 01 Opava). Photographs larger than 30 x 40 cm will be returned exclusively in person after the completion of the admission procedure. Graduates of the Creative Photography master's programme at SU FPF may request to submit practical and theoretical work for entrance examinations from the ITF archive.

An invitation to the **oral entrance examination** will be delivered to applicants electronically via the SU Information System. Applicants will receive an information email at the email address provided in the electronic application, notifying them of the delivery of correspondence in the SU IS.

Outline and assessment of the oral entrance examination:

- Interview based on the submitted portfolio of photographs and theoretical paper on the history and theory of photography
- Assessment of the applicant's aptitude for doctoral study and for independent scholarly and artistic work through an oral examination in the history and theory of photography and general cultural knowledge
- Presentation of a high-quality dissertation project
 - minimum points: 30
 - maximum points: 50

4. Delivery of Correspondence

Correspondence is delivered to applicants via the university's information system and is accessible at: <https://is.slu.cz/prihlaska/>. Applicants are notified of available correspondence by an automatic email sent to the email address provided in the electronic application.

The Silesian University in Opava is not obliged to deliver correspondence to a data box.

Correspondence is considered delivered at the moment when, after the correspondence has been made available to the applicant in the university electronic information system, the applicant logs into the system. If the applicant fails to log in within 10 days from the date when the correspondence was made available in the electronic information system, the correspondence shall be deemed delivered on the last day of this period.

5. Obligation to Submit Applications Exclusively via the Information System

Applicants are required to submit all communications to the faculty exclusively via the university information system. Information is accessible at: <https://is.slu.cz/prihlaska/>.

6. Additional Information

Admission Procedure Schedule

The admission procedure schedule is available at: <https://is.slu.cz/prihlaska/>.

Verification of Documentary Evidence

Fulfilment of the basic requirement of previous educational attainment for admission to study is verified on the basis of valid, officially certified documents submitted by the applicant in the manner and by the

deadlines specified at: <https://is.slu.cz/prihlaska/>. The documents become part of the applicant's study file.

This requirement does not apply to graduates of the Faculty of Philosophy and Science in Opava, Silesian University in Opava.

Recognition of Foreign Qualifications

Applicants who have completed secondary or higher education abroad may request an assessment of their foreign education as fulfilment of the admission requirements for a study programme offered by the university or its faculties. The current procedure for submitting an application is published on the university website at [Recognition of Foreign Qualifications](#). If the assessment result is positive, it is valid for the admission procedure at Silesian University in Opava across all faculties.

International Applicants

Foreign nationals are admitted to study programmes taught in Czech under the same conditions as citizens of the Czech Republic. Admission is conditional upon proof of proficiency in the Czech language, which may be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

- Certificate of successful completion of a Czech language examination at the relevant department of a public university offering an accredited study programme focused on teaching Czech language or an accredited lifelong learning programme focused on teaching Czech language
- Certificate of successful completion of a Czech language course for foreigners aimed at preparation for university study
- Certificate of successful completion of a Czech language examination at an accredited institution

Proof of language proficiency is not required for citizens of the Slovak Republic or for international applicants who have completed secondary education with a school-leaving examination (*maturita*), or in the field of arts also higher vocational education at conservatoires, in the Czech Republic, or who have completed higher education in the Czech or Slovak language.

Applicants with Specific Needs

Applicants with specific needs (particularly those with severe physical or sensory disabilities, serious chronic or mental illness, specific learning difficulties, etc.) **may request special consideration due to disability or disadvantage** at: <https://is.slu.cz/prihlaska/> [prihlaska/](#) (Study, Examinations and Documents section – select “edit”) by choosing the option “I request that my health-related working needs be taken into account during the admissions process”. In the application, applicants select the type of disability or disadvantage and the type of documentation that can be used to prove their health condition. **Copies of documents shall be sent to the email address:** poradenske.centrum@slu.cz. Without proper documentation, Silesian University in Opava cannot take your request for modification of entrance examination conditions into account. Further information is available on the [Counselling Centre](#) website.

Additional Admission Rounds

If the capacity of the first year (as indicated by “maximum number of students admitted”) is not filled in the first round of the admission procedure for academic year 2026/2027, the Dean may announce additional admission rounds no later than 31 July 2026, with an application deadline no later than 15 August 2026. The conditions for additional admission rounds for the academic year 2026/2027 will be

identical to those of the first admission round.

If the expected number of preferred applicants who have met the admission requirements do not enrol for study, the Dean may additionally decide on the admission of further applicants to the relevant study programme. Such a decision on additional admissions is not conditional upon the submission of an appeal against a decision on non-admission.

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