

Project work (PW)

PW is organized to put knowledge achieved by students during their studies into practice and to gain experience, as well as to solve problems of practical or theoretical relevance. The PW is an obligatory element of the study plan of the second year of the Master's programme, should not be identical to the topic of a master's thesis (referred to as MT), but it can complement it. PW aims to produce a specific result. This result should be achieved independently, it should be tangible and practical.

For the successful completion of PW students get 6 credits.

Students can contribute to projects, which are initiated by HSE departments or external organisations. The PW place and activities of the PW needs to be approved by the Academic Supervisor of the Programme, who may refuse to approve the Project if it does not meet the objectives of the Programme, does not develop skills and competencies in accordance with the Programme practice program

When initiating their PW, students can use the Programme's recommendations for cooperation with the Programme's partner organizations, or they can search for PW customers on their own, having received approval from the Academic Supervisor of the Programme.

The student's PW is conducted under the guidance of an employee of the host organization and is accompanied by a PW curator from the Programme.

PW can be organized individually or in the form of teamwork. In the case of a collective project, curator load is divided by the number of students. The curator of the PW from the Programme does not interfere with the execution of the project, but periodically consults with the head of the customer organization and provides, if necessary, support for the implementation of the project.

PW is carried out in the first semester of the second years of study from October to December.

Students get the chance to present the best PW with a public presentation during a round table on February, 2023.

Assessment of project work is made by both curator from the host organization and curator from the Program.

The coordinator of project work from the host organization and the curator of project work from the master's program jointly decide on the grade, following levels of assessment: "satisfactory" (4, 5); "good" (6.7,) "excellent" (8.9) "outstanding" (10). These grades are provided to the Study Office by curator from the Master's program. It is recommended, that exceptional and outstanding is to be graded in really 8-9-10 in excellent or exceptional cases, in order to avoid 'grades inflation'

If the project work is carried out by a group of students, achieved the excellent results upon decision of the curator together with academic Director those results can be presented at the "Round table" in January by one or several group members selected by curator of the project from the master's program.

The grade for Project Work is decided by both curators – from host and from home organization upon discussion between them on the basis of consensus, which is presented by curator from the Program to the Study Office in the form of electronic communications

between them. If there is a disagreement between curators about the grade - either very high or very low – both curators submit the grades to the Study Office, which calculate the final grade for PW according to the following formula:

60% of the grade from the host organization and 40% of the grade from Department curator. The reason for this is to give a priority in grading to the host organization

PW is distributed as follows: 228 hours of independent work with a weight of 6 credits.

Students who have failed the project will be offered to transition to an Individual Curriculum. Students who decide not to study under an ICRC will be dismissed from HSE for academic failure but can be reinstated pursuant to the Procedures and Conditions for Reinstating Students Who Were Dismissed on the Initiative of HSE University or Other Grounds.