

Appendix to the Rules for Admission to
Higher Education at the State Institution
“Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National
University” in 2026

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE
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**ADMISSION PROCEDURE
FOR OBTAINING THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
AT THE STATE INSTITUTION “LUHANSK TARAS SHEVCHENKO
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY”
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1. The Procedure for Admission to study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the State Institution “Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University” (hereinafter – SI “LTSNU”) has been developed in accordance with the “Procedure for Training Applicants for the Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Sciences in Higher Education Institutions (Research Institutions)”, approved by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 261 of 23 March 2016 (as amended by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 502 of 19 May 2023; Orders of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 590 of 30 May 2016 and No. 771 of 4 July 2016); and the Procedure for Admission to Higher Education in 2026, approved by Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 373 of 26 February 2026, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 20 March 2026 under No. 374/45768, as amended by Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 936 of 16 June 2026, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 06 July 2026 under No. 995/46389.

SI “LTSNU” announces admission to study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in full-time (daytime, evening) and part-time modes of study in the following specialties:

No.	Code and name of the field of knowledge	Code and name of the specialty	Accreditation of the educational and scientific program
1.	A Education	A1 Educational Sciences	Accreditation certificate No. 116as of 01.07.2027
2.	B Culture, Arts and Humanities	B9 History and Archaeology	Accreditation certificate No. 20548 as of 21.04.2027
3.		B11 Philology (by specializations)	Accreditation certificate No. 19605 as of 14.10.2026
4.	C Social Sciences, Journalism and Information	C1 Economics	Accreditation certificate No. 19606 as of 23.09.2026
5.		C2 Political Science	Accreditation certificate No. 8336 as of 28.04.2026
6.	D Business, Administration and Law	D2 Finance, Banking, Insurance and Stock Market	Not accredited
7.		D3 Management	Not accredited
8.	H Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Veterinary Medicine	H1 Agronomy	Not accredited
9.	I Health Care and Social Welfare	I10 Social Work and Counseling	Accreditation certificate No. 2241 as of 01.07.2027

3. Applicants for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program are admitted on the basis of NQF level 7.

4. Funding for the training of Doctor of Philosophy candidates is provided as follows: (1) from state budget expenditures (state-funded places) exclusively for full-time (daytime) study; (2) from funds of individuals and/or legal entities (under a contract) for evening and part-time (distance/extra-mural) forms of study.

5. Admission for state-funded places is carried out in the field/level and specialty (field of knowledge) for which such places have been formed by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. Within the duly approved volumes of state-funded places, allocation is made on a competitive basis through a criteria-based distribution of budget-funded seats.

6. Documents are accepted in accordance with the stages of the admission campaign at the following address: Lubny, Novikova St., 2, office 171.

7. To submit applications electronically, a person registers a personal electronic account in the Unified State Electronic Database on Education (EDEBO) on the website: <https://vstup.edbo.gov.ua/>.

During registration, the applicant must provide the following information:

- a personal email address to which the person has access. This address will serve as the login for the applicant's personal online account;
- a password to access the applicant's personal online account;
- the series and number of a document (one of the documents) certifying prior education (basis for admission);
- the number, PIN code, and year of issuance of the exam sheet received during registration for the EIT / EFV / EVV. If data from different years and entrance exams are available, any of those specified for use based on the relevant basis for admission should be indicated;
- details of documents certifying the grounds for special conditions of participation in the admissions process, information about which is available in state registries.

The electronic application is submitted by the applicant by completing it online. In the application, applicants must indicate:

- the code of the competitive program,
- the source of funding,
- information about the applicant;
- information on the accreditation of the educational and research program,
- the name of the entrance exam.

List of documents to be submitted by applicants for the third level of higher education:

- an application addressed to the university rector;
- a copy of the master's (specialist) degree diploma and its supplement;
- a list of the applicant's published scientific works in the prescribed format, indicating scientific publications in Ukrainian professional journals of Categories A and B, as well as publications in journals indexed in international scientometric databases (if any). *Applicants who do not have published scientific works or inventions must submit abstracts in their chosen scientific specialty;*
- an information card with the results of the Unified Entrance Exam (UEE) for 2026, 2025, or 2024, and an information card with the results of the Unified Entrance Examination in Research Methodology (UEE-RM) for 2026;
- a copy of the taxpayer identification number;

- a copy of a Ukrainian passport or ID card along with a document confirming the registered place of residence;
- a copy of the certificate of registration as an internally displaced person (if available);
- 2 3×4 photographs;
- military registration document (for those subject to military service and conscripts);
- written confirmation (acknowledgment) of having read the rules for military registration of conscripts, those subject to military service, and reservists;
- consent to the processing of personal data

8. Entrance examinations for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program based on the National Qualification Framework (NQF) Level 7 are conducted as an external assessment in the form of the Unified State Examination (USE), the Unified State Exam (USE), and an assessment at SI “LTSNU” in the form of a specialty exam. For applicants seeking a Doctor of Philosophy degree in a field of study (specialization) other than the one indicated on their diploma are required to take additional entrance examinations in accordance with the requirements of current regulatory documents for that specialization (Standard).

9. The following results are used for competitive admission:

- the 2026 EIT, the 2025 EIT, or the 2024 EIT;
- the 2026 Unified State Exam (USEE) or the 2025 USEE;
- an entrance exam in the major or majors for interdisciplinary educational programs;
- additional assessments in the form of a supplementary exam for those educational and research programs whose standard is in effect as of the date of approval of the admission rules and includes such a requirement (***educational and research programs in the following fields of study: C1 “Economics and International Economic Relations”; D3 “Management”; H1 “Agronomy”; I10 “Social Work and Counseling”; C2 “Political Science”; B9 “History and Archaeology”***). The program of specialized entrance examinations for individuals who have obtained a previous level of higher education in other specializations must assess the individual’s acquisition of the competencies and learning outcomes defined by the higher education standard for the aforementioned specializations at the second (master’s) level of higher education.

10. The competitive score is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Competitive score (CS)} = K1 \times P1 + K2 \times P2 + K3 \times P3,$$

where:	P1	-	score on the EIT foreign language test;
	P2	-	score on the unified entrance exam in research methodology;
	P3	-	score on the entrance exam in the major or majors for an interdisciplinary program;

Subject weighting factors: $K1 = 0.2$, $K2 = 0.2$, $K3 = 0.6$.

The sum of the subject coefficients for the entrance exam in the major or majors for an interdisciplinary program and the supplementary exam is 0.6.

If the university requires an additional assessment for applicants seeking a Doctor of Philosophy degree in a field of study (specialization) other than that indicated on their

diploma, the results of this additional assessment are not used to calculate the competitive score; however, applicants who fail such an assessment will not be admitted to further participation in the competitive selection process.

When calculating the competitive score: (1) the result of the assessment at SI “LTSNU” in the form of a foreign language interview, in cases specified by this Procedure, is included in the competitive score with a coefficient K1 instead of the score on the EIT foreign language test; (2) the result of the assessment at the university in the form of an exam in research methodology, in lieu of the EEV, in cases specified by these Procedures, is included in the competitive score in place of the EEV score.

11. Registration for applications to participate in university assessments in the form of a foreign language interview in lieu of the EIT, and an exam in research methodology in lieu of the ERW, begins on July 1 and ends: for admission to state- or regionally-funded spots – at 6:00 p.m. on July 27; for admission exclusively to spots funded by individuals and/or legal entities – at 6:00 p.m. on August 20;

the foreign language interview in lieu of the EIT and the research methodology exam in lieu of the EVV will be held from July 28 through August 7; for admission exclusively to spots funded by individuals and/or legal entities – until August 23;

registration of applicants’ applications for participation in the competitive selection process (main session) at the university in the form of an entrance exam in the major or majors for an interdisciplinary program, additional assessment in the form of a supplementary exam (paragraph 8 of this section), begins on August 7 and ends at 6:00 p.m. on September 7, 2026;

The entrance exam in the major or majors for the interdisciplinary program, as well as additional assessments at the university in the form of an additional exam (paragraph 8 of this section), will be held from September 8 through September 21, 2026.

Applicants’ applications are accepted for competitive selection if they achieve the minimum score on the entrance exams (competitive score) set by the admissions committee, provided that the combined score from the EIT General Academic Competency Test and the EIT Foreign Language Test is no less than 300 points (or 150 points from a foreign language interview in lieu of the EIT)

12. For applicants registered for the main admission session, the university will issue recommendations for admission starting September 22, 2026.

If an applicant has not met the requirements for admission to a state (regional) quota position for which a recommendation for admission was issued, the university will update the lists of applicants recommended for admission to state (regional) quota spots no later than September 26, taking into account their order in the applicant ranking list.

Enrollment of applicants who have received recommendations for admission and have met the admission requirements shall take place no later than September 28, 2026.

13. SI “LTSNU” allows for an additional registration period for applications for admission to the competitive selection process funded by individuals and/or legal entities, including the corresponding deadline for registering applications to participate in university assessments, conducting assessments, competitive selection, and enrollment, in compliance with the assessment requirements set forth in these Procedures. The additional session begins no earlier than September 29, 2026, and enrollment takes place no later than 15 days after the completion of applicant

registration, during which time the competitive selection process is conducted, but no later than October 15.

14. The following candidates are eligible for special conditions of participation in the competitive selection process for admission to a Doctor of Philosophy program based on the National Qualification Framework Level 7 (NRK7), which involves participation in the competitive selection process based on the results of a foreign language interview instead of the Unified State Exam (USE) and/or an exam in research methodology in lieu of the EEV, are as follows:

individuals who, by decision of the Admissions Committee of the SI “LTSNU”, were denied registration to participate in the EIT, the 2026 EAA (based on a decision by the regulatory commission at the regional center for educational quality assessment, adopted following a review of the applicant’s documents conducted at the request of the registering admissions committee) due to the inability to provide special (adapted) conditions (provided that a copy of the medical report, in [the form of primary record-keeping document No. 086-3/o](#), “Medical Report on the Creation of Special Conditions for Taking the External Independent Evaluation,” approved by Order [No. 1027/900](#), certified by the signature of the secretary of the regulatory commission at the Regional Center for Educational Quality Assessment and the seal of the Regional Center for Educational Quality Assessment, along with the relevant excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the regulatory commission at the Regional Center for Educational Quality Assessment);

persons whose request regarding the possibility of creating special conditions for taking the 2026 External Independent Evaluation (EIE) and External Independent Assessment (EIA) was denied by the Regulatory Commission at the Regional Center for Educational Quality Assessment due to a lack of organizational and technical capabilities (provided that the individual’s record includes the relevant excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the regulatory commission at the regional center for educational quality assessment and a medical opinion, as provided for in the second paragraph of this section, which specifies the need to create certain conditions for taking the EIT and the EFV).

Individuals in the categories specified in this paragraph who took the EIT and/or the EFL, but did not meet the “pass/fail” threshold may participate in the competitive selection process based on the results of a foreign language interview in lieu of the EIT and/or an exam in lieu of the EFL, exclusively for spots funded by individuals and/or legal entities.

15. Assessment at SI “LTSNU” in the form of an exam in a major or majors for interdisciplinary programs, in the case of admission to a distance learning program leading to a Doctor of Philosophy degree, is permitted at the discretion of the admissions committee. Assessments at the university for applicants studying at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities in a different major (educational program) based on a previously obtained National Qualifications Framework (NQF) level of the same or higher rank, in cases provided for by these procedures, is conducted remotely upon the decision of the admissions committee.

16. Applicants who have received a notification in their personal online applicant portal regarding a recommendation for admission based on their application within the deadline specified for fulfilling the admission requirements must confirm their choice of

study location in the online portal by applying a qualified electronic signature or in person at the university.

Fulfilling the enrollment requirements entails the applicant submitting a military registration document in paper or electronic (including printed) form, or a military registration document confirming the holder's status regarding military service, issued prior to the entry into force of Law of Ukraine No. 3633-IX of April 11, 2024, "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Regarding Specific Issues of Military Service, Mobilization, and Military Registration" (for those subject to military service and reservists – a military ID card or temporary certificate of military service eligibility; for conscripts – a certificate of registration with a draft board), except as provided by law.

The basis for the admission of applicants to the university is confirmation of their choice of institution, fulfillment of the admission requirements, and the conclusion of a study agreement between SI "LTSNU" and the applicant, which may specify the rights and obligations of the parties. The enrollment agreement may be concluded remotely using qualified electronic signatures, in particular by accepting a public offer.

Lists of candidates recommended for admission to state-funded spots are updated after applicants for the Doctor of Philosophy degree have either met or failed to meet the admission requirements.

Orders for enrollment are issued by the university rector based on the decision of the admissions committee. Information regarding enrollment is published on the website of the State Institution "Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University".