Guidelines for individual research plans of doctoral students preparing doctoral dissertations at the Institute of Political Science and Administration of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University

- 1. In accordance with art. 13. paragraph 2 of the Regulations of the Doctoral School of Social Sciences at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, it is the duty of the doctoral student to prepare in cooperation with the doctoral dissertation supervisor an individual research plan. This plan should be prepared at the end of the first year of doctoral studies, so that it can be approved by the Scientific Council of the Institute of Political Science and Administration by September 2020 at the latest.
- 2. The individual research plan should include the following activities related to the preparation of the doctoral dissertation and presentation of research results.

Activities related to the preparation of the doctoral dissertation.		Schedule of activities
	Preparation of the initial concept of a doctoral dissertation including: a) topic of doctoral dissertation; b) defining the research problem undertaken in the dissertation; c) determining the cognitive purpose of the dissertation; d) formulation of research questions; e) formulation of the research hypotheses to be verified; f) defining the methodology of the planned research, taking into account, among other things, research assumptions, theoretical schools of thought, research methods, research techniques; g) initial analysis of existing research and the place of the proposed work in	By the end of the first year of doctoral studies, so that the concept of planned research can be approved by the Scientific Council of the Institute of Political Sciences and Administration by September 2020 at the latest as part of an individual research plan.
2.	existing knowledge; h) the structure of the dissertation divided into chapters and subchapters and a preliminary description of the planned content of the chapters. Stages of implementation of specific research tasks , conducted query, reflecting the proposed structure of the dissertation.	Preliminary definition of deadlines for finalizing source query and review of the scientific literature and a chapters of the dissertation as well.
3.	Submission of a doctoral dissertation and initiation of a doctoral dissertation procedure.	Not later than the 8th semester of doctoral studies.

4. Preparation and submission of a research grant application related to the topics discussed in the doctoral dissertation. The application may be submitted to domestic or foreign institutions.	
Activities related to the presentation of research results	Schedule of activities
1. Preparation for printing and publication of at least one publication.	Before mid-term evaluation of a PhD student.
2. Preparation for printing and publication of at least two publications.	After mid-term evaluation and before initiating the doctoral dissertation and defending the dissertation.
3. Participation in scientific conferences with a lecture.	At least once in each year of study.