



## Faculty of Educational Studies

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### 2. HISTORY:

The Faculty of Educational Studies was founded in 1993 following the transformation of the Institute of Pedagogy into a fully independent faculty of the Adam Mickiewicz University. The first dean of the faculty in the years 1993-1999 was Professor Zbigniew Kwieciński; in the years 1999- 2002 this function was held by Professor Kazimierz Przyszczykowski and in the years 2002-2008 the function was held by Dr Wiesław Ambrozik, UAM Professor. In the years 2008-2012 the position of the dean was held again by professor Zbyszko Melosik.

### 3. RESEARCH:

The Faculty of Educational Studies of the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań continues the best research traditions in this field in Poland. Research projects relate to the contemporary problems of schooling and education which are closely connected to the development of this discipline as a science and pedagogy as a practical social activity.

Diagnostic and practical projects, which aim at devising the theoretical and methodological premises of the educational work, are significant for the scientific development of the Faculty of Educational Studies. Scientific research contributes to the broadening of knowledge within new theoretical frameworks and social practice. Such research activities also contribute to the development of original concepts and research methods in a scientific approach of the educational reality examined by this field of science.

Research topics (both planned and continued) are based on the basic assumptions taken as a foundation for conducting scientific research at the Faculty of Educational Studies, which are:

- educational sciences are interdisciplinary and integrally related to such sciences as psychology, sociology, philosophy, history, law, management and cultural studies
- educational sciences are characterized by theoretical and methodological pluralism, this is why pedagogical research can be conducted from the perspective of various paradigms, discourses and research approaches
- the condition for a dynamic development of educational sciences is to maintain an equilibrium between an orientation towards strictly theoretical analyses and empirical research
- pedagogy as a scientific discipline is oriented not just towards gaining academic knowledge about "educational reality", it is at the same time a science oriented towards social praxis

The major fields of research undertaken currently by academics at the Faculty of Educational Studies include:

- psychological aspects of the process of learning
- history of pedagogical thought
- methodological problems of modern educational science

- history of education and pedagogical doctrines
- axiological foundations of upbringing and education
- social egalitarianism and contemporary educational challenges
- comparative analysis of educational systems on a global scale
- global education, multicultural and civic education
- transformation of the Polish educational system compared to international tendencies (with a special emphasis on the education reform)
- educational aspects of globalization, transformation and European integration
- the prophylaxis system, rehabilitation, and re-adaptation of minors and adults
- social pathology
- major problems of early school education
- educational contexts in which local environments exist
- the media in the process of education and upbringing; identity of modern youth and its social background
- problems of personal and professional counselling
- selection and socialization processes in education
- development tendencies of adult education and lifelong learning
- functioning of the educating society and the society of knowledge
- shaping the attitudes of an active citizen
- the educational process and its optimization
- everyday life in contemporary schools
- ecological education
- handicapped children and their functioning within the family and society
- work with talented students
- revalidation of handicapped children
- health promotion
- human sexuality and sexual education
- individualization of the learning process
- shaping of the social capital

The main directions of research in the various fields of science pursued by all the departments of the Faculty of Educational Studies (including the theory of upbringing, history of upbringing, methodology of pedagogy, early school and school pedagogy, sociology of education, comparative pedagogy, special pedagogy, education of adults, lifelong education, artistic education, pedeutology, ecological education, media education and educational technologies, child pedagogy, youth pedagogy, health pedagogy, care and upbringing pedagogy, child psychopathology) contribute to a multi-aspect approach, understanding and interpretation of the most important problems of education of the modern society and the individual who is a part of them. Their accomplishment at the Faculty of Educational Studies gives sufficient background for making diagnoses, discovering relations, facts and describing, explaining and understanding the actual social reality.

These problems are conceptualized in the context of a wide range of historical, social, cultural and economical conditions. Furthermore, all science projects are related to social needs and serve to upgrade the didactic process in higher education in the field of pedagogy.

### 4. STRUCTURE:

The Faculty consists of 21 departments and 5 research units, the Dean's Office, Departmental Library (shared with the Faculty of Social Sciences) and Departmental IT Laboratory.

- **Department of Research on Educational Environments**  
Head: Prof. Jerzy Modrzewski
- **Department of General Didactics**  
Head: Prof. UAM Eugeniusz Piotrowski,
- **Department of Artistic Education**  
Head: Prof. UAM Lidia Suchanek,
- **Department of Child Education**  
Head: Prof. UAM Małgorzata Cywińska,
- **Department of History of Education**  
Head: Prof. UAM Wiesław Jamrozek,
- **Department of Lifelong Learning**  
Head: Prof. Ewa Solarczyk-Ambrozik
- **Department of Educational Problems of the Youth**  
Head: Prof. UAM Agnieszka Cybal-Michalska,
- **Department of Comparative Pedagogy**  
Head: Prof. Eugenia Potulicka

- **Department of Social Pedagogy**  
Head: Prof. Zbyszko Melosik
- **Department of Special Pedagogy**  
Head: Prof. Władysław Dykciak
- **Department of Pedology**  
Head: Prof. UAM Stanisław Dylak,
- **Department of Penitentiary Studies**  
Head: Prof. UAM Piotr Stępnik,
- **Department of Basic Upbringing and Care**  
Head: Prof. UAM Ewa Muszyńska,
- **Department of Social Counselling**  
Head: Prof. Magdalena Piorunek,
- **Department of Education Politics and Civic Education**  
Head: Prof. Kazimierz Przyszczypkowski
- **Department of Health Promotion and Psychotherapy**  
Head: Prof. Zbyszko Melosik,  
Department Head: Dr Katarzyna Waszyńska
- **Department of Child Psychopathology**  
Head: Prof. UAM Andrzej Twardowski,
- **Department of Resocialization**  
Head: Prof. UAM Wiesław Ambrozik,
- **Department of Sociology of Education**  
Head: Prof. Zbyszko Melosik
- **Department of Technology of Education**  
Head: Prof. Zbyszko Melosik  
Department Head: Prof. UAM Wojciech Skrzydlewski,
- **Department of Elementary Education and Pedagogical Therapy**  
Head: Prof. UAM Hanna Krauze-Sikorska,
- **Methodology of Educational Science Unit**  
Head: Dr hab. Sławomir Banaszak
- **Special Educational Needs Unit**  
Head: Prof. Iwona Chrzanowska
- **Ecological Education Research Unit**  
Head: Dr Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz
- **Health Education Unit**  
Head: Dr Ewa Kasperek - Golimowska
- **School Pedagogy Unit**  
Head: Dr Renata Wawrzyniak-Beszterda

## 5. EDUCATIONAL OFFER:

### BA studies:

#### Pedagogy:

- Professional and Personal Counseling
- Elementary Education and German Language
- Elementary Education and English Language
- Elementary Education and Pedagogical Therapy
- Remote Education
- Care and Upbringing
- Social Work
- Readaptation
- Sociotherapy and Health Promotion
- Preschool Education and Early Education
- Education and Rehabilitation of People with Mental Disability

#### Special pedagogy:

- Education and Rehabilitation of People with Mental Disability
- Supporting Education of Pupils with Special Educational Needs

### MA studies:

#### Pedagogy:

- Professional and Personal Counseling
- Adult Education and Gerontology
- Elementary Education and Pedagogical Therapy
- European Education
- Media and IT Education
- Care and Upbringing
- Readaptation
- Sociotherapy and Health Promotion
- Early Support of Child's Development
- Preschool Education and Early Education
- Elementary Education and Teaching Children with Intellectual Minor Disabilities

#### Special pedagogy:

- Education and Rehabilitation of People with Mental Disability
- Supporting Education of Pupils with Special Educational Needs

### PhD studies:

Selected subjects of PhD studies:

- Research methodology in social science
- Methodology of educational research
- Practice of social research
- Construction of research projects
- Research methods of different scientific modern approaches
- Introduction to contemporary philosophy
- Sociological contexts of modern education and culture
- Educational law in Poland and European Union
- Higher education in Western countries
- Administration and management in higher education
- Ethical aspects of teaching and scientific work in higher education
- Electronic sources of information
- Foreign languages (English, German, French, Spanish, Russian) and others

### Postgraduate studies:

381 postgraduate students in the academic year 2010/2011

- Training Academy
- Gerontology
- Pedagogical Background
- Special Pedagogy in the Field of Logopedics
- Special Pedagogy in the Field of Pedagogical Therapy
- Social Prevention and Readaptation
- Sexology
- Management of Education
- Integrated Preschool and Early School Education
- Professional and Personal Counselling
- Care and Upbringing Pedagogy
- Pedagogical Background (also offered in European College in Gniezno)

### 6. PUBLISHING SERIES:

- Educational Studies (Studia Edukacyjne)
- Journal for History of Upbringing (Biuletyn Historii Wychowania)
- Neodidagmata
- Culture – Society – Education (Kultura – Społeczeństwo – Edukacja)

The Faculty of Educational Studies has its representatives in the following national institutions:

- Central Committee for Scientific Titles (Centralna Komisja ds. Stopni i Tytułów Naukowych)
- Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment (Pełnomocnik Rządu ds. Równego Traktowania)
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Ministerstwo Nauki i Szkolnictwa Wyższego)
- Ministry of Justice (Ministerstwo Sprawiedliwości)
- State Accreditation Commission (Państwowa Komisja Akredytacyjna)
- Committee for Pedagogical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Komitet Nauk Pedagogicznych Polskiej Akademii Nauk)

### 7. FORMS OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

“Volontario” Centre for Voluntary Work  
 Student Council  
 Student Scientific Circles  
 “Culminations” (“Kulminacje”) Student Culture Festival  
 “Student Impressions” (“Studenckie impresje”) Combined Faculties Art Competition  
 “Pegasus Gardens” (“Ogrody Pegaza”) musical live events  
 Poznań Festival of Arts and Science  
 Night of Scientists

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