The procedure for the remote defense of the diploma thesis

1.

Preparation of the diploma thesis for the defense using the APD (Diploma Theses Archive) system

1.1. After entering the thesis in the Dean's Office USOS system, the Student and the Supervisor both gain access to working in the APD system.

In order to log into the APD system, you need to:

- enter the website address (https://apd.uek.krakow.pl/) in the web browser, and then select the "log in" link (upper right corner of the screen),
- in the login form for the CUE's Central Authentication System (CAS) that will appear, provide your ID and password.

Access to individual stages is possible after entering in the "MY THESES" (MOJE PRACE) tab in the main menu of the system:

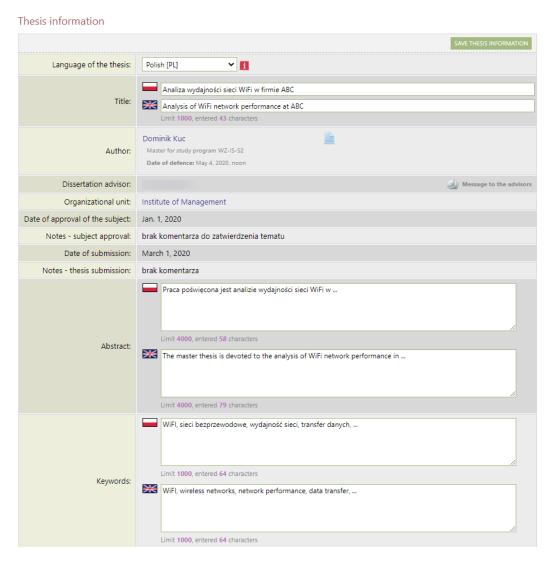


In the APD system, several steps (stages) must be followed, during which the thesis is uploaded into the system, checked by the anti-plagiarism system, and evaluated by the Reviewers. The progress is presented graphically on the timeline showing the Status of the thesis ("Status pracy"), which indicates what is to be done within the given step and who is responsible for its implementation:

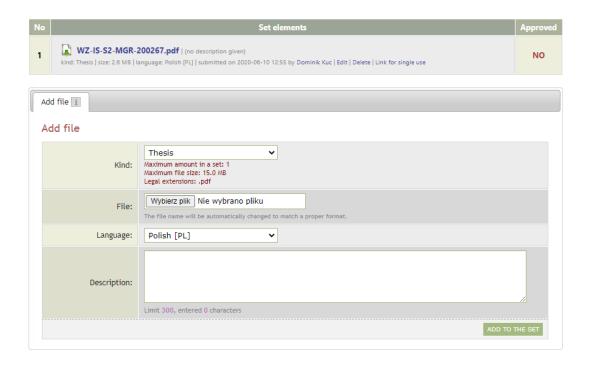


Please note: in the APD system, all users have access to the catalogue with the list of theses, and to the search engine. The content of the thesis and the reviews are available only to the author of the work – the Student, to his/her Thesis Supervisor, and to the Reviewer.

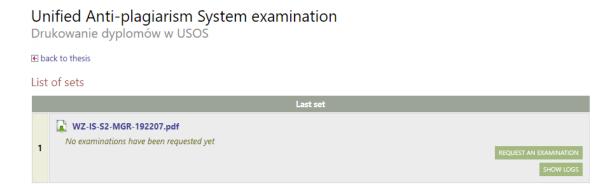
1.2. Having gained access to working in the APD system, the **Student** proceeds to step 1 "Entering thesis data" ("Wpisywanie danych pracy"), that is, he/she enters the title of the thesis, the abstract, and the keywords in Polish and in English (see the screen below). Then he/she clicks on the "Proceed to add files" ("Przejdź do dodawania plików") button and continues to step 2 "Uploading thesis files" ("Przesyłanie plików z pracą").



1.3. In the APD system, the **Student** proceeds to step 2. "Uploading thesis files" ("Przesyłanie plików z pracą"), in which he/she enters the file with the thesis in PDF format and any attachments to the thesis (see the screen below). He/she then clicks on the "Forward to Supervisor for approval" ("Przekaż do zatwierdzenia przez opiekuna") button and proceeds to step 3 "Data approval" ("Akceptacja danych").



- 1.4. In the APD system, the **Supervisor** performs step 3 "Data approval" ("Akceptacja danych"), that is, he/she checks the thesis and any additional data sent by the Student (title, summary, keywords), and subsequently:
 - a. If the thesis requires improvement, the Supervisor clicks on the "Submit for improvement" ("Przekaż do poprawy") button (next, it is possible to enter a comment about the reason for directing the thesis for improvement, whereas the thesis itself is sent back to step 2).
 - b. If the work does not require improvement, the Supervisor sends it to be checked in the JSA (Uniform Anti-Plagiarism System) by clicking on the "Order check" ("Zleć badanie") button (see the screen below).



- 1.5. After the examination by the JSA system, the thesis check report is available in the APD system. Next, the **Supervisor** reads the thesis check report, and, subsequently:
 - a. If the obtained check result is not sufficient, the Supervisor clicks on the "Submit for improvement" ("Przekaż do poprawy") button, and thus sends the thesis back to the Student for improvement/corrections. Then the thesis is sent back to step 2 in the APD system, and the procedure for Remote Defense of Diploma Thesis begins with point 1.3.

b. If the obtained check result is sufficient, the Supervisor accepts the report from the JSA system (see the screen below), followed by printing out the general JSA check report, signing it, and submitting it to the Dean's Office between 3 and 4 business days from the date of the remote diploma examination.



1.6. The **Student** downloads and fills in the form available in the USOSweb system: "Declaration of readiness to defend the thesis" ("Oświadczenie o gotowości do obrony pracy dyplomowej", see: Appendix 3).

The Student delivers the printed and signed original documents constituting Appendix 3 to the Dean's Office at the time of collecting the diploma of the completion of studies.

Submission of applications is available after logging into the USOSweb system in the menu "FOR STUDENTS -> APPLICATIONS -> Submit a new application" ("DLA STUDENTÓW -> PODANIA -> Złóż nowe podanie").

Please note: before submitting all documents listed in point 1.9 to the USOSweb system, the Student should obtain approvals ("settle accounts") in the Circulation Document with all departments at the University, i.e. the Main Library, the Department of Students and PhD Candidates' Accounts, and the student accommodation service.

- 1.7. The **Supervisor** proposes a Reviewer by contacting an employee of the Dean's Office by either phone or e-mail.
- 1.8. The staff member who has been appointed as the Reviewer is visible to the **Student** in the APD system.
- 1.9. After the review is approved by the **Supervisor** and the **Reviewer**, the system proceeds to step 5 "Thesis ready for defense" ("Praca gotowa do obrony").
- 1.10. The student downloads the "Thesis chart" ("Karta pracy", see: **Appendix 6**) and the "Declaration of granting access to the thesis" ("Oświadczenie o udostępnianiu pracy", see: **Appendix 7**) from the APD system. The Student delivers the printed and signed originals of these documents to the Dean's Office when collecting the diploma of the completion of studies.



2. Remote diploma exam

Conducting a remote diploma exam is only possible via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, and using the official e-mail accounts of Staff members in the **uek.krakow.pl** domain and Student e-mail account(s) in the **student.uek.krakow.pl** domain.

- 2.1. The necessary conditions for conducting the remote diploma exam are as follows:
- the **Student** meets all the requirements set out in chapter 6 of the Study Regulations of the Cracow University of Economics;
- the **Student** and the **Members of the Diploma Examination Board** (Chairperson of the Examination Board, the Supervisor, and the Reviewer) each have access to a computer equipped with a microphone and a camera, and a stable Internet connection; *Please note:*
- The Members of the Examination Board and the Student should check the technical condition of the computer regarding the camera and the microphone before the exam;
- The student may use a mobile phone during the diploma examination only with the consent of the Chairperson of the Examination Board;
- When taking the exam, the Student should log in using his/her own first and last name. On the Zoom platform it is possible to change the username. In order to do this, click on the "More" button next to the username used so far, then select "Rename" and enter your name and surname.
- The **Student** is required to take a remote diploma exam in appropriate attire, in accordance with academic custom normally applied during the thesis defense.
- 2.2. In the absence of appropriate equipment, the **Student** sends to the Dean's Office via the USOS system the "Application for participation in a remote diploma examination from within the University campus" ("Podanie o uczestnictwo w zdalnym egzaminie dyplomowym z terenu Uczelni", see: Appendix 8) in the room indicated by the Dean's Office employee. The Study Systems Service section and the IT Support section are responsible for making available a room with appropriate equipment, and the Maintenance Department is responsible for epidemiological safety during the diploma examination itself.
- 2.3. At least 7 days before the scheduled date of the remote diploma examination, an employee of the Dean's Office, having made prior arrangements, sends information to the Student's and to Members of the Diploma Examination Board e-mail accounts that the examination date has been set and is available in the APD system.
- 2.4. Then the **Person responsible** for setting up a meeting on the Zoom platform (either Chairperson of the Examination Board or Dean's Office employee or another staff member

authorized by the Institute's Director) immediately sets up the meeting and sends the invitation to the Members of the Examination Board and to the Student or student group.

- 2.5. On the day of the exam (on the specified date and hour), the **Person responsible** who has set up a meeting on the Zoom platform launches an online session, for which the Student or the group of Students and all Members of the Diploma Examination Board report five minutes before the scheduled time of its commencement. When starting a session with more than one student, the Chairperson of the Examination Board employs the "waiting room" function.
- 2.6. During the exam, cameras and microphones of all persons participating in the exam (the Student and the Members of the Diploma Examination Board) must be turned on. The **Student** presents his/her student ID for verification purposes. While taking his/her diploma examination, the Student should sit in front of the camera and be clearly visible to the Committee throughout the examination. The Student should make sure that there is a calm and quiet room available throughout the online transmission. During the exam, the Student provides access to his/her computer's desktop, which is the only screen available to the student for the duration of the exam.

For this purpose, the Student clicks on the "Share Screen" button.

2.7. The diploma examination starts with the random draw of the first question, or posing of the first question by the thesis **Supervisor**. The Supervisor places his/her question in the chat dialogue box by clicking on the "Chat" icon. This is followed by the **Student's** answer to the question that had been asked, and the discussion led by the Supervisor. This procedure is then repeated with the second and third questions, respectively. All Members of the Diploma Examination Board (the Chairperson, the Supervisor, the Reviewer) are then able to pose any additional questions. If the Student's answers require a written or graphic format or presentation of photos and drawings, he/she may edit them in a suitable software application (a word processor, a spreadsheet, a graphics program, etc.) and present them on his/her desktop via the shared screen.

Please note: in the case of diploma exams in the field of Spatial Management, when presenting his/her diploma thesis, the Student provides — via the shared screen on the desktop — either a synthetic board presenting the idea of the thesis, or selected drawings that are part of the diploma project and explaining the concept and/or certain elements of the thesis. It is expedient to prepare all the drawings that are elements of the diploma thesis project for the presentation on the desktop.

- 2.8. In the event of the transmission of the remote diploma examination being interrupted, the **Person responsible** for setting up the meeting will attempt to re-establish the connection. If the connection can be established again, the Student either randomly draws or is given a new question. In the event of a further interruption of the remote diploma examination transmission or other unforeseen circumstances, an additional examination date shall be set not earlier than 7 days hence. In this case, the Student shall be taking his/her diploma examination within the University campus, and the Chairperson of the Examination Board shall record this fact in the examination report sheet.
- 2.9. After the diploma examination is completed, the session with the Student terminates. The Student is directed to the "waiting room" by the **Chairperson of the Examination Board**.

- 2.10. After re-inviting the Student or the group of Students to a session with the Diploma Examination Board, the **Chairperson of the Examination Board** shall announce the diploma examination result that had been determined by the Board. In the event of a positive result of the diploma examination, the Chairperson of the Examination Board shall also provide the final grade of studies and announce the decision to grant the appropriate professional title.
- 2.11. Within 1 month from the date of the diploma examination, the **Student** shall submit to the Dean's Office the originals of the signed documents listed in point 1.9 along with his/her student ID. Then he/she shall receive the diploma of the completion of studies.

List of Appendixes:

Appendix 3. Declaration on readiness to defend the thesis (Oświadczenie o gotowości do obrony pracy dyplomowej) – to be completed by the Student

Appendix 6. Thesis chart (Karta pracy) – to be completed by the Student

Appendix 7. Declaration of granting access to the thesis (Oświadczenie o udostępnianiu pracy) – to be completed by the Student

Appendix 8. Application for participation in a remote diploma examination from within the University campus (Podanie o przeprowadzenie zdalnego egzaminu dyplomowego z terenu Uczelni) – to be completed by the Student

Appendix 3. Declaration on readiness to defend the thesis

	Appendix No. 3 to the procedure for the remote defense of the diploma the	esis
(Student's name and surname)	Kraków, (date)	
(No. of Student album)		
(Field of study/study major)		
(Form and mode of studies)		
(Telephone number)		
	Director of the Institute	
Declaration		
thesis titled	ducational program have been completed, and that the diplor	•••
	e) by	
	(title, name and surname of thesis Superviso	or)
I kindly ask for admission to the remot	e diploma examination, and for the appointment of a Review	er.
Plagiarism System, and subject to the positive re Diploma Theses in the Integrated Information Sys	plations, my diploma thesis will be verified for plagiarism in the Uniform Ar sult of the diploma exam it will be added to the National Repository of Writ stem on Higher Education and Science (POL-on) maintained by the Minister that the repository does not store the works that may contain any informat classified information.	ten r of
	(signature of the Student)	

Attachments:

- 3.1. Additional information for the supplement to the diploma
- 3.2. Declaration on the processing of the student's personal data
- 3.3. Information for the graduates on personal data processing 3.4. Application for issuing the official copy of the diploma/supplement in English

Response to the Declaration on readiness to defend the thesis:

I hereby confirm that all stages of education have been completed	1, and the conditions for admission
to the diploma examination have been met.	
I designate the Reviewer of the diploma thesis:	
···· (s	signature of the Director of Institute)

Appendix 3.1. to the Declaration on readiness to defend the thesis

Additional information for the supplement to the diploma

Name and surname:		
Institute:		
Study major:		
Special field:		
No. of Student album:		
Student placements/experience during the course of studies (name of organisation, placement duration):		
Participation in Student Scientific Clubs (*):		
Awards granted (*):		
Scholarships granted for outstanding learning outcomes (*) and accomplishments in the sports (*):		
Study placements abread as a with EDASMUS (name of the program name of the heat University)		
Study placements abroad, e.g. with ERASMUS (name of the program, name of the host University, i which semester the placement abroad took place)		
Participation in the ACCA Route ¹ (*): □ YES □ NO		
Kraków, date Signature:		

^{*} If activities are quoted in the statement, it is essential to attach relevant documents (e.g. certificates, photocopies of the records) confirming the indicated information 1 – check the appropriate option

Appendix 3.2. to the Declaration on readiness to defend the thesis

Declaration on the processing of the student's personal data

Appendix to the Rector's Regulation No. R-0201-54/2018 of 9 November 2018

Name and surname *	
Address for correspondence *	
E-mail address *	
Telephone number	
Faculty/department	
Study major	
* - mandatory data	
Pursuant to Article 6 (1) (a) of Regulation (EU) 2010 on the protection of individuals with regard to the profession of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (GGDPR) of 27 April 2016 (Journal of Laws EU L 201	ocessing of personal data and on the free movement eneral Regulation on data protection – hereinafter
\Box YES \Box NO	
study major by the Cracow University of Economic	rding my telephone number, faculty/department and s with the view to monitoring the careers of CUE study program and curricula to the needs of the
\square YES $\square NO$	
	ecifically my e-mail address and telephone number, onomics sending me information about events fairs, etc.) organised by the CUE.
	(date and signature of the graduate)

Appendix 3.3. to the Declaration on readiness to defend the thesis

Information for the graduates on personal data processing

Pursuant to Article 6 (1) (a) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Regulation on data protection – hereinafter GDPR) of 27 April 2016 (Journal of Laws EU L 2016, No. 119), we would like to inform you that:

- 1. The administrator of your personal data is the Cracow University of Economics (CUE) with headquarters in Kraków, at Rakowicka 27, 31-510 Kraków (hereinafter: the "Administrator");
- 2. Contact details to the Data Protection Officer are: iod@uek.krakow.pl.
- 3. Based on and to the extent indicated in art. 352 paragraph 15 of the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws 2018.1668), Your personal data i.e. name and surname, address for correspondence and e-mail address will be processed with the view to monitoring the professional careers of CUE graduates, thus enabling the CUE to adapt its study programs and curricula to the needs of the labour market. Pursuant to and subject to your consent, other personal data provided in the statement regarding the processing of the graduate's personal data shall be processed for the same purpose, including your contact telephone number, faculty and field of study (study major).
- 4. Pursuant to and subject to your consent, your personal data will also be processed for the purpose of CUE sending you information about events (conferences, sessions, symposia, congresses, job fairs, etc.) organized by the Cracow University of Economics. The basis for processing is your consent (article 6, section 1, point a) of the GDPR)
- 5. Your personal data may be shared with relevant recipients, in particular, external entities dealing with IT support or legal support for the administrator or with institutions authorized to control the administrator's activities, and entities authorized to access data pursuant to relevant provisions of law.
- 6. Your personal data will be processed for a period of no more than 10 years from the date of your graduation or until your consent is withdrawn.
- 7. Your consent to the processing of personal data is always voluntary.
- 8. You have the right to request from the Administrator the access to your personal data, in order to rectify it, to delete it, or to limit its processing, as well as the right to object to the processing, and the right to transfer the data in cases and on the terms specified in the provisions of the GDPR;
- 9. To the extent that the basis for the processing of your personal data is consent, you have the right to withdraw it at any time. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.
- 10. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory body the President of the Personal Data Protection Office, should you conclude that the processing of your personal data infringes upon the provisions of the GDPR.
- 11. Your personal data will not be subject to the process of automated decision making or profiling.
- 12. The administrator will not transfer your data to recipients in third countries.

I confirm to have read and agree to the information above:		
	(date and signature of the graduate)	

Appendix 3.4. to the Declaration on readiness to defend the thesis

Application for issuing the official copy of the diploma/supplement in English

	Kraków, (date)
Name and surname	
No. of Student album:	
Field of study/study major, form and mode of stud	lies, semester
Address for correspondence	
	To the Director of the Institute
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• •	rtified copy of the diploma of completion of
MSc/BSc studies ¹ and the supplement in the Engli	sh language.
I have taken the diploma exam on	(date) in the
s	tudy major.

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¹ Delete as appropriate

Appendix 6. Thesis chart

DIPLOMA THESIS CHART

Given name(s):

Family name:

PESEL (personal identification number):

No. of Student album:

Form/mode of studies: full-time program

Unit granting the title: Institute

Code of the diploma:

Description of the diploma:

Thesis supervisor: Title of the thesis:

Title of the thesis in English:

Keywords: Abstract:

Field of the diploma thesis: ...

Whether the thesis is of confidential nature (it will not be sent to the ORPD): ...

Date of thesis submission:

Date of the examination:

(author's signature)

Appendix 7. Declaration of granting access to the thesis

DECLARATION

Name and surname Institute Cracow University of Economics

I hereby declare that:

- 1. The digital version of the diploma thesis [...... title of the thesis] is the final version submitted for defense at the Cracow University of Economics.
- 2. The diploma thesis that I have submitted is my own and original work.
- 3. I grant to the Cracow University of Economics a royalty-free non-exclusive license to place my diploma thesis in the digital system of the Diploma Theses Archive, and to reproduce and disseminate the work to the extent necessary in order to protect my copyrights or the rights of third parties.
- 4. I consent to / I do not consent to making my thesis available at the reading room of the Cracow University of Economics library.
- 5. I consent to / I do not consent to making my thesis available online via the Internet.

(author's signature)

Appendix 8. Application for participation in a remote diploma examination from within the University campus

Application

Due to the fact that I do not have the appropriate computer equipment and/or stable Interne		
connection available, I would like to apply for the option to take the diploma exam from within		
the University campus, in a specially adapte	ed room.	
Name and surname	Place, date	
Field of study/study major		
No. of Student album		
Form and mode of studies		
Phone number		
Student's signature		