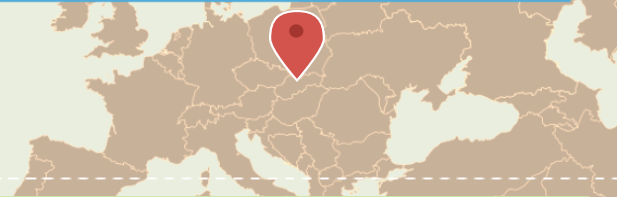


TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY IN SLOVAKIA



Informal network of Slovak psychology teachers:
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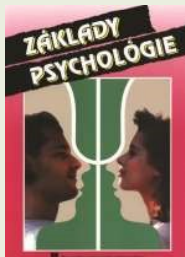
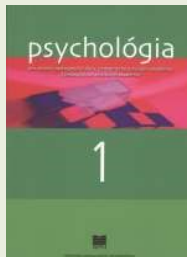


LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Psychology is not available as a standalone subject in lower secondary education.

However, psychology is a compulsory part of a compulsory school subject called Citizenship Education for children at 12-13 years of age.

This target group is usually not taught by qualified psychology teachers.



HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS



General overview of psychology is included in compulsory course Citizenship Education.

25% OF GENERAL GRAMMAR SCHOOLS provide optional standalone courses of psychology with A-level equivalent

2-4 HOURS OF PSYCHOLOGY PER WEEK in higher secondary education

50 DIFFERENT PSYCHOLOGY COURSES are available in vocational secondary education (in some study programmes psychology is compulsory)

700 PSYCHOLOGY TEACHERS in higher secondary education



PSYCHOLOGY FOR NON-PSYCHOLOGISTS

In higher education, psychology is taught as a compulsory or an optional part in the training of:

- teachers,
- special educators,
- helping professionals,
- social workers,
- health care professionals,
- lawyers,
- managers,
- emergency workers etc.

Most of the universities in Slovakia provide some psychology courses for non-psychologists.

TRAINING OF PSYCHOLOGISTS



Professional training of psychologists is a very popular field of study in Slovakia.

Training of psychologists in Slovakia is divided into three levels:

- Bachelor (usually 3 years)
- Master (usually 2 years)
- PhD (usually 3 years) - not a compulsory part of professional training in psychology.

Professional psychologists may attend additional training in education to extend their qualification and become teachers of psychology. The other option to gain teaching qualification is teacher education for psychology teachers.