

Important Information

Concerning Master's Diploma in Psychology
Issued by SWPS University

GENERAL BACKGROUND

Many countries regulate **the practice of psychology** and its related disciplines. Depending on local jurisdictions, practicing in specialized fields—such as clinical psychology or psychotherapy—often requires advanced training beyond a degree. Ultimately, the authority to verify and credential professional qualifications rests solely with the designated regulatory bodies within each country. Consequently, SWPS University—like all academic institutions—cannot grant the legal right to practice in a given country.

SWPS University does not provide legal advice regarding the practice of psychology or the recognition of professional qualifications in Poland and abroad. **Candidates planning to practice the profession should independently verify the applicable regulations and requirements of the relevant authorities in the country where they intend to practice.**

DEGREE DISPLAYED ON THE MASTER'S DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY

In response to inquiries regarding the wording on our graduation diplomas, please note that completing a psychology program at SWPS University is officially confirmed by **a diploma indicating the broad field of study: Psychology**. Under Polish higher education regulations, diplomas may only display the official name of the field of study. Specific program specializations are detailed exclusively in the diploma supplement, which outlines the comprehensive scope of the student's education. These standards are legally mandated by Article 77 of the Act of July 20, 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science, as well as Paragraph 32 of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education on Studies of September 27, 2018.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE IN POLAND

In response to inquiries regarding the right to practice psychology in Poland after graduating from SWPS University, please note that **while our psychology programs meet the necessary educational standards, graduation itself does not grant professional practice credentials**. Under the Polish Act on the Profession of Psychologist and the Professional Self-Government of Psychologists, which will come into effect on May 19, 2028, the legal right to practice psychology will require **formal entry into the register of psychologists**, a process determined by the regional council of psychologists.

For students pursuing their degree in English, it is important to note **that entry into the professional register requires a level of proficiency in the Polish language sufficient to practice as a psychologist**. Citizens of Poland and other European Union member states may satisfy this requirement by submitting a formal declaration of language proficiency. Conversely, non-EU citizens must present a document confirming Polish language proficiency at a minimum CEFR B2 level, unless they completed their studies in Polish or hold a Polish secondary school-leaving certificate (*matura*).