

"ANGEL KUNCHEV" UNIVERSITY OF RUSE
FACULTY OF "BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT"

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GROUP CURRICULUM FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

FACULTY: ***Business and Management***

Professional direction: ***3.8. Economics***

Doctoral program: ***Political economy***

Educational and scientific degree: ***PhD (doctor)***

Form of training: ***Full-time / Part-time / Independent preparation***

Study period: ***3 years (minimum 2 years) / 4 years (minimum 3 years) /***
3 years (minimum ½ year)

Ruse, 2025

A. STUDY ACTIVITIES (EDUCATIONAL PART)

| A. Mandatory exams and courses | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|--|--|------|-----------------|
| N | Course | Form on training | Academic staff conducting procedures for the study of the scientific specialty | Form of final control | ECTS | HORARIUM, Hours |
| A. Mandatory courses | | | | | | |
| 1 | Doctoral minimum - general exam in the scientific specialty <i>Political economy</i> (General Theory of Economics) | self-preparation | Commission from the training unit | exam | 10 | 300 |
| 2 | Doctoral minimum – exam on the specifics of the research topic (the exact name is specified in the individual plan) | self-preparation | Commission from the training unit | exam | 10 | 300 |
| 3 | Foreign language | course/self-preparation | Department of Foreign Languages | exam / publication of an article in a foreign language | 5 | 150 |
| B. Mandatory-elective courses and seminars | | | | | | |
| B1 Scientific and methodical courses (at least two must be selected) | | | | | | |
| 4 | Legal basis of the doctoral studies and structure of the dissertation work | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 5 | Research methodology | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 6 | Theory of experiment | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 7 | Intellectual property protection | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| B2 Specialized courses (at least one must be selected) | | | | | | |
| 8 | Courses/seminars in the scientific specialty of the doctoral program (the exact name is specified in the individual plan) * | course / workshop | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 9 | Contemporary economic theories | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 10 | History of the economic development of the world in the 20th century | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 11 | Labor economics | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 12 | Public sector and regulations | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |

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|----------------------------|---|--------|--|------|---|----|
| 13 | Banking and monetary theory | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 14 | Political Economy and Economics: A Comparative Analysis | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| B3 Optional courses | | | | | | |
| 15 | Data processing and visualization | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 16 | Investment analysis of public projects | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 17 | Stock Exchanges and Trading Operations | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 18 | Investment analysis of business projects | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |
| 19 | Nature and Characteristics of Social Capital | course | | exam | 3 | 90 |

*** Explanations:**

Courses and seminars corresponding to the scientific specialty and the thematic orientation of the doctoral studies and organized by: the scientific unit, the faculty, the Center for doctoral students, companies and universities with which the University of Ruse has concluded a contract for the training of doctoral students (contracts under the Erasmus program, etc.) are recognized.

Attendance and grades from the mandatory-elective (B1, B2, B3) courses/seminars are certified by a certificate/certificate issued by the relevant unit where the training takes place. The protocol is submitted to the Department of Doctoral Students within one week of completing the course and/or taking the exam. From the educational unit, the doctoral student must obtain a minimum of 34 credits and no more than 60. The credits are certified by a report from a meeting of the scientific unit in the annual report and attestation of the doctoral student.

The doctoral student, together with the supervisor, prepares the individual study plan based on the study plan adopted for the specialty, which is accepted by the departmental council and approved by the faculty council.

B. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

| | | ECTS | Hours |
|---|---|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | Dissertation work: | | |
| | – writing a separate part of the dissertation work (for every 25-30 pages of 1800 characters each.) | 15 (maximum 20) | 450 |
| | – preparatory and accompanying activities (research and referencing of literature, studies, practices, etc.) for the dissertation | 10 (maximum 20) | 300 |
| | – preliminary discussion of the draft dissertation in the department | 5 | 150 |
| | – quarterly report | | |
| | – annual report (attestation) | 3 | 90 |
| | - submission for preliminary discussion of the finished text of the dissertation within the deadline set by law | 40 | 1200 |
| 2 | Research activity: | | |
| | – participation in a research project (for each year) | 5 (maximum 10) | 150 |
| | – work on an individual scientific project won after a competition (for each year) | 5 (maximum 20) | 150 |
| | – publications (articles, studies) in Bulgarian publications | 5 (maximum 15) | 150 |
| | – publications (articles, studies) in foreign refereed and indexed editions | 10 (maximum 20) | 300 |
| | – reports at Bulgarian scientific conferences | 5 (maximum 10) | 150 |
| | – reports at international scientific conferences | 10 (maximum 15) | 300 |
| | – participation in departmental committees, etc. administrative work; carrying out translations, bibliographies, reviews, etc.; scientific distinction, prize, scholarship won after a competition. | 5 (maximum 10) | 150 |
| 3 | Teaching activities: | | |
| | - conducting lectures and exercises related to the field of the doctoral program | 5 (maximum 15) | 150 |
| | – supervision of course and diploma projects | 5 (maximum 10) | 150 |
| | - preparation of a thesis review | 1 | 30 |

Number of exams: 6

Number of ECTS credits for full-time/part-time doctoral students: minimum 180 credits.

Appendix 1
DISTRIBUTION OF HOURS OF DOCTORAL STUDY BY YEAR

| N | Name of the activity | HOURS | | | | Total |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | | And the year | II year | III year | IV year | |
| 1 | Scientific research activity | | | | | |
| | 1. Analysis of the state of the problem | 450/330* | 120* | | | 450/450* |
| | 2. Theoretical studies | 300/150* | 150/150* | 150* | | 450/450* |
| | 3. Practical problem solving | | 330/150* | 120/240* | 60* | 450/450* |
| | 4. Experimental studies | | 150/120* | 450/330* | 150* | 600/600* |
| 2 | Preparation and participation in scientific forums with publications | 340/300* | 400/300* | 640/330* | 450* | 1380/1380* |
| 3 | Training courses and seminars from the curriculum | 360/360* | 270/270* | 90/90* | | 720/720* |
| 4 | Teaching activities | 50 | 50/50* | 50/50* | 50* | 150/150* |
| 5 | Exams and doctoral minimums | 300/300* | 450/300* | 150* | | 750/750* |
| 6 | Preparation and defense of a doctoral dissertation | | | 450 | 450* | 450/450* |
| | EVERYTHING | 1800/1440* | 1800/1460* | 1800/1340* | 1160* | 5400/5400* |

* Applies to ** Applies to part-time PhD students.

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 (Prof. DSc. Milena Kirova)