UNIVERSITY OF NATIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMY

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Approved by:

Dean – Assoc. Prof. Svetla Boneva, PhD

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course	***Abstract on PhD Thesis***
Educational and Scientific Degree	***PhD***
Course Category	***Optional (block B)***
Area of Study	***3. Social, Economic and Law Sciences***
Field of Study	***3.8. Economics***
PhD Programme	***World Economy and International Economic Relations***
Faculty	***International Economics and Politics***
Department	***International Economic Relations and Business***
Academic Hours	**0**
Extracurricular Academic Hours	**250**
Credits	**10 ECTS**
Lecturer	***Assoc. Prof. Vasil Petkov, PhD***

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The main aim of the discipline is to teach PhD students how to design the basic elements of their dissertation: identification of the subject area and the problems of research, research infrastructure (thesis, hypotheses, purpose, tasks, subject, methods, and limitations), logic connection of individual parts of the study, formulation and argumentation of expected contributions. The PhD student, together with his/her supervisor, chooses one of proposed topics.

The discipline prepares PhD students for the exploratory, experimental, and empirical research work on the dissertation.

2. CONTENT

№	TOPIC
1.	SCIENTIFIC AREA, SCIENTIFIC FIELD, AND DISCIPLINARY FIELD OF THE RESEARCH WORK IN HIGHER EDUCATION
2.	THESIS TOPIC - RELEVANCE, SIGNIFICANCE, AND DEGREE OF DEVELOPMENT
3.	ALTERNATIVES TO THE TOPIC - DEFINING OF NEW TOPICS IN THE SUBJECT AREA OF THE STUDY
4.	CONDITIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE RESEARCH OF THE SUBJECT - RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS ELEMENTS
5.	RESEARCH SCENARIOS - THE LOGIC STRUCTURE OF THE CONTENT
6.	RESEARCH SUMMARIES - FUNCTIONS OF THE INTRODUCTION AND THE CONCLUSION, OBJECT, SUBJECT, PURPOSE, THESIS
7.	SUPPORTING ELEMENTS OF THE STUDY AND THE CONTENT - MAIN CATEGORIES AND CONCEPTS
8.	SELECTION OF METHODS OF RESEARCH - ANALYSIS, SYNTHESIS, QUANTITATIVE METHODS
9.	PROPOSAL FOR CONTRIBUTION MOMENTS - NATURE, DEFINITION, AND WAY OF PROVING

3. INDIVIDUAL COURCE PREPARATION

The teaching of PhD students in the discipline is carried out in the form of individual consultations with the scientific supervisor. Doctoral students prepare for the exam individually.

4. ASSESSMENT

Defense of the prepared report before a commission, which is determined by the department

council.

The final grade is based on a six-point scale, in which the lowest grade for successful completion of the course is Good (4). Converted to the ECTS grading scale, the grades are as follows:

Excellent /6/	Very Good /5/	Good /4/	Average /3/		Poor /2/	
A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**FX**	**F**
The corresponding number of ECTS credit points is being allocated (10 credits are awarded)			No ECTS credit points are being allocated			

The exam shall be held in offline mode for the full-time PhD students, unless stated otherwise in a Rector's order. For the part-time PhD students and for those taking independent study courses the exam can be held in online mode.

5. DOCTORAL ACTIVITIES

Type of classes/employment	Lectures	Extracurricular Activity	Total
1. Individual consultations	0	50	**50**
2. Study of specialized literature	0	50	**50**
3. Preparation of individual assignment	0	50	**50**
4. Individual study/preparation for exam	0	100	**100**
Total	0	250	**250**

6. LITERATURE

A. BASIC

The literature for this elective course depends entirely on the topic of the dissertation. The literature sources are carefully selected by the doctoral candidate in consultation with his/her academic supervisor.

B. ADDITIONAL

Supplementary literature is compiled based on the same principle; the doctoral candidate may also utilize a portion of the bibliographic research on the dissertation topic, which they conducted at an earlier stage in accordance with their individual study plan.

The course syllabus is approved by the Department Council of „International Economic Relations and Business" on …… (Record № ……).

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