UNIVERSITY OF NATIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMY

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QUALIFICATION DESCRIPTION

PhD Programme	***World Economy and International Economic Relations***
Educational and Scientific Degree	**PhD**
Area of Study	**3. Social, economic sciences and law**
Field of Study	***3.8. Economics***
Form of Education	**Full time / Part time / Independent**
Duration of Study	**3 years full time / independent** **4 years part time**
Form of graduation	**Defence of PhD Thesis**
Department	***International Economic Relations and Business***
Faculty	***International Economics and Politics***

GOALS OF THE PROGRAMME

The economic development of Bulgaria as an open market economy in the conditions of extremely dynamic transformations, uncertainty and global challenges requires in-depth theoretical training in the field of international economic relations and business. In view of this, the PhD program in “World Economy and International Economic Relations" is built in such a way as to provide such training and in accordance with the most current scientific and scientific-applied achievements.

The study objectives in the Doctoral program “World Economy and International Economic Relations" are as follows:

- to provide in-depth, specialized training of professionals in the field of international economic relations and international business;
- to build specialists with significant research potential who master and apply scientific research methods for the purposes of scientific knowledge and practice;
- to prepare personnel in the field of international economic relations and business who can deal with complex practical tasks, formulate problems and foresee future trends, while being able to be competitive in the international labor market.

CONTENTS OF THE PROGRAMME

The general theoretical content of the training covers the problems of the modern economy, the methodology of scientific research, statistical methods. The specialized training of the doctoral students takes place depending on the object and subject of their scientific research. Within the framework of the Doctoral Programme in “World Economy and International Economic Relations" training is offered in 13 specialized disciplines in the field of: international economic relations in globalization, trends in the development of international trade, international industry markets, international money and finance, the current state and development of European economic integration, theoretical and practical dimensions of international business, the theoretical and practical dimensions of international marketing/digital marketing, theoretical and practical approaches to international management, theory and practice of international project management, global risks and management, climate changes and economic growth, international negotiations and negotiation process and others. This broad palette of disciplines corresponds to the broad thematic scope of the scientific major and enables PhD students to make choices that suit their research interests

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCES

Training at the Doctoral Programme in “World Economy and International Economic Relations" is aimed at the doctoral students acquiring knowledge, skills and competences, in accordance with the National Qualification Framework - level 8[1] and the European Reference Framework of Key Competences for Lifelong Learning[2].

Specifically, PhD students receive in-depth theoretical and applied knowledge of:

[1] The National Qualifications Framework of the Republic of Bulgaria (DCM No 96/02.02.2012) defines the knowledge, skills and competences required as a result of the training in the respective higher education degrees and qualifications.

[2] The European Reference Framework of Key Competences for Lifelong Learning (Official Journal of the European Union C 189/7 from 4.6.2018) defines eight key competences necessary for personal realization and development, employability, social inclusion, sustainable lifestyle, successful living in peaceful societies, organizing life in a healthy and active civic way.

- the economy and the state of modern international economic relations and international business;
- the latest processes and phenomena in the field of European economic integration;
- the complex mechanisms and development of modern commodity and financial markets;
- the management of international projects and risk.

Doctoral students who graduated from the Doctoral Programme “World Economy and International Economic Relations" acquire the following competencies:

- to carry out communication in Bulgarian and in a foreign language in the field of international business, as well as to communicate the results of their scientific research among the scientific and business community, but also among a wider audience;
- to summarize a significant volume of scientific information, interpret it independently, conduct empirical research, interpreting their results and thus enrich scientific knowledge;
- to show independence, initiative and adaptability in the development of a specific topic from the field of international economic relations, to successfully overcome barriers in the research process and to receive guidelines for new scientific research and thematic directions.

PROFESSIONAL REALIZATION

Graduates from the Doctoral Programme “World Economy and International Economic Relations" to the highest degree meet the requirements for occupying positions in educational institutions and research centers, in the state and local administration, in business organizations with international activity and in the banking business. They have the necessary qualifications to work in international economic, commercial and financial organizations as well as in multinational and transnational companies. Their knowledge and skills are also adaptable to the requirements of the institutions of the European Union.

The Qualification description is approved by the Department Council of „International Economic Relations and Business” on February 25th, 2025, (Record № .....) and by the Chair Council of „International Economics and Politics“ Faculty on …… (Record № ……).

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