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**FACULTY**  
**“MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING”**

**DEPARTMENT “INTERNATIONAL**  
**ECONOMIC RELATIONS”**

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## **QUALIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS**

### **DOCTORAL PROGRAMME**

#### **“World Economy and International Economic Relations”**

Educational and scientific degree:

**DOCTOR**

Field of higher education:

**3. Social, Economic and Law Sciences**

Mode of study:

**FULL-TIME/UNSUPERVISED**

Professional field:

**(3.8. Economics)**

Length of study: **3 year**

Mode of study:

**PART-TIME/DISTANCE**

Document code:

Length of study: **4 years**

**LANGUAGE:** English

Effective from: **2017/2018** academic year

#### 1. General description of the Doctoral programme

Recent development of the world economy and international economic relations put governments and economic actors in a completely new environment, which is characterized by great heterogeneity and dynamic. The Doctoral Program "World Economy and International Economic Relations" provides an opportunity to explore the main economic processes at European and world scale, policy-making methodologies at international level, key actors on the political and economic scene, and the set of economic issues that arise for national economies and business entities.

#### 2. Educational goals

The aim of the doctoral programme "World Economy and International Economic Relations" is to prepare highly qualified specialists and researchers, who can independently develop and defend their projects through the use of scientific method of research and knowledge of real business practice and problems. The programme prepares the researchers to address the challenges of the modern international environment, and work in teams in the best academic traditions.

#### 3. Organisation and length of study

The doctoral programme "World Economy and International Economic Relations" is achieved through a set of courses and seminars with examinations in certain academic subjects, preparation and defense of doctoral thesis.

The curriculum requires two obligatory doctoral minimums for all forms of education, one for "International Economics", and the second is defined according the subject of the doctoral thesis. The connection between compulsory examinations and the chosen topic of study ensures the accumulation of basic knowledge in areas that are significant and relevant to PhD students.

The development of PhD students as researchers is supported by compulsory seminars and elective courses. The obligatory seminar is "Methodology of Scientific Research" divided in two courses: Part I and Part II part, and the courses on Applied Informatics and Foreign Language are optional.

The duration of the full-time and unsupervised doctoral programme is 3 years, and for part-time or distance study is 4 years.

#### 4. Knowledge

The studies in the doctoral program "World Economy and International Economic Relations" create specialized knowledge concerning the problems of the contemporary world economy, the different processes taking place in it, the policies on national, European and global scale, the operational environment of the business entities, the factors influencing the corporate activities and strategies for implementing international business.

#### 5. Skills

Doctoral studies in "World Economy and International Economic Relations" help build valuable skills for solving real-world issues; applying an interdisciplinary approach for solving practical problems; ability to process and select information, independence from external resources and external influence and conducting research.

#### 6. Competences

The studies in the doctoral programme contribute to acquisition of practical competences for autonomous strategic decision making at corporate and international level; building capacity for regulation of conflicts; increased flexibility and adaptability to time and location.

##### 6.1. Autonomy and responsibility

The doctoral program "World Economy and International Economic Relations" develops competencies for:

- Autonomous planning, organization and conducting of research;
- analysis and creation of new scientific knowledge;
- justifying the need to conduct new research and the elaboration of publications;
- substantiating research and conducting of empirical research.

##### 6.2. Learning competencies

The doctoral program "World Economy and International Economic Relations" develops competencies for:

- Critical analysis of empirical data and systematization of pre-existing knowledge;
- conducting of meta-analysis and extracting new knowledge from existing information arrays.

##### 6.3. Communication and social competences

The doctoral program "World Economy and International Economic Relations" develops competencies for

- Planning and coordinating of research tasks in a team setting;

- communicating research results and adapting scientific reports in accordance with the requirements of the target audience.

#### 6.4. Professional competencies

The doctoral program "World Economy and International Economic Relations" develops competencies for:

- thorough understanding and application of methods and techniques for conducting of complex scientific research;
- assessment of complex problems;
- clear and objective presentation of scientific ideas and conclusions to different audiences;
- increasing the complexity of research and contribution to the development of new ideas, methods, techniques and approaches.

#### 7. Brief profile of the academic staff

The supervision and guidance of students in the doctoral program "World Economy and International Economic Relations" is a responsibility of The Department of International Economic Relations. The department has experience in doctoral studies and extensive traditions in scientific supervision, discussion and review of dissertation papers and support of young researchers in their research quests. The academic staff includes professors, doctors of economics, associate professors and non-graduate faculty with a doctorate in economics, established in science and practice.

#### 8. Professional realization

Graduates of the doctoral programme can be employed in all economic business structures with international or offshore operations, trade representatives, international economic organizations and institutions, international banking, transport and forwarding networks, in the governing structures of national authorities and EU bodies, as well as in educational institutions as: specialists, consultants, and managers.

#### 9. Educational and scientific degree and professional qualification

Graduates of the doctoral programme are awarded with the scientific and educational degree "Doctor in Economics".

Dean:  
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(Assoc. Prof. Galina Zaharieva, Ph.D.)