REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA D.A. TSENOV ACADEMY OF ECONOMICS – SVISHTOV	
FACULTY **„Management and Marketing“**	**DEPARTMENT** **„International Economic Relations“**

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QUALIFICATION DESCRIPTION

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

„ World Economy and International Economic Relations “

Educational and scientific degree: **Doctor**		Area of study: **3. Social, economic sciences and law**
Mode of study:	Length of study:	Field of study: **3.8. Economics**
Full-time/Self-preparation	**3 years**	
Part-time/Distance	**4 years**	Code of the document: **ED/QD-D-FT/PT/U/D-3/4-3.8-WEIER-FMM-DIER-2022**
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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. Learning objectives

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 seminars are “Methodology of science and research”, “Academic writing and presentation methods” and “Methodology and methods of empirical research”. The courses on “Information technology”, “English for doctoral degree students (B2)” and “English for doctoral degree students (C1)” 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. Independence 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 competences

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. Communicative 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 competences

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 description 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 of Philosophy".

Dean: Head of Department:

(Prof. Margarita Bogdanova, PhD) (Assoc. Prof. Zdravko Lyubenov, PhD)

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CURRICULUM

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I. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

№	Type	Code	Subject/Activity	ECTS credits	Form of assessment
1	**C**	*Fundamental Courses (doctoral minimum I)*		25	exam
		FMM-DIER-D-101	International Economics		
2	**F**	*Specialized Courses (doctoral minimum II)*		25	exam
			Subject related to the topic of the doctoral degree dissertation		
3	C	FIC-DSSL-D-901	Methodology of science and research	10	c.g.
4	C	FIC-DSSL-D-902	Academic writing and presentation methods	10	c.g.
5	C	FEA-DSAM-D-901	Methodology and methods of empirical research	10	c.g.
6	C		Attendance and participation in courses (seminars, doctoral degree tutorials), conferences and other training activities	5	IS report
			Total:	**85**	
1	F	FMM-DBI-D-901	Information technology	10	c.g.
2	F	FF-DFLT-D-901	English for doctoral degree students (B2)	10	c.g.

3	F	FF-DFLT-D-902	English for doctoral degree students (C1)	10	c.g.
4	F	A master or bachelor degree subject		According to the curriculum of the subject	exam
5	F	Participation in trainings related to the doctoral degree studies		5 for each training	certificate
6	F	Participation in mobility for training or practice purposes		30 for each mobility	Mobility protocol

II. SCIENTIFIC, RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ACTIVITY

№	Type	Subject/Activity	ECTS credits	Form of assessment
1	C	Publications regulated in group D, indicators 4 – 10 from RIDASRBA	30	IS report
		Total:	**30**	
2	F	Participation in science and research projects	10 per project	contract
3	F	Participation in mobility for research purposes	10 per mobility	Mobility protocol
4	F	Participation with science reports in scientific forums (national or international)	1 for each report	Participation certificate publication
5	F	Publications exceeding the standard of minimum required points regulated in RIDASRBA outside ch. II.1 and II.4	1 for each subchapter	publication

III. PREPARATION OF A DISSERTATION PAPER AND AN ABSTRACT

№	Type	Activity	ECTS credits	Form of assessment
1	C	Dissertation paper, including:	50	Science advisor and a DC protocol
1.1.		Theoretic and research work	10	science advisor
1.2.		Empirical and research work	10	science advisor
1.3.		Preparation of a chapter from the dissertation paper	20	science advisor
1.4.		Submission of a final version to the approval of the DC	10	a DC protocol
2	C	Preparation of an abstract and an original contribution declaration	10	a DC protocol
		Total:	**60**	

IV. TEACHING AND EXPERT ACTIVITY

№	Type	Subject/activity	ECTS credits	Form of assessment
1	E	Delivering a series of lectures and/or seminars according to the curriculum	5	Report from the SA visit
		Participation in expert and consultancy activity		Report by the SA; contract/reference
		Total:	**5**	
1	F	Delivering a series of lectures and/or seminars according to the curriculum	5 ECTS credits for 28 provisional classes	Remuneration form

2	F	Participation in expert and consultancy activity	2 ECTS credits per participation	report by the SA; contract/reference
3	F	Participation in mobility for teaching purposes	10 ECTS credits per mobility	certificate

BASIC COMPONENTS OF THE CURRICULUM

Activity	ECRS credits
COMPULSORY ACTIVITIES	
Educational activity	85
Scientific and educational activity	30
Preparation of a dissertation paper and an abstract	60
Teaching and expert activity	5
Total:	180
FACULTATIVE ACTIVITIES	
Educational activity	According to the IS of the doctoral student
Scientific and education activity	
Teaching and expert activity	

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