

Master's program "INTERNATIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT"

2 semesters, 60 credits in ETCS

The cipher for the Master's program:

0754 (distance learning, self-financed)

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Master's Degree Program "International Project Management" prepares students for successful development and governance of international projects in different context. The educational content is entirely consistent with the achievements of the leading universities in this field and is based on international standards of knowledge, skills and attitudes in the field of project management and in particular with the requirements of the Project Management Institute (PMI - PMBOK®). The program is jointly developed by the department "Strategic planning" and "International economic relations" at D.A. Tsenov Academy of Economics. Part of the team of academic lecturers, teaching this course, are members of the Bulgarian Association of Project Management (BAPM).

The program focuses on systematic approach to **develop and manage** international projects and prepares highly qualified experts, specialists and advisers with professional, cognitive and social competencies in project management in different sectors.

The course provides and develops knowledge and competencies in the field of: the basics of international economics and finance, the international business and foreign trade operations, project management, international human resources management and project teams, project management software, business negotiations, international PM standards, project audit, risk management, urban development and innovative projects development.

The graduate students of master's programme "International project management" **acquire a wide specter of practical and cognitive skills and approaches**, required for understanding and taking creative solutions related to abstract problems in the field of international project management. They are capable of diagnosing problems related to project management in its international aspect and suggest adequate, for the contemporary stage of the field, decisions for solving them.

Professional realization. Because project managers are in high demand in a variety of industries, as a graduate of the Master of International Project Management degree program they can be prepared for a variety of positions in multinational organizations, including:

- project manager;
- project management analyst;

- quality management project coordinator;
- industrial production manager;
- sales manager;
- business planning analyst;
- administrative services manager.

Disciplines included in the master's programme

During the master's degree course "International Project Management" in within two semesters the students study 8 disciplines as follows: "Program and project management", "Operational project management", "International standards for project management", "Risk management in projects", "Project Auditing", "Fundamentals of project management", „Training in project management", "Urban development" and "Innovative projects".

FIRST SEMESTER

In the first semester, **block one**, are studied the disciplines: "Program and project management", "Operational project management" and for the students, who didn't graduate some of the next specialities in Bachelor's degree: "Project management", "Strategic planning", or "International economic relations", the discipline "Fundamentals of project management".

„Program and project management“. The course aims to build students' knowledge in project management, both at corporate and public sector. The Program management has its specifications - with its terminology and methods of organization, and yet it is universal - because it can be applied in many sectors equally successfully. It is a tool that can help companies and organizations, especially when they have a wide range of project ideas, which are similar in nature, to be united in a common program for their realization.

„Operational project management“. Building knowledge and skills in students for project management, according to modern views, principles and practices in organizational performance management, monitoring and reporting of project and the related with these stages processes of time, cost, human resources, and risk management.

„Fundamentals of project management“. The course aims to introduce students with the project management tools and how it adds value to organizations that apply it. The curriculum is aligned with the certification programs of the Project Management Institute (USA), as well as the achievements of leading universities in the EU. The course is supported by many practical and applied case studies.

A particular emphasis is set on the development of strategic thinking in students and directing them to solve critical development issues, such as social inequality, environmental issues, economic development, etc.

Block two: In the second block of the first semester are included “International standards for project management”, “Risk management in projects”, “Project auditing”.

„International standards for project management“. The goal of the discipline is to present the world-imposed standards for project management. The matter gives the students an opportunity to acquire knowledge about the basic standardized methodologies for project management, as well as to learn how to use them.

„Risk management in projects“. The course objective is future specialists in project management to gain knowledge about the management of risks associated with project management. Based on case studies they will acquire skills for risk identification, risk assessment and taking measures against the risk.

„Project auditing“. The main objective of the course is to provide the students with scientific and practical knowledge of the organization, the methodology and functionality of the audit of projects, financed by the EU or by budget funds. In general, the course strives for balance between the theory and the practice in the field of internal and external auditing. The discipline includes questions related to the principles and the approaches to the structural development and the technology for the implementation of the internal and external auditing, as well as the possible solutions to the problems that might occur in its management.

SECOND SEMESTER

In the second semester of the master's program are included: „Training in project management”, “Urban development”, “Innovative projects” and the master's degree seminar “International Project Management” and the master's thesis development and defense.

Block one: In the first block are included the disciplines „Training in project management”, “Urban development”, “Innovative projects” and is held the master's degree seminar.

“Training in project management“. The aim of the course is to learn students to develop a project practically, using the knowledge and competences they have acquired during the previous courses. The course will emphasize on the main steps related to the process of developing a their own project using the theoretical background.

Master's degree seminar “International Project Management”. The purpose of the Master seminar is to introduce students to the methodology for thesis development: defining the

thesis goals and objectives of the study, design of the theses, rules of citation and information security. During the course the students will become familiar with the methods for research, collection of data, processing and analysis of information.

Optional course (you choose only one of the two disciplines):

„Urban development“. The course aims to form in the students knowledge and skills concerning the basic concepts and nature of urban development, the factors for design and city development, the legal regulation of urban development processes, the principles for sustainable urban development and the existing urban policies and programs. The course has elective character and develops skills for integrated spatial, urban, economic and demographic planning.

„Innovative projects“. This course aims to create competencies for development and implementation of innovative projects. The course content meets the requirements of the integrated approach. The educational content presents current methods and techniques of planning and design tools and approaches for management on innovative projects.

Block two

Master's thesis development and defense.