

"ANGEL KUNCHEV" UNIVERSITY OF RUSE  
FACULTY OF "BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT"

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## **GROUP CURRICULUM FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

FACULTY: ***Business and Management***

Professional direction: ***3.8. Economics***

Doctoral program: ***Political economy***

Educational and scientific degree: ***PhD (doctor)***

Form of training: ***Full-time / Part-time / Independent preparation***

Study period: ***3 years (minimum 2 years) / 4 years (minimum 3 years) /  
3 years (minimum ½ year)***

**Ruse, 2025**

## A. STUDY ACTIVITIES (EDUCATIONAL PART)

<b>A. Mandatory exams and courses</b>						
N	Course	Form on training	Academic staff conducting procedures for the study of the scientific specialty	Form of final control	ECTS	HORARIUM, Hours
<b>A. Mandatory courses</b>						
1	Doctoral minimum - general exam in the scientific specialty <i>Political economy</i> (General Theory of Economics)	self-preparation	Commission from the training unit	exam	10	300
2	Doctoral minimum – exam on the specifics of the research topic (the exact name is specified in the individual plan)	self-preparation	Commission from the training unit	exam	10	300
3	Foreign language	course/self-preparation	Department of Foreign Languages	exam / publication of an article in a foreign language	5	150
<b>B. Mandatory-elective courses and seminars</b>						
<b>B1 Scientific and methodical courses (at least two must be selected)</b>						
4	Legal basis of the doctoral studies and structure of the dissertation work	course		exam	3	90
5	Research methodology	course		exam	3	90
6	Theory of experiment	course		exam	3	90
7	Intellectual property protection	course		exam	3	90
<b>B2 Specialized courses (at least one must be selected)</b>						
8	Courses/seminars in the scientific specialty of the doctoral program (the exact name is specified in the individual plan) *	course / workshop		exam	3	90
9	Contemporary economic theories	course		exam	3	90
10	History of the economic development of the world in the 20th century	course		exam	3	90
11	Labor economics	course		exam	3	90
12	Public sector and regulations	course		exam	3	90

13	Banking and monetary theory	course		exam	3	90
14	Political Economy and Economics: A Comparative Analysis	course		exam	3	90
<b>B3 Optional courses</b>						
15	Data processing and visualization	course		exam	3	90
16	Investment analysis of public projects	course		exam	3	90
17	Stock Exchanges and Trading Operations	course		exam	3	90
18	Investment analysis of business projects	course		exam	3	90
19	Nature and Characteristics of Social Capital	course		exam	3	90

**\* Explanations:**

Courses and seminars corresponding to the scientific specialty and the thematic orientation of the doctoral studies and organized by: the scientific unit, the faculty, the Center for doctoral students, companies and universities with which the University of Ruse has concluded a contract for the training of doctoral students (contracts under the Erasmus program, etc.) are recognized.

Attendance and grades from the mandatory-elective (B1, B2, B3) courses/seminars are certified by a certificate/certificate issued by the relevant unit where the training takes place. The protocol is submitted to the Department of Doctoral Students within one week of completing the course and/or taking the exam. From the educational unit, the doctoral student must obtain a minimum of 34 credits and no more than 60. The credits are certified by a report from a meeting of the scientific unit in the annual report and attestation of the doctoral student.

The doctoral student, together with the supervisor, prepares the individual study plan based on the study plan adopted for the specialty, which is accepted by the departmental council and approved by the faculty council.

## B. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

1	Dissertation work:	ECTS	Hours
	– writing a separate part of the dissertation work (for every 25-30 pages of 1800 characters each.)	15 (maximum 20)	450
	– preparatory and accompanying activities (research and referencing of literature, studies, practices, etc.) for the dissertation	10 (maximum 20)	300
	– preliminary discussion of the draft dissertation in the department	5	150
	– quarterly report		
	– annual report (attestation)	3	90
	- submission for preliminary discussion of the finished text of the dissertation within the deadline set by law	40	1200
2	Research activity:		
	– participation in a research project (for each year)	5 (maximum 10)	150
	– work on an individual scientific project won after a competition (for each year)	5 (maximum 20)	150
	– publications (articles, studies) in Bulgarian publications	5 (maximum 15)	150
	– publications (articles, studies) in foreign refereed and indexed editions	10 (maximum 20)	300
	– reports at Bulgarian scientific conferences	5 (maximum 10)	150
	– reports at international scientific conferences	10 (maximum 15)	300
	– participation in departmental committees, etc. administrative work; carrying out translations, bibliographies, reviews, etc.; scientific distinction, prize, scholarship won after a competition.	5 (maximum 10)	150
3	Teaching activities:		
	- conducting lectures and exercises related to the field of the doctoral program	5 (maximum 15)	150
	– supervision of course and diploma projects	5 (maximum 10)	150
	- preparation of a thesis review	1	30

Number of exams: 6

Number of ECTS credits for full-time/part-time doctoral students: minimum 180 credits.

## Appendix 1

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOURS OF DOCTORAL STUDY BY YEAR

N	Name of the activity	HOURS				Total
		And the year	II year	III year	IV year	
1	Scientific research activity					
	1. Analysis of the state of the problem	450/330*	120*			450/450*
	2. Theoretical studies	300/150*	150/150*	150*		450/450*
	3. Practical problem solving		330/150*	120/240*	60*	450/450*
	4. Experimental studies		150/120*	450/330*	150*	600/600*
2	Preparation and participation in scientific forums with publications	340/300*	400/300*	640/330*	450*	1380/1380*
3	Training courses and seminars from the curriculum	360/360*	270/270*	90/90*		720/720*
4	Teaching activities	50	50/50*	50/50*	50*	150/150*
5	Exams and doctoral minimums	300/300*	450/300*	150*		750/750*
6	Preparation and defense of a doctoral dissertation			450	450*	450/450*
	EVERYTHING	1800/1440*	1800/1460*	1800/1340*	1160*	5400/5400*

\* Applies to \* \* \*Applies to part-time PhD students.

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