Faculty of Political Sciences
Study program content

Doctoral studies of Political Science are a three-year study program bearing 180 ECTS founded upon and deepening the knowledge obtained at undergraduate and academic graduate studies in the field of political science.

The structure of the syllabus stipulates a number of compulsory courses of theoretical-methodological and scientific-professional nature aimed at acquisition of the highest forms of knowledge in the field of theoretical and methodological bases of political science and studies of contemporary political theory and political systems, as well as a large number of courses necessary for obtaining the most recent knowledge of theoretical and practical aspects of the study program’s subject matter. The program also contains thorough theoretical-methodological bases and practical aspects of research of political problems, directions of their changes and effects of these processes.

A compulsory part of doctoral studies in the field of political science is writing of the final PhD dissertation which confirms the student’s capacity for creative application of the obtained scientific, methodological and professional knowledge in direct and research-analytical practice and development of the scientific field.

Study program goals

The main aims of the study program of doctoral studies of Political Science are:

1. Improvement of the existing and acquisition of new theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in the fields: theories of politics and methodology, political theories and political culture, political sociology, political system and institutions, political system and economic development, politics and religion;
2. Acquisition of advanced knowledge of political phenomena and processes and principles and manners of explanation of social development and changes, for critical understanding and action approach in influencing systemic, structural and organizational aspects of functioning of political institutions and processes;
3. Acquisition of knowledge of local, regional, supranational and global dimensions of politics, political relations, political processes and political institutions;
4. Training for specific professional knowledge enabling professional dealing with the tasks of scientists and researchers, analysts and organizers in public authorities, political parties, local self-governance, public services and corporations;
5. Training of experts for tasks of political decision-making and management, organization of activities in various fields of political action, increase of political culture and formation of democratic public.

Modules


Study program outcomes

By completion of the doctoral study program of Political Science, candidates should obtain the following capacities:

1. Mastering of theoretical-methodological knowledge and skills of critical thinking and critical analysis of the achieved level of theoretical studies of political science in our country and in the most developed regions of the world;
2. Developed scientific-research capacities, critical attitudes and scientific arguments pertaining to the subject matter of studies of political science; recognition of their controversies, characteristics and disadvantages; understanding of the basics and of strategic developments in future; capacity to apply that knowledge on case studies;
integration of the obtained knowledge in practice and realization of scientific and applicative research;

3. Mastering of methodological knowledge and practical skills for a competent approach to analysis, research, problem solution and foundation of actions at different levels of actual practice;

4. Training to apply their knowledge in a professional manner in understanding of persons and interactive patterns of behavior in specific environment;

5. Training for independent theoretical-methodological research and deepened scientific analysis, based on creative and critical revealing of facts and their causative-consequential relations.

Admission requirements

Eligible candidates should have completed relevant undergraduate and master academic studies with average grade above 8.00/10.00.

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Study program content

Doctoral International Studies are a three-year study program bearing 180 ECTS, founded upon and deepening the knowledge obtained at undergraduate and master academic studies in the field of international studies.

The program offers to students a possibility for further development of theoretical-methodological and professional knowledge and trains them for its critical application in several fields of international studies - International Politics, European Integration, Security Studies and Peace Studies. The program contains two elective fields, the field of International Politics (including the courses of international security and peace studies) and the field of European Integration.

The structure of syllabus stipulates a number of compulsory courses of theoretical-methodological and scientific-professional nature, pertaining to acquisition of the highest forms of knowledge in the field of theoretical and methodological bases of political science and studies of contemporary international relations and European integration, as well as a large number of elective courses necessary for acquisition of the most recent knowledge of theoretical and practical aspects of the study program’s subject matter. The program also contains profound theoretical-methodological bases and practical aspects of research of international problems, directions of their changes and effects of these processes. A compulsory part of doctoral studies in the field of international studies is writing of the final PhD dissertation which confirms the student’s capacity for creative application of the obtained scientific, methodological and professional knowledge in direct and research-analytical practice and development of the scientific field.

Study program goals

The main aims of this study program of doctoral studies are in compliance with the main educational goals at our Faculty and include:

• Obtaining of scientific knowledge of key disciplines of international studies in accordance with the development of these disciplines in the world;
• Obtaining of knowledge of contemporary tendencies of social development at national, regional and international level;
• Development of capacities for critical insight to actual achievements of contemporary theories from several narrow areas of international studies;
• Obtaining knowledge and critical comparison of contemporary theoretical-methodological bases, approaches and concepts related to important fields of international studies encompassed by the program (international relations, European integration, security studies and peace studies) and development of capacities for solving actual problems by combining the knowledge;
• Training for independent solving of social problems after the end of studies, in the practice of international relations by implementation of scientific methods and procedures.

Modules

International Politics and European Integration.

Study program outcomes

By completion of study program of doctoral International Studies, the candidates should obtain the following capacities:

1. Mastering theoretical-methodological knowledge and capacities of critical thinking and critical analysis of the achieved level of theoretical studies related to international issues in our country and in the most developed regions of the world;
2. Developed scientific-research capacities, critical attitudes and scientific arguments related to subject matter of international studies; recognition of their controversies, characteristics and weaknesses; understanding of basics and strategic directions of future development; capacity to obtain the knowledge on case studies of countries which are the key actors in contemporary international relations, integration of the obtained knowledge in practice and realization of scientific and applied research;
3. Mastering methodological knowledge and practical skills for a competent approach to analysis, research, problem solution and foundation of action at various practical levels of our state, other states or groups of states in international relations;

4. Training to apply their knowledge in a professional manner in understanding of persons and interactive patterns of behavior in specific environment;

5. Training for independent theoretical-methodological research and profound scientific analysis of important international problems, based on creative and critical revealing of facts and their causative-consequential relations.

Admission requirements

Eligible candidates should have completed relevant undergraduate and master academic studies with average grade above 8.00/10.00.

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Study program content

The study program consists of two elective fields - Social Policy and Social Work. Within the elective field of Social Policy, European Social Models are studied as a compulsory course, together with Theory and Analysis of Social Policy, International organizations and Social Policy and Prevention of Social Problems, with students choosing two out of these three courses.

Besides, during the 1st year of studies students can in the first semester choose one course from some other module of doctoral studies at the Faculty, and one from the European Studies elective field.

Another elective field is Social Work where students, besides compulsory Social Development and Methodical Complex of Social Work, have an option to choose among Theories of Social Work, Human Behavior in Social Environment and Prevention of Social Problems, while also choosing one course from one of the modules at the Faculty.

Study program goals

The main aims of the study program of doctoral studies of Social Policy and Social Work are:

1. Obtaining knowledge of etiology, development and consequences of social problems at various systemic levels, of kinds of preventive programmes and practical skills for creation and evaluation of outcomes of preventive programmes;
2. Obtaining knowledge of contemporary tendencies and achieved values of social dimension of social development at national and international level;
3. Obtaining knowledge and development of capacities for comprehending actual assumptions of classification of European social models. Starting assumptions of studying pertain to tradition, historical development and actual reformative changes of national systems. Studying of “European Social Model” is comprehended in the context of general integration developments and demand for critical reconsideration of changes at global plan;
4. Acquisition of knowledge and critical comparison of contemporary theoretical-methodological bases, approaches and methods of practice in social work at various levels of the system: ontogenetic, microsystemic, exo- and macrosystemic;
5. At the profound level of criticism, consideration of epistemological nature of different, controversial theoretical concepts of the science of social work;
6. Apart from adoption of theoretical knowledge, the primary goal is training of students for research of the main characteristics of social policy of contemporary world, following the intensive changes of role of social actors which create social policies and realize social programmes besides the state, learning of importance, capacities, advantages and problems of international organizations in realization of international cooperation in the field of social policy.

Modules

Social Policy and Social Work.

Study program outcomes

By completion of doctoral studies of Social Policy and Social Work, the student acquires the following general capacities:

1. Mastering of methodological knowledge and capacities of critical thinking and critical analysis of the achieved level of social development in our country and in certain regions of the world;
2. Development of scientific-research capacities, critical attitudes and arguments of candidates in relation to the subject matter of European social models; recognition of their controversies, advantages and weaknesses; understanding of bases and strategic directions of future developments; case studies of typical countries - representatives of models; integration of the obtained knowledge in
practice and realization of scientific and applicative research;

3. Training for foundation of preventive programmes in community, usage of methodology for assessment of efficiency of preventive programmes in community;

4. Mastering methodological knowledge and practical skills for complementary approach in analysis, research, problem solution and establishment of interventions at various levels of practice with individuals, families, groups and communities and capacity for theoretical conceptualization of experience from social work practice;

5. Training to apply their knowledge in professional manner in understanding persons and interactive patterns of behavior in specific environment;

6. Training for independent theoretical-methodological research and actualization of crucial gnoseological problems, based on creative revealing of numerous doubts of “contemporary” science of social work.

Admission requirements

Eligible candidates should have completed relevant undergraduate and master academic studies with average grade above 8.00/10.00.

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Study program content

The study program of the common doctoral studies consists of two modules: Theory of Culture and Media and Communication Studies. Within the module Theory of Culture, The Image of World In European Culture is the common course for both programmes of Cultural and Media Studies and compulsory course only for former module. The elective field is represented through research of political anthropology of the Balkans, intercultural communication, intercultural value studies, historic legacy and modernization and gender theories and policies.

The structure of another module, Media and Communication Studies, has the compulsory course Communication Theories besides the common course. The elective field encompasses studies of European media policies, public spheres and media, rhetorics and public discourse and theories of journalistic genres.

Study program goals

The aim of the study program is training for scientific-research and pedagogical institutions dealing with these disciplines as well as for the scientific and pedagogical institutions which demand these high academic titles for multidisciplinary scientific research and pedagogical purposes. Also, the goal is to develop scientific disciplines and scientific research dealing with culture, communication studies, media and gender through these highest academic titles.

Modules

Theory of Culture and Media and Communication Studies.

Study program outcomes

Upon completion of doctoral studies, graduates shall be trained for scientific disciplines, pedagogical demands of faculties, institutes, centres, media, media and expert research institutions and public authorities specialized in studies and research of culture, communication, media and gender.

Admission requirements

Eligible candidates should have completed relevant undergraduate and master academic studies with average grade above 8.00/10.00.

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