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**QUALIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS
OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

SCIENTIFIC AREA: **2. HUMANITIES**

PROFESSIONAL ORIENTATION: **2.3. PHILOSOPHY**

DOCTORAL PROGRAM: **PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY**

EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC DEGREE: **DOCTORAL DEGREE**

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION: **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

DURATION OF STUDIES: **3 /three/ or 4 /four/ YEARS**

FORM OF EDUCATION: **full-time education / correspondence studies / part-time studies**

THE QUALIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS
HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TOGETHER WITH
THE CURRISULUM IN: **2023**

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1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The doctoral program in “Philosophy of History in English” is intended for holders of a master’s degree in philosophy or other humanities or social sciences graduates. In certain cases, it is also suitable for holders of a master’s degree in science.

Modern research approaches, methods and forms of philosophizing are used in the training. During the training, deepening of the fundamental theoretical and professional preparation of the doctoral student is ensured thanks to the research he/her conducts and his/her work on his/her dissertation on a fundamental scientific problem or an applied problem in accordance with the highest academic standards and the need to directly connect scientific theory with the spiritual challenges of the age.

Complying with the requirements of the Bologna Process, the scholars of the Department of Social Theories, Strategies and Prognoses consistently work for the doctoral students’ in-depth assimilation of systematized knowledge in the field of philosophy of history and for them to master the basic skills and methods for independent scientific research. The emphasis in the training of doctoral students is also placed on the building of abilities for critical philosophizing, evaluation and synthesis of the new globalist and postmodern ideas, interpretations and approaches in philosophical studies. Attention is paid to the formation of doctoral students as young scholars with the ability to communicate efficiently with colleagues in the professional community as well as with a wider audience. The ability to communicate with non-specialists is of particular importance given the specifics of the Balkan region and, more generally, the level of development of Bulgaria as a member state of the European Union.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The aim of the doctoral program “Philosophy of History” is to prepare highly qualified specialists with sufficient scholarly potential who, with knowledge and research skills, will contribute to the development of spirituality in Bulgaria. Training of innovative thinking is the main priority of the program

Holders of a doctorate in “Philosophy of history in English” can find professional realisation in many professional fields at home and abroad: science, education, cultural sphere, management activities, project activity and others.

3. GENERAL QUALIFICATION AND SPECIALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM

The aim of the PhD program “Philosophy of History in English” is to prepare specialists in the field of knowledge of history, able to critically analyse the regimes of its legitimation, its social and political uses, as well as the potential effects of institutional or public support for particular interpretations of the past.

The program provides a flexible specialization, allowing doctoral students who have successfully completed their education to start a career both in the field of research and education, as well as in all professions within public bodies or non-governmental organizations

engaged in public policies, as well as in state and public institutions whose activity requires expert assessment of the social risks and effects of the competing interpretations of the past (Groups from the National Classifier of Professions and Positions: 231 - Teachers in higher education institutions; 233 - School teachers (grades V-XII); 263: Specialists in social sciences and religious studies).

4. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCES ACQUIRED ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

4.1. Knowledge (theoretical and/or factual)

Doctoral students who complete the doctoral program “Philosophy of History in English” must have a systematic knowledge of the philosophy of history and the application of critical analysis. They must master methods related to the realization of scholarly research in philosophy. They must have acquired knowledge at the highest level in the field of philosophy, as well as in related fields of the humanities, and possess the ability to expand and problematically modify existing knowledge in the field of philosophy and in related fields of the humanities.

4.2. Skills (cognitive and/or practical)

Doctoral students who have completed the doctoral program “Philosophy of History in English” must be able to carry out critical research and be fluent in philosophical transcendental-logical, hermeneutic and phenomenological methodology. They learn to apply an interdisciplinary research methodology in the field of humanities. They are skilful in expanding and overcoming critical problems in the field of inquiry, as well as in developing innovative theoretical solutions.

4.3. Independence and responsibility

Doctoral students in the program must create and integrate new knowledge through independent research, as well as expand the scope of philosophical theorizing through adaptation to current issues; to have an independent assessment of the achieved results of the researched philosophical issues; to have the ability to adapt in the modern research process.

4.4. Competence to learn

Doctoral students in the program must demonstrate a capacity for the systematic philosophical acquisition of knowledge and its meaning and understanding. To demonstrate competencies in the understanding of scientific research, publication activity and orientation in modern bibliographic and scientometric systems.

4.5. Communicative and social competences

The holders of the doctoral degree in “Philosophy of History” will demonstrate competencies for conceptualizing and implementing projects for new knowledge, as well as applying and understanding the most modern theoretical achievements with the field of

philosophical knowledge; they will have linguistic skills that allow them the free exchange of theoretical material and dissemination of ideas.

4.6. Professional competences

The Doctoral students in the “Philosophy of History in English” program will be able to understand in detail the techniques of scholarly and academic research; to judge competently on complex questions in the field of philosophy, even in the absence of complete data. They will possess the skill to present their ideas systematically and to bring out and problematize philosophical concepts before specialists and non-specialists in the field. They will be able to continue his research in the relevant philosophical field at more complex conceptual levels, contributing to the development of new ideas and theoretical methods.

5. AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL REALIZATION

Holders of a doctorate in “Philosophy of History in English” have the following opportunities for professional realization:

- **In the system of the Ministry of Education:**
- specialists in social sciences and religious specialists
- researcher in higher education structures
- university teacher
- expert at the regional inspectorates of education and culture on issues related to education in the humanities and the forms of its social implementation
- expert in municipal department “Education”
- consultant and organizer of social and cultural activities in non-governmental and charitable organizations and in the continuing education system
- analytical specialist in education as a researcher in the field of philosophy and civic education

In the system of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy as:

- expert in the municipal commissions for education and culture and to the municipal directorates

Assignments:

According to the national classification of positions and professions in the Republic of Bulgaria (2011), the holders of a doctorate in Philosophy of History can occupy the following assignments:

- group 231: University teachers;
- group 233: General education school teachers (V–XII year);
- group 263: Social sciences experts and religion experts;

- single group 1223: Supervisors of research and development;
- single group 1345: Managers Education;
- single group 3435: Other practical specialists in the field of art and culture.

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