

BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY

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DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY

CURRICULUM

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Educational qualification degree: PhD

Body/Department responsible for the training: Social Theories, Strategies and Prognoses

Professional direction: 2.3. Philosophy

Course of study: Philosophy of History

Period of training: 3 years

Form of education: full-time education and correspondence studies

Program profile

Philosophy of history is a fundamental and indivisible part of philosophy from its beginnings to the present day. Since the 18th century, it has developed particularly intensively and today it is taught in the majority of philosophy departments of universities around the world. Given that it is a specialty that deals with the philosophical problems of social development, with the philosophical understanding of the present, past and future of societies and globally, its importance nowadays stems from the epochal changes that have occurred in the modern world over the past half century. Today's societies are faced with decisive choices, hence the need for a contemporary understanding and rethinking of history: past,

present and future. No less important is the study of the ways, methods and means of theoretical interpretation and understanding of the historical and social.

Program mission

History today increasingly becomes a stake of political and social disputes, often threatening to escalate into large-scale conflicts that cannot be understood or regulated due to their apparent irrationality. Attempts to resolve these disputes by insisting on facts or historical truth are usually futile or even counterproductive because they fail to take into account the nature of knowledge of history. The doctoral program in Philosophy of History at the Social Theories, Strategies and Prognoses Department of IFS-BAS aims to prepare specialists who are familiar with the nature of historical knowledge, capable of analyzing thinking about history and historical narratives, taking into account their complexity. Such specialists are needed not only by Bulgarian and European academic and cultural institutions. They are painfully needed wherever history becomes a stake of interpretations, creating the risk of igniting conflicts in which there is no longer room for interpretation, in which only force seems to speak.

Professional competences acquired after successfully defending a doctoral dissertation

The aim of the PhD program in Philosophy of History is to prepare specialists in the field of knowledge of history, able to critically analyze 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).

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Professional qualification: Philosophers

Level of qualification: PhD

Admission requirements: the results of the candidates' examinations in Philosophy of history and in a foreign language

Procedure for recognition of prior learning: Standard administrative procedure

Qualification requirements and qualification rules: Ensuring the preparation of doctoral students at the BAS within the framework of the Doctoral School and the implementation of their educational and scientific program is based on a credit system. The doctoral student is admitted to the pre-defense if he has earned a minimum of 200 credits.

Number of credits: 200 credits

Credits are earned from the following activities of the doctoral student:

1. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (Mandatory minimum of 130 points)

1.1. Successfully passed exam in the basic subject - 40 points

1.2. An additional course for general basic training in the relevant scientific field or in an interdisciplinary field related to the topic of the dissertation: a minimum of 2 courses x 20 points = 40 points;

1.3. Successfully passed exam in a foreign language – 25 points;

1.4. Successfully passed computer skills exam – 25 points.

Number of exams: 5 exams

Table 1: Educational program

№	Title	Form of assessment	Credits	In-person classes	Self study hours	Total number of hours
1	Basic subject	Exam	40	0	180	180
2	Additional course 1	Exam	20	30	130	160
3	Additional course 2	Exam	20	30	130	160
4	Foreign language	Exam	25	120	not specified	120
5	Computer skills	Exam	25	30	not specified	30
Total number of credits:			130	Total number of hours:		650

2. CONTROL OF THE REALIZATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM (Mandatory minimum of 40 points)

Reporting at scientific forums the research findings on the dissertation topic:

2.1. Paper before the scholarly seminar of the body/department responsible for the training: 8 points;

2.2. Participation with a report in a scientific conference in Bulgaria: 24 points;

2.3. Participation with a report in a scientific conference abroad or in an international conference in Bulgaria: 32 points.

3. PUBLICATION OF THE RESEARCH FINDINGS ON THE DISSERTATION TOPIC (Mandatory minimum of 30 points)

The points related to the publications of the scientific results must comply with the minimum requirements of the “Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the BAS” adopted by Decision of the Board of Directors of BAS from 20.05.2019.

Table 2: Number of points by indicators (Area 2. Humanities)

Groups of indicators	Indicators	Number of points
Γ	4. Monograph not submitted as a habilitation thesis	100
	5. A published book based on a defended dissertation for the award of an educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for the award of a scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	75
	6. Articles and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information	30/n
	7. Articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes	10/n
	8. Studies published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information	45/n
	9. Studies published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes	15/n
	10. Chapter of a collective monograph	20/n
	11. Writing of dictionaries	40/n

Requirements for completing studies: Writing down and defence of a doctoral dissertation

Possibilities to continue training: in postdoctoral programs at Bulgarian and foreign universities

Preparation of the curriculum:

Assoc. Prof. Iva Manova