

**SOUTH – WEST UNIVERSITY “NEOFIT RILSKI”  
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**AREA OF HIGH EDUCATION:** 3. SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL SCIENCES

**PROFESSIONAL FIELD:** 3.2. PSYCHOLOGY

**MAJOR:** 3.2. PSYCHOLOGY

**Field:** “Educational and developmental psychology”

**Code:** 05-06-05

**For acquiring educational and scientific degree of “Doctor”**

**TERMS OF EDUCATION:** FOUR YEARS

**FORM OF EDUCATION:** PART TIME

**QUALIFICATION FEATURE:**

Department of Psychology offers a PhD-student programme for acquiring an educational and scientific degree of “Doctor” in the field of Educational and Developmental Psychology.

The aim of the education is to provide specialists to serve the needs of academia and outside academia, who gained specialists’ theoretical and practical preparation, skills and competence; research culture in the field of pedagogical and age psychology.

PhD students can implement psycho-diagnostic and experimental researches in different age groups at different educational levels. They gain skills of interpretation the empirical researches data, as well as use of appropriate methods for psychological diagnostic, forecasting and consulting. In the process of scientific researches and pedagogical activity, the PhD students may benefit from achievements in the world practice in teaching and age psychology.

The process of education ends with a final PhD Thesis defense. PhD Students which successfully end the PhD course receive certificate for PhD. PhD students from part-time form are gaining 45 credits every year, and after reaching 180 credits, they are able to attend the final PhD Thesis defense. PhD students from part-time form meet their individual curriculums for 4 years, which will be controlled by the Department Council and the Faculty Council with the receiving of the annual reports

## CONTENT OF THE CURRICULUM

<b>I. COMPULSORY COURSES AND TRAININGS</b>			
Name of educational disciplines	Grading		Credits
	Semester	Form	
Methods and methodology of scientific researches	I	examination	3
Pedagogical and age psychology	I	examination	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>6</b>
English language	II	examination	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>3</b>
Course on thematic focus on doctoral	III	colloquy	2
Course outside thematic focus on doctoral: Project Management Course	III	colloquy	2
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL for the course of education</b>			<b>13</b>
II. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH	Grading		Credits
	Semester	Form	
Participation in research products	IV	colloquy	5-15
Publications / rooms studies / in Bulgarian editions	III, IV, V, VI, VII	sertificate	5-15
Publications / rooms studies / in foreign editions	III, IV, V, VI, VII	sertificate	10-20
Reports in Bulgarian scientific conferences	III, IV, V, VI, VII	sertificate	5-10
Reports in foreign scientific conferences	III, IV, V, VI, VII	sertificate	10-15
Grading / direction of coursework	V, VI, VII	colloquy	5-10
Write a separate part of thesis	V	colloquy	30
Preparatory and supporting activities / study and referring to literature research and other practices. / for the Dissertation	III, IV, V	colloquy	10-30
Preparation of thesis review	IV, V, VI	colloquy	2.5
Commissioning procedures to protect the thesis SNS	VIII	colloquy	5
Presentation and discussion of dissertation	VIII	defense	25

Completion of the dissertation. Preparation for Field Inspection. Approbation.	VII,VIII	defense	30
<b>III. PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Grading</b>		<b>Credits</b>
	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Form</b>	
Conduction of seminars	IV, V, VI, VII	report	5-10
Conduction of lectures	V,VI,VII	report	5-10
<b>TOTAL</b> for the course of education			180