

## **Doctoral programme (PhD) in *Ancient History and Thracology***

**Professional direction:** 2.2. *History and Archaeology*

**Scientific specialty:** *History*

**Faculty of Law and History**

**Department:** *History*

### **Annotation:**

The Ancient History (History of the Ancient World) includes the genesis, development, flowering and decline of the most ancient civilizations of IV / III mill. BC until the middle of I millennium AD in Northeastern Africa and Asia, Southeast and Southern Europe. These are primarily Egypt, Mesopotamia, Asia Minor and the Levant; Ancient India and ancient China, united under the common name Ancient East. Civilizations Southeast and Southern Europe include mainly Ancient Greece, Ancient Thrace and Ancient Rome.

Especially important it is that the last three ancient civilizations have here in Bulgarian lands their home springs of all kinds are a serious argument for the development of research in scientific specialty Balkan history and Thracology in this part of the world; the other is - European level of Bulgarian school in research and education on this issue.

Thracology (Ancient History of Thrace and Thracians) as part of the Ancient History is a complex interdisciplinary science that explores Ancient Thrace and the Thracians in the context of Paleo-Balkan, studying pre-urban and non-Greek ingredients in ancient Balkan and West Anatolian cultural and historical space. Substantial part of it is Thracian, in the context of Indo-European studies as a cultural and historical science. This applies especially to History of Ancient Thrace and the Thracians (Thracology), which for us is a native Bulgarian history.

The training of doctoral students in this specialty can be conducted according to the latest achievements of scientific specialty that for Bulgaria are represented by highly developed European prehistory and especially by the leading role, importance and role of Bulgarian Thracian Studies and more generally studies of the Ancient World the last decades of the twentieth and the beginning of the XXI century. This is realizable through appropriate forms, such as lectures, special seminars, field trips individual forms of work specific to each PhD student.

### **Competencies of doctoral students:**

The PhD students graduates of this program will be able to work successfully with the sources from and for the Ancient History and the History of Thracians, too. They will attain the skills to carry out scientific analysis and synthesis, related to the study of problems of the Ancient History and the Thracology. They will be prepared to carry out an updated look and to give new perspectives in science.

### **Training Plan for training of doctoral studies (PhD students) on *Ancient History and Thracology*:**

#### **A) OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINES:**

1) *History and Archaeology of Ancient South-East Europe in the context of Eastern Mediterranean* - 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> part

- current assessment and examination

- Prof. Dr.hist.sc. Kalin Porozhanov

2) *Methodology of preparation and writing of PhD dissertation in historical sciences.*

- examination
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kostadin Paev

**B) SELECTABLE DISCIPLINES:**

Eligible disciplines are offered after the formulation of the topic for scientific study. They are included in the individual learning plan and approved by the scientific unit. The PhD student selects 2 training disciplines.

- examination

**C) OPTIONAL DISCIPLINES:**

The PhD student on scientific specialty *Ancient History and Thracology* can study the optional each academic discipline involved in doctoral programs of SWU "Neofit Rilski", other universities in the country and BAS within no less than 30 teaching hours in training plan.

**Graduation:**

- relaying of examinations – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester;
- protection of doctoral dissertation – 6<sup>th</sup> semester.