

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME *HISTORY OF BULGARIA*

- *History of Bulgaria (Medieval Bulgarian History)*
- *History of Bulgaria (History of the Bulgarian people 15th – 19th century)*
- *History of Bulgaria (Modern Bulgarian History)*
- *Bulgarian History (Contemporary Bulgarian History)*

Doctoral Programme: *History of Bulgaria (Medieval Bulgarian History)*

Professional area: 2.2. *History and Archaeology.*

Field of research: *History of Bulgaria*

Faculty: *Law and History*

Department: *History*

Annotation:

The training of PhD students is carried out at a high level, which corresponds to the modern tendencies for a new reading and interpretation of the sources and for rediscovery of the Middle Ages. New research fields, still under-researched, are the history of economic ties between Italian cities and the Balkans, the history of culture, urban life, and especially the everyday life of the town and village. The complexity of media studies requires specialized training of candidates for PhD students in the field of classical and modern languages, as well as skills in the field of palaeography, diplomacy and others. disciplines.

For the professional preparation of PhD students, suitable forms such as lectures, specialized seminars, language training, field expeditions (using the opportunities offered in the region of Southwestern Bulgaria) and individual forms of work specific to each PhD student are offered.

Competencies of doctoral students:

PhD students who have completed this program will be able to work successfully with the sources and historiographical achievements of the Bulgarian people's history in the Middle Ages. They will build up the skills to carry out scientific analysis and synthesis related to the study of problems from Medieval Bulgarian history. They will be prepared to make an updated reading and give new insights into science.

Curriculum:

A) OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINES:

1) *Medieval Bulgarian history – I part*

- examination
- Assoc. Prof. Snezhanka Rakova, PhD

2) *Medieval Bulgarian history – II part*

- examination
- Assoc. Prof. Snezhanka Rakova, PhD

3) *Methodology of Planning and Completing a PhD Thesis on History Issues*

- examination
- Ass. Prof. Kostadin Paev, PhD

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 *History of Bulgaria (Medieval Bulgarian History)* 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 – 1st and 2nd semester;
-protection of doctoral dissertation – 6th semester.

Doctoral Programme: *History of Bulgaria (History of the Bulgarian people 15th – 19th century)*

Professional area: 2.2. *History and Archaeology.*

Field of research: *History of Bulgaria*

Faculty: *Law and History*

Department: *History*

Annotation:

The history of the Bulgarian people 15th – 19th century studies the development of the Bulgarian population under the Ottoman rule within the Bulgarian territories during 15th – 17th century as well as the Bulgarian Renaissance. This PhD curriculum focuses on the acquisition and the ability of detailed interpretation of the socio-economic, political, religious and cultural aspects of the development of the Bulgarian society. The curriculum includes a number of different topics, e.g., consequences of the Ottoman conquest; characteristic features of the Ottoman ruling system in the Bulgarian territories during the period; characteristics of the agriculture and development of the urban economy; the religious changes and the state of the Orthodox Church; the anti-ottoman resistance of the Bulgarians; the Renaissance economic processes in Bulgaria; the formation of the national cultural identity of the Bulgarians; the basic social movements and processes in the 17th – 19th centuries; the political maturity of the Bulgarian nation and the liberation movements during the 19th century.

The training of the PhD students takes into consideration the modern requirements including the achievements of the Bulgarian historiography regarding the historical development of the Bulgarian population during this period. The training is provided through appropriate lectures, specialized seminars and assignments that are specific to the topic of the PhD Thesis.

The basic activities connected to the PhD curriculum are specified in the individual plan of the PhD student for the three-year period of training.

Competencies of doctoral students:

The successful PhD students of History of the Bulgarian People 15th – 19th century possess the competencies to carry out research in specialized scientific centers, departments and institutions dealing with the issues of the history of the Bulgarian people during the age of the Ottoman rule within the Bulgarian territories. They can apply successfully for the position of lecturers at universities in Bulgaria and abroad; they can train young professionals in history; they

can read lectures; they can work in publishing houses, archive and museum institutions, editorial boards, the media etc.

Curriculum:

A) OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINES:

1) *History of the Bulgarian People XV-XVII century.*

- examination
- Assoc. Prof. Valentin Kitanov, PhD

2) *Bulgarian Renaissance*

- examination
- Assoc. Prof. Valentin Kitanov, PhD

3) *Methodology of Planning and Completing a PhD Thesis on History Issues*

- examination
- Ass. Prof. Kostadin Paev, PhD

B) SELECTABLE DISCIPLINES:

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- examination

C) OPTIONAL DISCIPLINES:

The PhD student on scientific specialty *History of Bulgaria (History of the Bulgarian people 15th – 19th century)* 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 – 1st and 2nd semester;
- protection of doctoral dissertation – 6th semester.

Doctoral programme (PhD) in *History of Bulgaria (Modern Bulgarian History)*

Professional direction: 2.2. *History and Archaeology*

Scientific specialty: *History*

Faculty of Law and History

Department: *History*

Annotation:

This program tries to go beyond the one-dimensional orientation of the teaching activities and explorations in Modern Bulgarian History around a very tight vision of social and regional history. The program puts as its goal to provide knowledge that concerns more social and cultural oriented political history of Bulgaria as well as in social and cultural history of Bulgaria, without losing from research attention the political framework of the state. The above mentioned period has been very well explored in many of its different facets in the last ten years. That is why our aim will be these works to be transmitted to the postgraduate students. In this way they will be prepared for their future research activities in their PhD topics well informed about new developments in the field of modern history of Bulgaria as well as the last methodological

approaches in historical research. The final aim will be students to be oriented towards unexplored and challenging topics and research fields as nation and national identity; national ideology; history of political culture, political thought and social movements; history of everyday life with its entanglement with politics; “production” of space; history of gender and sexuality etc.

Competencies of doctoral students:

The PhD students graduates of this program will be able to work successfully with the different sources of the time from 1878 to 1944 and to analyze them in their historical context. They will be able to know and to work with the Bulgarian as well with the foreign historiography about this period. They will attain skills to research modern historical processes based on a high theoretical level.

Curriculum:

A) OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINES:

1) *Modern Bulgarian History*.

- examination
- Ass. Prof. Stefan Detchev, PhD

2) *Methodology of Planning and Completing a PhD Thesis on History Issues*

- examination
- Ass. Prof. Kostadin Paev, PhD

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 *History of Bulgaria (Modern Bulgarian History)* 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 – 1st and 2nd semester;
- protection of doctoral dissertation – 6th semester.

Doctoral programme (PhD) in *Bulgarian History (Contemporary Bulgarian History)*

Professional direction: 2.2. *History and Archaeology*

Scientific specialty: *History*

Faculty of Law and History

Department: *History*

Annotation:

The program presents the history of Bulgaria after 1944 till the time of transitional period and processes of democratization after 1989 as well as the European integration in the beginning

of the 21th century. It involves political, social and cultural questions of the historical development during the Communist regime 1944 – 1989 and in the process of transition.

Competencies of doctoral students:

The PhD students graduates of this program will be able to work successfully with the different sources of the time of the Communist regime and to analyze them in their historical context. They will be able to know and to work with the Bulgarian as well with the foreign historiography about this period. They will attain skills to research contemporary historical processes based on a high theoretical level.

Training Plan for training of doctoral studies (PhD students):

A) OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINES:

- 1) *Contemporary Bulgarian History* - 1st and 2nd part
 - current assessment and examination
 - Assoc. Prof. Kristina Popova, PhD
- 2) *Methodology of preparation and writing of PhD dissertation in historical sciences.*
 - examination
 - Assoc. Prof. Kostadin Paev, PhD

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 Bulgarian History (Contemporary Bulgarian History) 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 – 1st and 2nd semester;
- protection of doctoral dissertation – 6th semester.