

DOCTORAL PROGRAM (PHD) **MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY**

- *Modern and Contemporary history (Modern History)*
- *Modern and Contemporary history (Contemporary history)*
- *Modern and Contemporary history (Balkan history)*

Doctoral program (PhD) in Modern and Contemporary history (Modern History)

Professional direction: 2.2. *History and Archaeology*

Scientific specialty: *History*

Faculty of Law and History

Department: *History*

Annotation:

The PhD program in Modern History offers studies of the history of the world from the end of XV century until the end of the First World War. In this age the world economy is established, and the industrialization is done, scientific and war revolutions. The social and political developments of different states and regions are studied. The PhD students have the opportunities to choose their own topic for their research that are in accordance with knowledge and skills from various spheres of historical disciplines. The tempest development of the new technologies give opportunity for access of different libraries and thus makes the literature reviews easier.

Competencies of doctoral students:

The aim of the doctoral program is to create young scientists and future teachers. To achieve this goal there is need to construct their capabilities for research work:

- ability to carry out research on the topic: construction of a scientific text; building logically justified exposure and opportunities to open new perspectives on the issues;
- Capacity for analysis and synthesis of information from various historical sources of related field.

Academic Plan for training of doctoral studies in Modern History:

A) OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINES:

1. *Political, social and economic history of the world XV – XX centuries.*
 - Examination
 - Assoc. prof. Ivan Petrov, 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 formation 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 academic disciplines.

- Examination

C) OPTIONAL DISCIPLINES:

The PhD student on scientific specialty *Modern History* can study optionally each academic discipline involved in doctoral programs of SWU “Neofit Rilski”, other universities in the country and BAS with no less than 30 teaching hours in training plan.

Graduation:

- Exams
- PhD defense

PhD program: *Modern and Contemporary history (Contemporary history)*

Professional field: *2.2. History and archaeology*

Scientific major: *History*

Faculty of Law and History

Department: *History*

Annotation:

The PhD program allows the PhD students to get acquainted with the main directions, theories, historiography in the Contemporary history. The doctoral exams cover the research area of the PhD students and give the maximum knowledge to expand their horizons and facilitate their work. Upon successful completion and defense of the dissertation the students are awarded the degree – doctor of history.

Competencies of doctoral students:

Summarizes the historic, social and political contexts in the development of the latest events in the contemporary human history. Explains the basic historical theories, concepts and terms, and how they are applied in scientific research, politics and in practice. Distinguish the manners of application of historical research methods of events on a local, national and global level. Analyses and employs multidisciplinary approaches in history research.

Curriculum:

A) OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINES:

1) *Contemporary history*

- examination
- Assoc. Prof. Eleonora Pencheva, PhD

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

- examination
- Assoc. Prof. 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 *Contemporary 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 *Modern and Contemporary history (Balkan history)*

Professional domain: 2.2. *History and archaeology*

Scientific specialty: *History*

Faculty of Law and History

Department: *History*

Annotation:

The programs in Modern and Contemporary history (Balkan history) following the requirements of the disciplinary field, unfold in two main thematic and chronological registries, namely the substance of Ottoman domination of the peninsula and the processes of political emancipation of Balkan peoples (from the Ottoman Empire and its religious and social spaces). At the same time, the freedom to choose the different problematic core of this program (such as the power and everyday life, articulated as the interaction between the individual and society, classes and elites, as well as the modernization projects and their practices of emancipation of political minorities within the nation states) through different theoretical perspectives (of historical reflexivity and microhistory paradigm) creates the conditions for the development of another sensibility of PhD student, that is a sensibility to the other historical evidences, documents and archives. Because in their optics, among other things, could be challenged the set of coherent images sustained by the individual and collective identity narratives (concerned with Ottoman domination and Balkan modernity), both affected by the figures of "retarded, crippled Europeanization", "long overdue modernization", "pre-exposed patriarchal", "contradictions of Ottoman heritage".

Competencies of doctoral students:

Along with the formation of the required analytical capacity (when student comes to deal with empirical and theoretical research), this education degree seeks for another scientific economy, that is a longing for knowledge and concern with both the authenticity (of experience), and the (historical) truth, in order to build a new academic *habitus* of PhD graduates – scientific curiosity, courage for critical research, and historiographical passion.

Training Plan for doctoral studies (of PhD students):

A) OBLIGATORY DISCIPLINES:

- 1) *Modern Balkan history, the 1453 -1878*
 - current assessment and examination
 - Assoc. Prof. Snezhana Dimitrova, PhD
- 2) *Contemporary history of the Balkans, 1878 – 2008*
 - current assessment and examination

- Assoc. Prof. Snezhana Dimitrova, PhD

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

- examination

- Assoc. Prof. Kostadin Paev, PhD

B) SELECTABLE DISCIPLINES:

These disciplines are carefully chosen after the subject-matter of dissertation is formulated. They are included in the individual study plan and approved by the relevant academic institutions. The PhD student selects two training disciplines.

- examination, responsible lecturer.

C) OPTIONAL DISCIPLINES:

The PhD student can study as the optional every academic discipline that is relevant to doctoral programs of SWU "Neofit Rilski", of other national universities, and BAS. The discipline must not exceed 30 teaching hours.

Graduation:

- Results of examinations – 1st and 2nd semester;

- Submission of doctoral dissertation and dissertation defense – 6th semester.