

# **SPECIALTY PHILOSOPHY**

## **DOCTORAL PROGRAMME: HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**

Educational and qualification degree: DOCTOR /Ph.D./

Professional qualification: RESEARCHER, Ph.D. in History of Philosophy

Study period: 3/4 years

Study mode: full-time, part-time, free

### **QUALIFICATION CHARACTERISTIC**

#### **1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

The development of world processes in a social plan and the dynamic changes that take place in all areas of life place the need for specialists with a broad worldview, possessing the necessary knowledge and skills to understand and analyze social processes in their multifaceted nature, both in their course and in their consequences; there is a need for experts able to predict social trends, operationalize them and show their application in life situations and environments. The doctoral program in “Social Philosophy” aims to respond to this public need for highly-qualified personnel, preparing specialists whose task is to develop and improve the scientific, cultural, educational system, to follow high standards of professionalism and creativity in their work and a committed attitude to reality.

The educational documentation of the “Philosophy” specialty is in accordance with the principles of modern university education, is oriented towards the effective application of social knowledge, and is focused on the values of stability and success in social and personal terms.

In the training of doctoral students, the Department of “Philosophical and Political Sciences” strives to create an opportunity for:

- application of modern training methods;
- acquiring skills for research work;
- full scientific communication with doctoral students;
- formation of teamwork skills;
- adherence to values in science;
- development of projects and participation in various theoretical forums;
- inclusion in the work and research in the department and the professional community.

#### **2. DOCTORAL PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The training of doctoral students in the specialty “Social Philosophy” aims to prepare specialists with the necessary qualifications to carry out research, analytical, exploratory, expert, and administrative and other specialized work related to the social structure and the activities in it.

#### **3. GENERAL QUALIFICATION AND SPECIALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM**

In the preparation of doctoral students in “Social Philosophy”, the emphasis is placed on critical and in-depth thinking, the skill of comparative analyses in the context of diverse, contradictory and even mutually exclusive views with the acquisition of skills to use knowledge to carry out professional analyses, make comparisons, giving expert assessments and recommendations when making important decisions regarding processes in society and in various institutions. Special attention is paid to the formation of doctoral students as scientists with a high linguistic and communication culture. This is necessary in view of the specifics of the region in which the SWU “Neofit Rilski” is located, as well as from the point of view of the processes of globalization and deepening of the integration of Bulgaria as a member of the European Union.

## **4. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES ACQUIRED ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK**

### **4.1 Knowledge (theoretical and/or factual)**

- The obtained doctoral degree in “Social Philosophy” possesses sufficient and in-depth theoretical knowledge in key areas of philosophy;
- Has the necessary theoretical knowledge in the field of: modern philosophy, social philosophy, the leading philosophical trends and schools from Modernity to today, the nature and specificity of philosophical, and in particular socio-philosophical knowledge;
- Knows the conceptual apparatus and knows the possibilities of different interpretative methods;
- Has knowledge of methodological approaches to analysis.

### **4.2. Skills (cognitive and/or practical)**

- She/He applies the acquired knowledge thoroughly and comprehensively in her/his professional activity;
- Synthesizes and evaluates necessary information from various sources;
- Plans, prepares and conducts discussions on specific topics;
- Engages in the analysis and interpretation of empirical data and the critical evaluation of differing views;
- Able to analyze public opinion, attitudes and behavior of social groups and individuals;
- Can work with different communities, contact representatives of institutions at different levels.

### **4.3. Individuality and responsibility**

- She/He is able to prepare theoretical studies on specific issues and topics with specific conclusions and recommendations;
- She/He is able to lead discussions, facilitate the expression of opinions and the formulation of positions, enliven through constructive and encouraging criticism debates tending to extremes or deadlocked;
- Orients himself and reacts promptly in problematic social situations;
- She/He is able to competently analyze them, offer forecasts and formulate solutions;
- She/He has an expert position on trends in Bulgarian public life and global realities;
- Provides complex assessments and recommendations when making important decisions for the development of society and social processes in an international, national and regional context.

### **4.4. Competence to learn**

- Is able to apply his knowledge and skills to solve specific tasks in a national, regional and international environment;
- Has an attitude of continuous lifelong learning;
- Possesses mobility and is able to accumulate skills in new and non-standard situations;
- There is competitiveness in the labor market in the country and abroad;
- Knows foreign languages, exchanges information.

### **4.5. Communicative and social competences**

- Can take responsibility in her/his professional activity and show independent thinking;
- Possesses social and communicative competences - knows how to work in a team;
- Formulates problems and proposes solutions;
- Expresses his views comprehensibly, shows understanding and solidarity towards other participants in the process.

### **4.6. Professional competences**

- Together with colleagues from other humanitarian fields, she/he models and participates in holding adequate forums in order to discuss specific topics and problems;
- Develops theoretical models, methodologies and tools for researching emerging or traditional problems at different levels in social life or the functioning of institutions;
- Is able to be part of a team in the organization and implementation of studies on various topics related to social reality;
- Analyzes and interprets data obtained from research, being able to provoke critical discussions of possible social consequences;
- Gives expert assessments of the state of various processes, phenomena, communities and institutions.

## 5. FIELDS OF PROFESSIONAL REALIZATION

The educational and qualification degree “Doctor” in Social Philosophy gives the opportunity to:

- successful implementation in prestigious areas of public life such as science, education, communications, social management, business, public administration, marketing;
- realization both in state and private institutions and organizations, and in the non-governmental sector.

## STRUCTURE OF THE CURRICULUM

№	NAME OF THE WORK	Mode of studies and implementation			Mode of admission
		CREDITS	HORARY	lectures, seminars, classes, individual work, consultations, other work	exam, ongoing assessment, discussion, certificate, report, minutes, attestation, other
<b>I. EDUCATIONAL WORK</b>					
1.	Social philosophy	5.0	150	30 lec. / 15 sem. (45 a. w./105 i. w.)	Exam
2.	Subject according the student’s education	4.0	120	30 lec. / 15 sem. (45 a.w./75 i. w.)	Exam
3.	Project preparation and management	3.0	90	30 lec. / 60 i. w.	Exam
4.	English language	4.0	120	30 lec. / 15 sem. (45 a. w./75 i. w.)	Exam
5.	Optional subject from first group	3.0	90	15 lec. / 15 sem. (30 a. w./60 i. w.)	Exam
6.	Optional subject from second group	3.0	90	15 lec. / 15 sem. (30 a. w./60 i. w.)	Exam
<b>TOTAL :</b>		<b>22.0</b>	<b>660</b>		
<b>II. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WORK</b>					
1.	Project for dissertation	10.0	300	Consultations, individual work	Discussion

2.	Literature research and referencing	10.0	300	Individual work	Discussion
3.	Presentation of research methodology	10.0	300	Consultations, individual work	Discussion
4.	Publications (in journals/collections abstracted and indexed in global databases, or in non-indexed editions with scientific review)	22.0	660	Individual work, consultations	Publication
5.	Participation in scientific forums (conferences, round tables, seminars, workshops, webinars)	15.0	450	Participation	Certificate/Program
6.	Participation in scientific research projects	21.0	630	Participation	Certificate
7.	Writing the dissertation	30.0	900	Consultations, individual work	Discussion
	<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>118.0</b>	<b>3540</b>		
<b>III. PEDAGOGICAL WORK</b>					
1.	Consultations of students	5.0	150	Consultations	Report
2.	Reviews of written assignments	5.0	150	Individual work	Report
3.	Reviews of students thesis's work	5.0	150	Individual work	Minutes
4.	Participation in seminars and assisting the work of the assistant	5.0	150	Individual work	Discussion
	<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>600</b>		
<b>IV. OTHER WORK</b>					
1.	Participation in Department meetings	5.0	150	Participation	Minutes
2.	Participation in working groups and committees for the preparation of documentation that supports educational and administrative work (including for audit, accreditation, post-accreditation control, etc.)	10.0	300	Participation	Minutes
3.	Participation in organizing committees for conducting conferences, round tables and other scientific forums	5.0	150	Participation	Certificate
	<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>600</b>		
	<b>TOTAL (for the whole study period):</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>5400</b>		
<b>OPTIONAL SUBJECTS</b>					
<b>Optional subject from first group</b>					
1.	Subject aligned with the topic of the dissertation	3.0	90	15 lec. / 15 sem. (30 a. w./60 i. w.)	Exam
2.	Subject aligned with the topic of the dissertation	3.0	90	15 lec. / 15 sem. (30 a. w./60 i. w.)	Exam
<b>Optional subject from second group</b>					
1.	Subject aligned with the topic of the dissertation	3.0	90	15 lec. / 15 sem. (30 a. w./60 i. w.)	Exam
2.	Subject aligned with the topic of the dissertation	3.0	90	15 lec. / 15 sem. (30 a. w./60 i. w.)	Exam

**ANNOTATION OF COURSES**  
**COMPULSORY SUBJECTS/COURSES**

**SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY**

**ECTS credits:** 5

**Assessment:** exam

**Semester:** I and II

**Methodical guide:**

**Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences**

Faculty of Philosophy

**Lecturer:** Assoc. Prof. Gergana Popova, Ph.D., Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

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**Hours:** 30 l+15s

**Type of exam:** written

**Annotation:**

The main goal of the “Social Philosophy” course is to acquaint doctoral students (specialists) with the main ideas and directions in the field of social philosophy.

**Course content:**

The course aims for students to gain in-depth knowledge of the following topics: Power. Philosophy of Power; Modernization: causes and consequences; Social justice; Freedom. Conditions of freedom. Freedom and manipulation; Globalization. Globalization – objective process or ideology?; Socio-philosophical ideas in the work of Sigmund Freud; The socio-philosophical ideas of Jose Ortega-y-Gasset; Social-philosophical ideas in the work of Erich Fromm; The socio-philosophical ideas of Hannah Arendt; Man, technology, society.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The program envisages preparation of the doctoral student on all the mentioned topics within 30 hours of lectures and 15 hours of seminars. 105 hours are planned for the development of an independent written work – a thesis on a topic chosen by the doctoral student. The hours are distributed as follows: 30 hours for the study of literary sources and 75 hours for the development of the thesis.

**SUBJECT ACORDING THE STUDENT’S EDUCATION**

**ECTS credits:** 4

**Assessment:** exam

**Semester:** I and II

**Methodical guide:**

**Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences**

Faculty of Philosophy

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**Hours:** 30 l+15s

**Type of exam:** written

**Annotation:**

The discipline is formed on the relevant theoretical field, established by the choice of the doctoral thesis of the respective doctoral student and derives basic philosophical concepts, concepts, methodology, specific to this field. This discipline demonstrates and generates its own

field of doctoral thesis, placing it demonstrably and coherently on the broad context of social philosophy.

**Course content:**

The genesis of concepts, methods, theoretical constructions in the selected thematic field is explained and demonstrated. The relevance and connection of the doctoral thesis and thematic area with contemporary philosophy and with the most pressing problems and solutions in philosophy today is developed.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Independent preparation of the doctoral student according to the synopsis of the discipline and with consultations with the supervisor. The exam is written on a randomly selected topic from the syllabus. Evaluation criteria: detailed knowledge, comprehensiveness and synopsis of the topic, current connection with the dissertation topic.

### **PROJECT PREPARATION AND MENAGEMENT**

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Hours:** 30 lectures

**Assessment:** exam

**Type of exam:** written

**Semester:** I and II

**Methodical guide:**

**Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences**

Faculty of Philosophy

**Lecturer:** Assoc. Prof. Ivan Todorov, Ph.D., Department of Finance and Accountancy

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**Annotation:**

The course presents the main parameters and methodology of the planning and development of a project and implementation of a project activity, so fundamental as practice and reality of modern science. The course also has an immediate practical focus – the creation of an own project by the doctoral student and conformity to a high degree with the parameters and requirements for the preparation of a project.

**Course content:**

The specifics of the project activity and the application with a prepared project are presented. Doctoral students become familiar with the technology of creating a project and with the management of its implementation and expected results.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The doctoral student develops an independent project, fully compliant with the requirements learned during the course.

### **ENGLISCH LANGUAGE**

**ECTS credits:** 4

**Hours:** 30 l+15s

**Assessment:** exam

**Type of exam:** written

**Semester:** I and II

**Methodical guide:**

**Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences**

Faculty of Philosophy

**Lecturers:** Assoc. Prof. Maria Anastasova, Ph.D., Department of German studies and Romance studies,

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**Annotation:**

The English language course is of exceptional practical use for doctoral students, as English is the most widely used scientific language. With its completion, PhD students will be able to participate in international forums and produce publications with international recognition.

**Course content:**

The level of the doctoral student is estimated and her/his use of the language at a higher level is deepened and certified. The specifics of producing and translating a scientific text into English and other specific scientific activities and practices are considered.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The examination procedures necessary to demonstrate the language preparation of the doctoral student at the relevant level are taken.

## OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

### FIRST OPTIONAL SUBJECT

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Semester:** III and IV

**Methodical guide:**

**Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences**

Faculty of Philosophy

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**Hours:** 15 l+15s

**Type of exam:** written

**Annotation:**

The optional subject is specifically aimed at the doctoral student's chosen area of social philosophy and is subordinate to his doctoral thesis. Key moments of the development of the doctoral thesis are explained and detailed and they are developed in the context of the philosophical theory of the field and the wider context of social philosophy.

**Course content:**

The first optional discipline problematizes the development of the relevant socio-philosophical theory and problematics in the course of the development of the later history of philosophy.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Independent preparation of the doctoral student according to the synopsis of the discipline and with consultations with the supervisor. The exam is written on a randomly selected topic from the syllabus. Evaluation criteria: detailed knowledge, comprehensiveness and synopsis of the topic, current connection with the dissertation topic.

### SECOND OPTIONAL SUBJECT

**ECTS credits:** 3

**Assessment:** exam

**Semester:** III and IV

**Hours:** 15 l+15s

**Type of exam:** written

**Methodical guide:****Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences**

Faculty of Philosophy

**Lecturers: Assoc. Prof. Gergana Popova, Ph.D.**, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences,**Assoc. Prof. Antoaneta Nikolova-Georgieva, Ph.D.**, Department of Philosophical and Political SciencesE-mail: [gerp@swu.bg](mailto:gerp@swu.bg), [anikolova@swu.bg](mailto:anikolova@swu.bg)**Annotation:**

The optional subject is specifically aimed at the doctoral student's chosen field in contemporary philosophy and is subordinate to his doctoral thesis. Key moments of the development of the doctoral thesis are explained and detailed and they are developed in the context of the philosophical theory of the field and the wider context of social philosophy.

**Course content:**

The second optional subject problematizes the development of the relevant contemporary philosophical theory in relation to other theories of social philosophy. The essential innovative and practically oriented moments and solutions in the selected thematic area are demonstrated.

**Teaching and assessment:**

Independent preparation of the doctoral student according to the synopsis of the discipline and with consultations with the supervisor. The exam is written on a randomly selected topic from the syllabus. Evaluation criteria: detailed knowledge, comprehensiveness and synopsis of the topic, current connection with the dissertation topic.