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## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1.1. The Name of the Programme**

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Social Sciences „Global Studies“

### **1.2. The Type of the Programme**

Academic programme

### **1.3. The level of the programme**

Third Cycle Study Program

### **1.4. Aim of the Programme**

Global studies is an emerging interdisciplinary area, dedicated to the understanding of the global movements as multidimensional processes with significant social, cultural, political, ecological and economic consequences. This area demands an interdisciplinary, historic approach to current social issues. Additionally, it emphasizes the need to simultaneously understand the issues in their local, national, regional and global (international and transnational) context. The interdisciplinary doctoral programme Global studies offers a unique interdisciplinary programme for the students who wish to study the global questions, such as conflicts, immigration, human rights, ecological sustainability, political economy, culture and development, from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The main goal of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme Global studies is to broaden the students' knowledge in the area of interdisciplinary research in social sciences, develop the students' independent research abilities as well as the creation of future researchers capable of leading interdisciplinary research projects in social sciences. Furthermore, the goal of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme is to encourage the students' critical thinking and ensure the preconditions for successful and responsible scientific work in accordance with the highest scientific, methodological and ethic standards. The programme will capacite the students for their further academic career in governmental or non-governmental sector.

### **1.5. The Proponent of the Programme**

University of Sarajevo, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.

### **1.6. Scientific/Artistic Areas the Study Programme Belongs to**

The doctoral program "Global Studies" according to Frascati Manual belongs to the classification no. 509, Other social sciences - Social sciences - interdisciplinary.

### **1.7. Organization and Duration of the Programme**

Pursuant to the Rules for the Third Cycle of Studies at the University of Sarajevo, Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Social Sciences „Global Studies“ is organized in 6 semesters, or 3 years.

### **1.8. Tuition fee of the Programme**

Tuition fee for the Doctoral program is 18.000 KM, or 6.000 KM per academic year. Tuition can be paid in the instalments for each semester.

### **1.9. Minimum Number of ECTS Credits Required to Complete the Programme**

In accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, the programme is valued with 180 ECTS credits per programme, or 30 ECTS credits per semester.

### **1.10. Language of Instruction**

The language of instruction is Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian and English.

### **1.11. Selection Process for the Enrolment**

Pursuant to the Article 22 of the Rules for the Third Cycle of Studies at the University of Sarajevo, the candidates who have acquired a second-cycle or integrated studies degree, the title of the academic specialist and the master of science/arts in the pre-Bologna system (minimum 300 ECTS). There are no limitations in terms of the scientific/artistic area the candidates have previously specialized, due to the interdisciplinary nature of the doctoral programme Global studies.

The criteria for the selection of the candidates are the following: academic quality (grade point average during the first and second cycle of the studies), active knowledge of the English language and communicativeness. The candidates will be

selected by the Programme Council, based on the applications with the required documents (university degree and transcript, the document which confirms active knowledge of English, recommendation letters and a motivation letter). There is a possibility of an interview with the candidates from the shortlist. The preliminary ranking will be made based on the results from the second cycle studies, the integrated studies, specialist or graduate studies, the relevant publications in double-blind-review international journals and based on the interview with the candidates. Additionally, we will make sure that the candidates are balanced out, with regards to their degrees from different fields of study.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Article 22 of the Rules for the Third Cycle of Studies at the University of Sarajevo, for the candidates who have obtained the title of the master of science/arts in the pre-Bologna system or the title of the academic specialist i.e. those who are enrolling in the doctoral programme with 360 ECTS, 60 ECTS credits will be recognized, through recognition of two elective courses and/or work on a part of the research proposal or the draft of the PhD thesis. These candidates, pursuant to this article, will pay two-thirds of the total tuition fee.

### **1.12. Qualification upon Completion of the Programme**

After passing all the exams listed in the Curricula and defending the Specialist Thesis; after acquiring the full, required number of ECTS credits and after finishing the studies, the student gets the academic title of Doctor of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences.

### **1.13. The Analysis of Employment Possibilities after Graduation**

Before elaborating on the employment possibilities for the doctors of global studies, we will briefly list the target groups which have been identified as interested in this study programme:

1. The primary target group for the program is students, particularly the students who have graduated from a second cycle interdisciplinary programme implemented by the CIS in the last few years. They have a need for additional education, through third cycle interdisciplinary programmes.
2. The secondary target group is the early- and mid-career employees of international governmental and non-governmental agencies, embassies, public and private sectors, who occupy positions which require a high level of analytical skills and a wide range of knowledge in different social topics. The aforementioned organizations have a strong need for additional qualification of their staff, in the fields they work in and which are not, most often, the areas for which the employees possess adequate education. There are also the employees in the real sector, the professionals occupying middle management positions who require additional expertise and skills in the areas they work in. Additionally, the employed professionals are tired of the conventional education system and they seek for challenges in the interdisciplinary approach and new topics.

The rule of the law, respect for human rights and democracy, economic growth and development, sustainability, and respect for cultures and diversities are the basic postulates upon which every modern state is founded. The process of Bosnia and Herzegovina's joining the European Union brings all-encompassing changes and reform, thus requiring an interdisciplinary approach, since that is the only way to shape and enable the acquisition of the EU's laws in Bosnia and Herzegovina: by respecting diversities and following the contemporary trends. Without doubt, this process requires the constant support from the researchers, so that the results of their research can be incorporated in the transitional and developmental processes. The experts who understand the interdisciplinary method of the scientific work directed at required integrations and syntheses between scientific disciplines, as well as the mutual approach to the scientific and other funds which support scientific development are necessary for the creators of public policies and the future of Bosnian integrations. To that end, the doctors of this study programme will become an inevitable resource in terms of human potential in the field of the policies of research and analyses, interdisciplinary research methods which is an essential requirement for the preparation of public policies and the source of new ideas in the function of corrective work. The experts capable of answering these challenges and the broader themes are exactly those who we see as graduates of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme Global studies.

The labour market in government and non-government sectors, international organizations and the diplomatic-consular representation office will be enriched with the experts with excellent knowledge in the current social issues, with great insight and analytical skills acquired at the doctoral program, and the adjustability to different social contexts. At the moment of writing of this Feasibility study, according to the official data of the Employment agency, the agency Posao.ba and numerous other websites, the experts who would match the criteria upon completion of the studies are demanded.

### **1.14. Grading scale**

Each course has a course leader and the teaching process also includes guest lecturers from the University of Sarajevo or partner universities in Europe. A part of the classes will be used for the professor's (course leader's) lecture on certain

issues, as well as lectures given by the guest local and international experts. Additionally, it is expected that the students participate actively in the discussions about certain current issues. The exams will be organized after the lectures of each module. The module leader is in charge of organizing the exam and grading the students' work. The students are required to attend all components of the programme.

Teaching methodology includes the analysis of scientific articles, discussion, workshops, presentations and it is entirely interactive. Each of the activities will be graded appropriately during the semester and the work on the PhD research proposal will be coordinated by the supervisor. In accordance with the Rules of the University of Sarajevo, the PhD thesis is written with regular consultation with the supervisor and it is defended publicly, *viva voce*. The thesis is evaluated by a Committee, appointed by the Programme Council. The supervisor is a member of the Committee for the defence of the PhD thesis.

In the implementation of the programme, the Bologna standards are applied: (student, instructor, and researcher) mobility, ECTS, partnership between universities (inclusion of foreign lecturers in teaching, curricula development etc.), and the European dimension of the higher education.

### **1.15. Quality assurance**

Quality assurance and internal control of the higher education institutions' work and implementation of the study programmes are regulated by the Law of Higher Education of the Sarajevo Canton, the University of Sarajevo's Statutes and other relevant legal documents of the University, which implements the study programme. More on quality control in the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies can be found in Annex 1.

In accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area, which provide the basis for the University's adoption of processes for quality improvement and management, the Center is required to create a plan for the procedure of quality assurance of the study programme. The quality and success of the doctoral/master programme assessed throughout the duration of the study programme and it is under the jurisdiction of the Center's Council and the Doctoral/Master Study Programme's Council. The teaching is continually evaluated in accordance with the procedure implemented on all three cycles.

In the course of realization of the master programme, the following tools for quality assurance and improvement are planned:

- Evaluation of the contents and the means of implementation of the programme
- Student evaluation of teaching;
- Teacher evaluation of the syllabi and the curriculum
- Consideration of the success and the critical elements after the graduation of the first generation of students;
- Analysis of the successful completion of studies;

The aim of the student evaluation of the teaching process and instructors is to provide an insight into the quality of teaching and the work of each individual instructor and determine the means for improvement of the teaching process based on the student evaluations. The evaluation of the academic staff's work will be conducted once per semester in accordance with the Law, the Statutes of the University and the Rules.

Informing the public about the study programme is realized through:

- Information package about the study programme (the curriculum, learning outcomes etc);
- Public examination process;
- Public defences (theses, seminar papers, final thesis project, and final thesis draft);
- Public *viva voce* defence of the PhD thesis.

## **2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **2.1. Learning Outcomes at the Study-Programme Level**

The basic aim of the study programme is to prepare the doctoral candidates for independent leading of research projects and further scientific and academic growth in the field of global studies. Furthermore, it is expected that, after being awarded

the title, the doctoral candidates will be able to continue their scientific specialization in the country and abroad through postdoctoral scholarships (programmes financed by the EU, Fulbright, JFP, DAD scholarship etc.)

The individual learning outcomes are presented here:

**Knowledge:** Understanding the theory of globalization through the issues of geopolitics, economy and law, or just. Understanding and interpreting the theoretical concepts in the broader area of social sciences.

**Skills:** Recognizing the social changes and the critical analysis and interpretation of the contemporary international relations, problems and challenges. Independent using of scientific research methodologies and the development of analytical skills in global trend assessment.

**Competencies:** Gaining perspective on global challenges and their influences on an individual's life, environment, economic changes, justice, institutions, technology and other spheres of the modern world. Planning and anticipating the global movements on the level of state and organization. The ability to formulate, implement and present quantitative and qualitative research.

## 2.2. The List of Obligatory and Elective Courses

The tables contain the list of courses with ECTS credits and number of hour.

Table 1: "List of obligatory and elective courses"

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Status	Course Leader(s)
First	Geopolitics and Global Order	60	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Nerzuk Ćurak
First	Economy and Globalization	50	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Adnan Efendić
First	Global Justice	50	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Midhat Izmirlija Prof. dr. Asim Mujkić
	<b>Total in First Semester</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>30</b>		
Second	Research Methods in Social Sciences	50	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Maja Arslanagić-Kalajdžić Prof. dr. Dženana Husremović
Second	Elective course from the list below	50	10	Elective	
Second	Elective course from the list below	50	10	Elective	
	<b>Total in Second Semester</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>30</b>		
Third	Writing of the PhD Research Proposal		15	Work on PhD Thesis	
Third	PhD Research Proposal Application		15	Work on PhD Thesis	
	<b>Total in Third Semester</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>30</b>		
Fourth	Writing of the PhD Thesis		15	Work on PhD Thesis	
Fourth	Defence of the PhD Research Proposal		15		
	<b>Total in Fourth Semester</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>30</b>		
Fifth	Writing of the PhD Thesis Draft	200	30		
Sixth	Writing and Defence of the PhD Thesis	200	30	Work on PhD Thesis	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>180</b>		



Table 2: "The list of elective courses"<sup>1</sup>

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Status	Course Leader(s)
Second	Social Algorithm: Technology, Media, Politics		10	Elective	Prof. dr. Mario Hibert
Second	Global Safety		10	Elective	Prof. dr. Edina Bećirević
Second	Economic Crime, Corruption and Criminal Politics		10	Elective	Prof. dr. Hajrija Sijerčić Čolić
Second	Selected Topic in Research Methods		10	Elective	Prof. dr. Selma Kadić-Maglajlić
Second	Religion in Global Society		10	Elective	Prof. dr. Dino Abazović
Second	Gender and Globalization		10	Elective	Prof. dr. Jasna Bakšić Muftić
Second	Environment in the Concept of Sustainable Development		10	Elective	Prof. dr. Eldin Mehić Prof. dr. Rifat Škrijelj

Table 3: „The List of Workshops“

Semester	Course	Hours	Status	Course Leader(s)
Third	Global Cultures	10	Workshop	Prof. Dr. Ksenija Kondali, UNSA
Fifth	Diversity, Inclusion and the Contemporary Society	10	Workshop	Dr. Nirvana Pištoljević, EDUS
Fifth	Building of Lasting and Attainable Peace	10	Workshop	Mr. Edita Čolo Zahirović, Catholic Relief Services
Third	Critical Perspectives on Global Health and Development	10	Workshop	Prof. dr. Peter Locke, Northwestern University
Fifth	Negotiation	10	Workshop	Prof. dr. Melika Husić-Mehmedović, UNSA

### 2.3. Information about the Programme's Structure and the Requirements for Enrolment in the Next Semester

In accordance with the Rules for the Third Cycle of Studies at the University of Sarajevo, the structure of the doctoral programme Global studies is organized as follows:

- First semester – Three obligatory courses, total 30 ECTS and 160 contact hours
- Second semester – One obligatory course in methodology, two elective courses from the list offered, total 30 ECTS and 150 contact hours
- Third semester – Writing of the PhD research proposal and PhD research proposal application, total 200 hours and 30 ECTS
- Fourth semester – Writing and defence of the PhD research proposal, total 200 hours and 30 ECTS
- Fifth semester – Writing of the PhD thesis draft, total 200 hours and 30 ECTS
- Sixth semester – Writing and defence of the PhD thesis, total 200 hours and 30 ECTS.

The students of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme attend four obligatory courses in total. The obligatory courses are based in three basic fields of social sciences, taking into consideration that each course is also interdisciplinary by its nature. These are the key questions which are analyzed in the global context, with the current issues the modern surroundings bring about. The students start with three basic courses: the first course is based on geopolitics and global order, the second on economy and globalization and the third on the questions of law and justice. Another obligatory course is Research Methods in Social Sciences – a course which the students will need in order to understand scientific research and methodology, as well as different quantitative and qualitative research methods.

<sup>1</sup> Full list of lecturers along with their CVs is available at [www.cis.unsa.ba](http://www.cis.unsa.ba)

Along with the obligatories, the students also choose two elective courses from the list. These courses provide the students with the possibility of specialization, depending on their individual interests. Taking into consideration the particularities of the interdisciplinary study programme and the fact that the candidates come from different backgrounds and interests, it is necessary to give them a more detailed and wider possibility for further specialization. The list of elective courses is created in a way which enables the students to independently engage and critically follow the relevant scientific literature and master the skills of recognizing and analyzing the scientific problems. The list of elective courses contains a wide variety of courses, from the issues of security, to the current issues in gender and gender policies, religion, technology, sustainable development etc., in the context of globalization. Finally, the students who plan to continue their professional engagement in scientific research have an opportunity to attend a course in Selected Topics in Research Methodology, which enables them to become high-level researchers and enrich the University of Sarajevo with good publications from their field.

Finally, the programme is enriched with additional questions and issues present in the global society, represented through short workshops during the summer and winter. The workshops are facultative, but they will certainly enrich the doctoral students' knowledge and open up possibilities for new ideas for research in the doctoral thesis. These interdisciplinary workshops deal with various current issues, from public health, to cultural heritage, to the issues of world peace, a child's inclusion in contemporary events or negotiation skills. The workshops will be open for public; in other words, short seminars will be offered to doctoral students from other faculties or universities in the region or advanced MA students. Members of the public will be awarded a Certificate with 2 ECTS credits after attending a workshop. That will enrich the University's catalogue of short courses, which will finally improve the visibility and recognition of this doctoral programme in society. Certain courses and workshops will be organized in English and given by guest lecturers. Given that the workshops do not have the status of a course and are not obligatory, the list of workshops can be broadened with each new generation.

#### **2.4. The List of Elective Courses Offered at Other Study Programmes and the Requirements for their Selection**

The suggested structure and organization of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme in Global studies is based on the ECTS credit system and therefore it enables student mobility in local and international higher education area. The student mobility is incorporated in the programme thusly:

- a) The doctoral students can choose elective courses (II semester) from any other doctoral programme implemented by the University of Sarajevo, under the condition that attending the course contributes to the work on the PhD research proposal (the doctoral programme's leader's approval is required),
- b) The doctoral students can choose elective courses (II semester) from any other accredited doctoral programme implemented by internationally recognized universities around the world, under the condition that attending the course contributes to the work on the PhD research proposal (the doctoral programme's leader's approval is required),
- c) Contentwise, the interdisciplinary doctoral programme in Global studies represents a variety in its courses offered for the students of other doctoral programmes, implemented by other faculties of the University of Sarajevo.

The suggested structure and organization of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme in Global studies encourages the mobility of professors in local and international higher education area by enabling the inclusion of instructors from different faculties of the University of Sarajevo in the teaching process, as well as the instructors from abroad, who teach courses incorporated in this programme. Additionally, the suggested structure and organization of the interdisciplinary doctoral programme enables cooperation with other similar doctoral programmes. This is primarily connected to the creation of mutual courses and cooperation in research project this programme relies on. It is important to point out that the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies has highly developed cooperation with a network of different partners, so this programme will host guest lecturers from the region (University of Ljubljana, University of Zagreb, University of Novi Sad etc.), as well as instructors from the world universities, e.g. Northwestern University. Taking into consideration everything listed above, governed by the structure and organization of this doctoral programme, there are real possibilities to turn this study programme into a pillar of stronger connections between the University of Sarajevo and the world.

We must not forget that, through education of the doctoral students, who will acquire the scientific title of the doctor of interdisciplinary studies in the area of Global studies, the required preconditions will be fulfilled, for further development of interdisciplinarity in academic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as other public and private institutions, or organizations outside the higher education system which require interdisciplinary approach to certain issues.

Therefore, it is possible to expect that different international organizations, as well as the non-governmental sector working in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will enable many employment opportunities to doctors of Global studies. At the same time, there

are many employment opportunities in numerous public institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as abroad, which deal with integration processes and the processes of broading of the EU.

### **2.5. Completion of the Programme**

In accordance with the Rules of the University of Sarajevo, the PhD thesis is written with regular consulatation with the supervisor and it is defended publicly, *viva voce*. The thesis is evaluated by a Committee, appointed by the Programme Council. The supervisor is a member of the Committee for the defence of the PhD thesis.