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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 capacitate the students for their further academic career in governmental or non-governmental sector.

The interdisciplinary doctoral program of Global Studies exists within the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies - Prof. Dr. Zdravko Grebo (hereinafter CIS) since 2019. Since then, two generations of students have been enrolled, given the decision of the Doctoral Program Council to announce the competition every other year. In these two generations, top candidates from various fields of social sciences were enrolled, which is in line with the main goal of the program, which is to expand students' knowledge in the field of interdisciplinary research in social sciences, develop students' independent research abilities and create future researchers capable of leading interdisciplinary research projects in social sciences. Furthermore, the goal of the interdisciplinary doctoral program is to encourage critical thinking among students and to ensure the prerequisites for successful and responsible scientific work in accordance with the highest scientific, methodological and ethical standards. In order to achieve these goals, and in accordance with the Elaborate of Studies, international lecturers and experts are included in each semester and in each subject, specifically with the aim of connecting university professors in the diaspora, originating from Bosnia and Herzegovina. We remain faithful to the basic principles on which this program is based, which is that upon completion of the studies, candidates obtain the degree of Doctor of Science, which indicates the following competencies:

- superior knowledge of at least two areas within social sciences;
- the ability to do original scientific research;
- excellent knowledge of the literature and unsolved problems in the field of the dissertation,
- the ability to design and implement a scientific research project;
- publishing research results and presenting those results to other scientists;
- criticality, first of all, towards one's own research, but also the work of others.

1.5. The Proponent of the Programme

University of Sarajevo, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies – Prof. dr. Zdravko Grebo.

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 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 elective course 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 and 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 preparatio 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 responsible teacher, and visiting professors from UNSA or from recognized world universities, experts and highly published authors in their field also participate in teaching. Part of the lessons will be used for problem presentations by the professor who is the leader of the module, as well as visiting foreign and domestic experts. In addition, students are expected to actively participate in discussions about certain current problems. The exam is taken after the lectures from each individual module. The module leader is in charge of conducting exams and evaluating other activities during lectures. Attendance at all components of the program is mandatory.

The teaching methodology includes the analysis of scientific articles, discussions, workshops, presentations, and is fully interactive. Each of these activities will be appropriately evaluated during the semester, and the work on the doctoral dissertation topic proposal will be coordinated by the mentor. In accordance with UNSA Rules, the doctoral thesis is done with regular consultations with the mentor and is publicly defended. It is evaluated by a commission appointed by the Study Council. The mentor is a member of the Committee for the Evaluation and Defense of the Doctoral Dissertation.

Bologna standards are applied in the implementation of studies: mobility (of students, lecturers, researchers), ECTS, university partnership (participation of foreign lecturers in the implementation of courses, work on curriculum development), and the European dimension of 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 done 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, DAAD 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 live, 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	Professor
First	Research Methodology	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Selma Kadić-Maglajić Prof. dr. Melika Husić-Mehmedović
First	Global Order and Contemporary Social Theories	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Damir Kapidžić Prof. dr. Dino Abazović
First	Global Justice	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Midhat Izmirlija Prof. dr. Asim Mujkić
	Total first semester	105	30		
Second	Research Methods in Social Sciences	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Maja Arslanagić-Kalajdžić Prof. dr. Dženana Husremović
Second	Economy and Globalization	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Adnan Efendić
Second	Elective from the list	35	10	Elective	
	Total second semester	105	30		
Third	Writing of the PhD Research Proposal		15	Work on PhD Thesis	
Third	PhD Research Proposal Application		15	Work on PhD Thesis	
	Total in Third Semester	200	30		
Fourth	Writing of the PhD Thesis		15	Work on PhD Thesis	
Fourth	Defence of the PhD Research Proposal		15		
	Total in Fourth Semester	200	30		
Fifth	Izrada radne verzije doktorske disertacije	200	30		
Sixth	Writing and Defence of the PhD Thesis	200	30	Work on PhD Thesis	
	TOTAL		180		

Table 2: "The list of elective courses"¹

Semester	Course	Hours	ECTS	Status	Course Leader(s)
Second	Social Algorithm: Technology, Media, Politics	35	10	Elective	Prof. dr. Mario Hibert
Second	Religion in Global Society	35	10	Elective	Prof. dr. Dino Abazović
Second	Gender and Globalization	35	10	Elective	Prof. dr. Jasna Bakšić Muftić
Second	Global Cultures	35	10	Elective	Prof. dr. Ksenija Kondali
Second	Geopolitika*	35	10	Elective	Prof. dr. Nerzuk Ćurak

*The course Geopolitika will be delivered in Bosnian language.

Table 3: „The List of Workshops“

Semester	Course	Hours	Status	Course Leader(s)
	Communication and Presentation Skills	3	Workshop	Prof. dr. Melika Husić-Mehmedović
	Academic Writing	3	Workshop	Prof. dr. Selma Kadić-Maglajlić
	Research Ethics	3	Workshop	Prof. dr. Hariz Halilovich
	Thematic Workshops	3	Workshop	Prof. dr. Midhat Izmirlija

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

In accordance with the Study Rules for the third cycle of studies at the University of Sarajevo, the structure of the Global Studies doctoral program is as follows:

- First semester – Three compulsory courses, a total of 30 ECTS and 105 hours of contact classes
- Second semester – Two compulsory courses and one optional course from the offered list, a total of 30 ECTS and 105 hours of contact classes
- Third semester – Preparation and application of the doctoral dissertation project, a total of 200 hours and 30 ECTS
- Fourth semester – Preparation and defense of the doctoral dissertation project, a total of 200 hours and 30 ECTS
- Fifth semester – Creation of the working version of the doctoral dissertation, a total of 200 hours and 30 ECTS
- Sixth semester - Creation and defense of the final version of the doctoral dissertation, a total of 200 hours and 30 ECTS.

Participants of the interdisciplinary doctoral program listen to and take a total of five compulsory courses, which are based in three basic areas of social sciences and the methodology of scientific research work, taking into account that each course is interdisciplinary in its nature. These are key questions that are studied in a global context, with the current problems that the modern environment brings with it. Participants start with the methodology of scientific research work, and continue with two subjects: the first is based on the global order, the second on issues of law and justice. Research methods in the social sciences is also a compulsory subject, which will be necessary for candidates to understand scientific research and NIR methodology in terms of different quantitative and qualitative research methods, and as a prerequisite for understanding the last compulsory subject based on economics in globalization.

In addition to the compulsory courses, participants also choose one elective course from the offered list, which offers students a narrower specialization, depending on their individual interests. Due to the specificity of interdisciplinary study, and candidates come with different prior knowledge and interests, it is necessary to offer them a wider possibility for further guidance. The list of optional subjects was created in such a way as to enable the participants to follow the relevant scientific literature independently, with understanding and critically, and to master the skills of recognizing and studying scientific problems. The list of optional subjects includes subjects that deal with various issues, such as gender and gender politics,

¹ Full list of lecturers along with their CVs is available at www.cis.unsa.ba

culture, religion, technology, and geopolitics. In order for students to have an individualized approach in choosing an elective course on which their dissertation will likely focus, consultative classes on elective courses are held for less than 5 students, in a third of the planned number of hours (10 hours).

After each year, the participants are obliged to present their progress at the PhD days, which are usually organized in June. Finally, the program is enriched with additional workshops that aim to further enrich the candidate's scientific and research skills and open the possibility for new ideas for research in the doctoral dissertation.

The workshops will offer students the opportunity to create content themselves, depending on their needs, and the teacher's role is to be a facilitator. These workshops will be open to the public, i.e. in the form of short seminars, they will be offered to doctoral students from other organizational units or universities in the region, or to advanced master's students. This will lead to the visibility and recognition of this doctoral program in society. Considering that the workshops do not have the status of a subject, it is possible to enrich their offer 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. Copenhagen Business School, Melbourne University, Boston 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 broadening 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 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.