



Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Social Sciences: **Global Studies**



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3-year program
(180 ECTS credits)



**Taught
in English**



Obtained degree:
**Doctor of
Interdisciplinary
Social Sciences**



**Tuition fee is 18,000
KM, or 6,000 KM per
academic year.**

Tuition can be paid in
the instalments for each
semester.



Why a PhD in **Global Studies?**

Global studies are an emerging interdisciplinary area, dedicated to the understanding of the global movements and phenomena that have significant social, cultural, political, ecological and economic consequences. Understanding these phenomena and the current social issues demands an interdisciplinary approach that simultaneously tackles issues in their local, national, regional and global (international and transnational) context.

The “Global Studies” interdisciplinary Doctoral Program offers a unique curriculum for candidates interested in global phenomena such as conflicts, immigration, human rights, gender, religion, political economy, culture and development, from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The main aim of the Global Studies Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program is to broaden the students’ knowledge in the area of interdisciplinary research in social sciences, develop the students’ research abilities, as well as create future researchers capable of leading interdisciplinary research projects in social sciences. Furthermore, this doctoral program encourages the students’ critical thinking and ensures the preconditions for successful and responsible research in accordance with the highest scientific, methodological and ethical standards. The program will equip the students for their further research career in academia, government, or the NGO sector.



The „Global Studies“ PhD program provides the experience of intellectual growth and development necessary for accomplished individuals seeking new intellectual challenges after years in a professional environment. The Global Studies program creates novel and challenging interdisciplinary research ideas that provide PhD students with a global perspective of current and complex times.


The PhD program draws on sound methodology in social science and promotes research to consciously shape interdisciplinary social phenomena. Doctoral candidates in Global Studies have a variety of prior experiences and areas of interest. They come from all over the world and their research focus ranges from politics to social development, from project management to cultural and anthropological research ideas.

Program Co-Directors

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Well-known, published and recognized academics and experts gathered to teach this program. While Faculty members come from the University of Sarajevo, each course has guest lecturers from the diaspora, making Global Studies an important connecting point of academics from the diaspora with the University of Sarajevo. Guest lecturers come from the whole region (e.g. Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia), from top European universities (Denmark, Austria), as well as US and Australian universities.



Ismar Volić, PhD

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What are the entry requirements?

In order to be eligible for entry into the program, candidates must hold a master's degree or a minimum of 300 ECTS.

Candidates who previously obtained **360 ECTS** (ie. in a 4-year bachelor and 2-year master program) are not obliged to take elective course. For these candidates, a one-third tuition fee remission applies.

What are the learning outcomes?

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 contemporary international relations, problems and challenges. Independent use 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 global movements on the level of state and organization. The ability to formulate, implement and present quantitative and qualitative research.

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“The Global Studies Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Social Sciences is an innovative, interdisciplinary, research program that offers variety of arguments for an exciting intellectual journey through today's complex world. This well-conceived program connects political sciences, political philosophy, economy, international relations, geopolitics, and religious studies, as well as many other subdisciplines that are in correlation to the aforementioned scientific research areas. The Global Studies Doctoral Program is the right place for students who bring a huge passion for research and desire to acquire knowledge about the world, whose history is so condensed, and geography so shortened that they made the whole world a common address for all of us. In such an environment, the Global Studies Doctoral Program is a powerful methodological and scientific instrument, a frame of reference for all those who wish to explore the deep structure of the international order, so as to reveal on which and of what kind of foundations our world is functioning.”

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Nerzuk Ćurak, PhD

Professor
Faculty of Political Science
University of Sarajevo

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“The increasing complexity and interconnectedness of the world make interdisciplinary academic programs crucial for our understanding of the issues and challenges of today. By emphasizing a global approach, the Global Studies doctoral program attracts students and faculty who believe that the most exciting academic innovation happens at the intersection of fields and that a holistic education provides a true path to progress. It is a pleasure to be affiliated with this program and witness its inquisitive, motivated students conduct world-class research.”

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What is the structure of the Program?

The Global Studies Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Social Sciences operates on a structured semester system, enrolling a new generation of students every two years. After each year, students present their progress at the PhD days, usually held in June.

In **the first semester**, students undertake three compulsory courses, accumulating a total of 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) and engaging in 105 hours of contact classes.

Semester First	Course	Hours	ECTS	Status	Professor
	Research Methodology	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Selma Kadić-Maglajlić
					Prof. dr. Melika Husić-Mehmedović
	Global Order and Contemporary Social Theories	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Damir Kapidžić
					Prof. dr. Dino Abazović
	Global Justice	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Midhat Izmirlija
					Prof. dr. Asim Mujkić
Total first semester		105	30		

Moving on to **the second semester**, students participate in two compulsory courses, with the option to choose one additional course from the provided list. This semester also accounts for a total of 30 ECTS and 105 hours of contact classes.

Semester Second	Course	Hours	ECTS	Status	Professor
	Research Methods in Social Sciences	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Maja Arslanagić-Kalajdžić
					Prof. dr. Dženana Husremović
	Economy and Globalization	35	10	Obligatory	Prof. dr. Adnan Efendić
	Elective course from the list	35	10	Elective	Course Leader
Total second semester		105	30		

The third semester is dedicated to preparing and developing the doctoral dissertation project, involving a cumulative total of 200 hours and 30 ECTS.

Semester Third	Course	Hours	ECTS
	Writing of the PhD Research Proposal		15
	PhD Research Proposal Application		15
	Total in Third Semester	200	30

During **the fourth semester**, students continue working on their doctoral dissertation project, focusing on its preparation and defense. This phase encompasses a total of 200 hours and 30 ECTS.

Semester Fourth	Course	Hours	ECTS
	Writing of the PhD Thesis		15
	Defence of the PhD Research Proposal		15
	Total in Fourth Semester	200	30

In **the fifth semester**, students focus on creating a working version of their doctoral dissertation, investing a total of 200 hours and accumulating 30 ECTS.

Semester Fifth	Course	Hours	ECTS
	Writing draft version of PhD Thesis	200	30

Finally, in **the sixth semester**, students dedicate their efforts to finalize and defend the final version of their doctoral disser-
tation, committing a total of 200 hours and acquiring 30 ECTS.

Semester Sixth	Course	Hours	ECTS
	Writing and Defence of the PhD Thesis	200	30
	Total		180

In addition to the compulsory courses, students also choose one elective course from the offered list, which offers a narrower specialization, depending on their individual interests.

The list of elective courses¹

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

* The Geopolitics course is taught in Bosnian.

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

“I selected the Global Studies Doctoral Program because it is the only interdisciplinary program of its kind in Bosnia and Herze-govina. The program has assembled a distinguished group of experts from various academic disciplines, which had a signifi-cant impact on my decision to enrol. The program has exceeded my expectations, and I am extremely pleased with my decision to pursue my PhD studies in Global Studies.”

Adnan Ovčina,
1st generation PhD student

in adnanovcina



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 List of Workshops

Course	Hours	Status	Workshop leader
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

“I was planning to do a PhD for at least 10 years, going back and forth and trying to find the best way to do a PhD but to continue working. And finally, I am really happy to start the Global Studies Doctoral Program with the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the University of Sarajevo.

The mixture of excellent professors, who work at Bosnian universities but also at prominent faculties around the world was really inspiring, new learning about areas that I was not studying before, as well as a deeper look into the areas I studied and researched before. In addition, the pro-fessors that lead the PhD program were exceptionally helpful for all of us who spent years working in policy work and not academia. And finally, connecting with peers was like establishing a small PhD family...

It is an intense program but well worth engaging with...”

Maja Bosnić,
2nd generation PhD student

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