

**REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA
UNIVERSITY "Ss. CYRIL AND METHODIUS" IN SKOPJE**



COMPETITION

**for enrollment of students in the third cycle of academic studies – doctoral studies
of study programs
at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje,
in the 2024/2025 academic year**

Skopje, 2024

Pursuant to the Law on Higher Education (Official Gazette of the RM No. 82/2018, Official Gazette of the RNM No. 178/2021 and No. 58/2024), the Rulebook on the conditions, criteria and rules for enrollment and study in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (University Gazette No. 530 of December 31, 2020), the Rector’s Office Decision Arch. No. 02-484/2 passed at the 289th session held on March 22, 2024, and the Decision of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia giving consent to competitions for enrollment in third-cycle studies at public higher education institutions No. 41-4977/15 of July 2, 2024 (Official Gazette No. 140/2024), Skopje Ss. Cyril and Methodius University publishes the following

C O M P E T I T I O N

**for enrollment of students in the third cycle of academic studies – doctoral studies of study programs at
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I. The study programs, the number of students and the tuition fees for enrollment of new students in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies are presented in the following table:

NATURAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES				
	Study program*	Number of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students
1.	Biology – Biochemistry and Physiology Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	19	5,000	5,000
2.	Biology – Molecular Biology Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics			
3.	Biology – Ecology Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	33	5,000	5,000
4.	Biology – Taxonomy Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics			
5.	Mathematical Sciences and Applications Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	15	4,360***	6,540
6.	Physics Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	8	3,950	5,925
7.	Chemistry Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	31	4,950****	7,425
8.	Geography Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	19	5,500	8,000
9.	Informatics Faculty of Information Sciences and Computer Engineering	79	4,750	4,750

TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES				
	Study program*	Number of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students
1.	Architecture and Urbanism Faculty of Architecture	5	5,650	5,650
2.	Civil Engineering: - Structures; - Hydraulic Engineering; - Geotechnics; - Traffic Engineering; - Organization, Technology and Management in Construction Faculty of Civil Engineering	46	5,500	5,500
3.	Geodesy Faculty of Civil Engineering	3		
4.	Mechanical Engineering Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	62	4,550	6,825
5.	Industrial Engineering and Management Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	5		
6.	Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies	35	4,550	6,700
7.	Metrology Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies	10		
8.	Computer Science and Engineering Faculty of Information Sciences and Computer Engineering	79	4,750	4,750
9.	Earthquake Engineering Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology	15	5,000	6,800
10.	Metallurgy* Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy	10	4,500	7,000
11.	Technology* Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy	10		

MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH				
	Study program*	Number of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students
1.	Medical Sciences and Health – Clinical Medicine	155	5,000	8,000
2.	Medical Sciences and Health – Basic Medicine	20		

3.	Medical Sciences and Health - Molecular Medicine	5		
4.	Medical Physics	2		
5.	Public Health	14	5,000	8,000
6.	Pharmacy	23	8,000	12,000
7.	Dental Sciences	71	6,000	9,000

BIOTECHNICAL SCIENCES				
	Study program*	Number of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students
1.	Agricultural Economics Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	24	5,000	5,000
2.	Animal Biotechnology Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	20		
3.	Plant Protection (Phytomedicine) Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	12		
4.	Agricultural Product Quality and Safety Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	24		
5.	Natural Resource Management and Environmental Protection Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	17		
6.	Plant Biotechnology Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	28		
7.	Veterinary Medicine Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	34	5,650	8,475
8.	Food Safety Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	16		
9.	Zootechnics and Agricultural Management Institute of Animal Science and Fisheries	6	4,500	6,750
10.	Fishing Institute of Animal Science and Fisheries	6		
11.	Design and Technologies of Furniture and Interior* Faculty of Design and Technologies of Furniture and Interior	21	4,000	6,000

SOCIAL SCIENCES				
	Study program*	Number of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students
1.	Security Faculty of Philosophy	12	5,200	5,200
2.	Special Education (Defectology) Faculty of Philosophy	9		
3.	Pedagogy* Faculty of Philosophy	25		
4.	Psychology Faculty of Philosophy	3		
5.	Sociology Faculty of Philosophy	15		
6.	Social Work and Social Policy* Faculty of Philosophy	13		
7.	Democracy in Conditions of Globalization Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	12	4,900	4,900
8.	Environmental Sociology Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	4		
9.	Sociology of Organizations Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	4		
10.	Communications and Media Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	6		
11.	Statistical Methods for Business and Economics Faculty of Economics/ Institute of Economics	6	6,500	9,500
12.	Economic Sciences Faculty of Economics/ Institute of Economics	37		
13.	Organizational Sciences and Management Faculty of Economics / Institute of Economics / Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	44		
14.	Teacher Education (for primary education) Faculty of Pedagogy "St. Clement of Ohrid"	40	5,000	5,000
15.	Early Childhood Upbringing and Education Faculty of Pedagogy "St. Clement of Ohrid"	37		
16.	Kinesiology Faculty of Physical Education, Sport and Health	18	5,650	8,350

17.	Political Sciences Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	15	8,000	8,000	
18.	Political Systems Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	5		8,000	
19.	International Relations Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	5		8,000	
20.	Public Administration Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	3			
21.	Administrative Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	3		8,000	
22.	Civil Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	11		8,000	
23.	Business Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	1		8,000	
24.	History of Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	7			
25.	Criminal Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	7		8,000	12,000
26.	Intellectual Property Law (Copyright and Patent) Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	8			8,000
27.	Roman Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	6		8,000	
28.	Constitutional Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	5			
29.	Financial Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	3		8,000	
30.	Legal Rhetoric and Argumentation Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	8			
31.	Public International Law and Private International Law Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	1		8,000	

32.	EU Law and European Integrations Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	/		8,000
33.	Information Technology Law* Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus"	/	8,000	8,000
			8,000	12,000

HUMANITIES				
	Study program*	Number of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students
1.	Musical Interpretation and Composition Faculty of Music Arts	5	5,650	5,650
2.	Music Sciences Faculty of Music Arts	1		
3.	Performing and Audiovisual Arts Faculty of Dramatic Arts	6	5,500	8,250
4.	Folkloristics Marko Cepenkov Folklore Institute	10	4,300	6,450
5.	History of Macedonia Institute of National History/Faculty of Philosophy	60	4,500	6,500
6.	Historical Sciences* Faculty of Philosophy	28	5,200	5,200
7.	Art History and Archeology* Faculty of Philosophy	22	5,200	
8.	Philosophy* Faculty of Philosophy	16	5,200	
9.	Classical Philology Faculty of Philosophy	18	5,200	
10.	Language Science - Albanian Language* Faculty of Philology "Blaže Koneski"	7		
11.	Language Science - Romance Philology* Faculty of Philology "Blaže Koneski"	12		

12.	Language Science – English Language* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”	6	4,500	4,500		
13.	Language Science – German Language* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”	4				
14.	Language Science – Slavic Studies* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”	6				
15.	Literary Science – Albanian Literature* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”	1				
16.	Literary Science – General Comparative Literature* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”	9				
17.	Literary Science – Slavic Studies* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”					
18.	Literary Science – English Literature* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”	4				
19.	Literary Science – Romanian literature* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”	5				
20.	Literary Studies – German Literature* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”	1			4,500	4,500
21.	Macedonian Studies – Macedonian Language and Linguistics* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”/ Macedonian Language Institute “Krste Misirkov”	26			4,500	4,500
22.	Macedonian Studies – Macedonian Literature and Culture* Faculty of Philology “Blaže Koneski”/ Institute of Macedonian Literature	45	4,500	4,500		
23.	Theological Studies* Orthodox Faculty of Theology “St. Clement of Ohrid”	10	4,500	4,500		
24.	Ethnology and Anthropology* Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	18	4,300	4,300		

INDERDISCIPLINARY STUDY PROGRAMS

	Study program*	Number of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students
1.	Cultural Studies Institute of Macedonian Literature	20	4,500	5,000
2.	Cultural History and Geography of Macedonia			

Institute of National History/Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	/		
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*These study programs are undergoing an accreditation process and students shall be enrolled therein after these study programs are granted the Decision to start operating.

**The tuition fee includes the amount of study expenses related to the organization of teaching, workshops and seminars, the mentor, the committees of faculties/institutes organizing the study program, study program management, the University School of Doctoral Studies. The tuition fee does not include the material cost for researching the topic, mobility, visiting teachers and other costs as per the Study Contract. The faculty/institute organizing the study program shall establish some additional amounts regarding the candidates' research, depending on the scientific field, and these shall be published on both the Unit's website and the Skopje Ss. Cyril and Methodius University's website.

***If any additional subjects are assigned according to the study program, the fee shall amount to 50 euros for each first-cycle subject, and 100 euros for each second-cycle subject.

****The tuition fee includes research costs in the amount of 1,000 euros.

II. List of Mentors, Including the Number of Vacancies per Study Program

The list of mentors, including the number of vacancies per study program is published on the website of the University "St. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje: <https://www.ukim.edu.mk/>

III. Requirements and Method of Students' Enrollment:

1. Persons that have completed adequate academic studies and meet the following main requirements may enroll in doctoral studies:

- Second cycle of academic studies completed with at least 300 ECTS credits acquired in the first and second cycle of studies in total;
- Study programs' postgraduate studies completed prior to the introduction of the European Credit Transfer System, which are awarded 60 credits for organized academic training and lectures and other types of communication activities;
- Vocational training acquired under study programs for regulated professions, with at least 300 ECTS credits acquired, or integrated studies completed with 360 credits acquired;
- Average achievement grade of at least 8 in previously completed education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies or integrated studies). The Teaching-Scientific/Scientific/Teaching-Scientific and Artistic Council may, by introducing additional requirements, provide for the enrollment of a candidate with an average achievement grade of at least 7.5 in their previously completed education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies or integrated studies) only by exception, if the additional requirements established by the Study Program Council are met;
- Certificate of English language knowledge.

2. Additional Requirements

2.1. In addition to fulfilling the main requirements specified in Section III, item 1 of this Competition, in doctoral studies at **the Skopje Faculty of Pharmacy**, in accordance with Orpheus' recommendations and standards for doctoral studies in biomedicine and health sciences, the following persons may also be enrolled:

- Persons who have completed their studies under the 1992/1993 academic year study program with a duration of 5 years, and have acquired the degree of Graduate Pharmacist (BSc);
 - Persons who have completed their studies under the 2002/2003 academic year study program and have obtained a degree of Master in Pharmacy (MSc);
 - Persons who have completed their studies under the 1981/1982 academic year study program with a duration of 4 years, and have acquired the degree of Graduate Pharmacist (BSc) and have completed health specialization with 3-year duration.
- 2.2.** In addition to fulfilling the main requirements specified in Section III, item 1 of this Competition, in doctoral studies at the **Skopje Faculty of Medicine**, in accordance with Orpheus' recommendations and standards for doctoral studies in biomedicine and health sciences, the following persons may also be enrolled:
- Persons who have completed their studies under the 2005/2006 academic year study programs and have acquired the degree of Medical Doctor, and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
 - Persons who have completed their studies under the 2005/2006 study program (360 credits) and have acquired the degree of Medical Doctor, and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
 - Persons enrolling in basic medicine doctoral studies in an area that has no medical residency shall have at least two in extenso papers as the first authors, published in journals with international editorial boards.
- 2.3.** In addition to fulfilling the main requirements specified in Section III, item 1 of this Competition, the following may also be enrolled in doctoral studies at **the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Skopje**:
- Persons with completed integrated first and second cycle studies in the field of veterinary medicine or medical sciences, including completed second cycle of related study areas in natural-mathematical and biotechnical sciences;
 - Persons who have graduated under a study program prior to the European Credit Transfer System introduction, with a duration of ten semesters, and have acquired a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine;
 - Persons with completed specialist studies in respective and related fields;
 - Persons who have graduated under study programs in the field of medical sciences prior to the European Credit Transfer System introduction, with a duration of ten semesters, and have completed a second cycle of studies.
- 2.4.** In addition to fulfilling the main requirements specified in Section III, item 1 of this Competition, in doctoral studies at **Skopje Faculty of Dentistry**, the following persons may also be enrolled:
- Persons who have graduated under the 2003/2004 academic year study programs and obtained a degree of Doctor in Dentistry or a degree of Doctor of Dentistry, and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
 - Persons who have graduated under the 2003/2004 academic year study programs and obtained a degree of Doctor of Dentistry, and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
 - Persons who have graduated under 2010/2011 academic year study programs and obtained a degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine, and are currently in the second half of their medical residency.
- 2.5.** In addition to fulfilling the main requirements specified in Section III, item 1 of this Competition, the following persons may also be enrolled in doctoral studies at **Skopje Faculty of Architecture**:
- Persons who have completed architecture studies under the study programs prior to the European Credit Transfer System introduction, with a duration of ten semesters;
 - Persons who have obtained the title of Specialist within the third cycle of studies, where at most 60 credits shall be recognized to these candidates.

IV. Additional Requirements Determined by Study Program Councils

Mathematical Sciences and Applications: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Mathematical Sciences and Applications reserves the right to assess which candidate (with formally fulfilled requirements) can enroll in the doctoral studies in mathematical sciences and applications. The Study Program Council may assign additional cycle I and II studies' exams. If any additional exams are assigned, they shall be charged with 50 euros for each exam from the first cycle and 100 euros for each exam from the second cycle of studies.

Physics: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Physics reserves the right to assess which candidate, with formally fulfilled requirements, can enroll in the doctoral studies in physics, and this shall particularly apply to those candidates whose previous education is not in the field of physics.

Geography: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Geography reserves the right to assess which candidate, with formally fulfilled requirements, can enroll in the doctoral studies in geography, and this shall particularly apply to those candidates whose previous education is not in the field of geography.

Chemistry: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Chemistry reserves the right to assess which candidate, with formally fulfilled requirements, can enroll in the doctoral studies in chemistry, and this shall particularly apply to those candidates whose previous education is not in the field of chemistry.

Informatics: In the study program of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Informatics, any students who do not have an average achievement grade, including all subjects of their previously completed higher education, of at least 8.00 in undergraduate studies and of at least 8.00 in postgraduate studies, may be allowed to enroll. Such candidates are subject to the additional requirement of having at least one paper published in an impact factor journal (indexed by Thomson Reuters) in the fields of computer science and engineering and informatics, where the candidate shall be the first author of such paper(s).

Architecture and Urbanism: Any persons who have completed respective academic studies and meet the additional requirements may be enrolled in doctoral studies in Architecture and Urbanism. The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Architecture and Urbanism, will allow the enrollment of students who have achieved an average grade of at least 7.5 if:

- They have published at least one paper as an author in a reference scientific publication, as per Art. 2, paragraph 1, indent 24 of the Law on Higher Education;
- Students who have not completed their previous studies at the Faculty of Architecture in Skopje must have at least two recommendations from their university teachers, including an assessment of the candidate's capacity for scientific work, knowledge and achievement in the profession.

Civil Engineering: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Civil Engineering, will allow the enrollment of students meeting the following additional criteria:

- First cycle of studies completed in the field, with an average achievement grade of at least 7.50, including all subjects;
- Second cycle of studies completed in the field, with an average achievement grade of at least 8.00, including all subjects;
- At least two scientific papers in the field of research, published in either a national or international scientific or professional journal, monograph or international conference, at least one of which as the first author, but no older than five years as at the date of submission of the application for enrollment in the third-cycle studies.

Geodesy: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Geodesy, will allow the enrollment of students meeting the following additional criteria:

- First cycle of studies completed in the field, with an average achievement grade of at least 7.50, including all subjects;

- Second cycle of studies completed in the field, with an average achievement grade of at least 8.00, including all subjects;
- At least two scientific papers in the field of research, published in either a national or international scientific or professional journal, monograph or international conference, at least one of which as the first author, but no older than five years as at the date of submission of the application for enrollment in the third-cycle studies.

Mechanical Engineering: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Mechanical Engineering, regarding any candidates who do not meet the requirement of having achieved an average grade of at least 8.00, including all subjects of previously completed higher education, has established some additional criteria for enrollment of students, namely:

- Average achievement grade of at least 7.50, including all subjects of previously completed higher education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies);
- At least two recommendations from teachers, including an assessment of student’s capacity for scientific work, knowledge and achievement in the profession, one of which shall be from the potential mentor and one from a teacher who covers subjects in the field of the doctoral dissertation theme;
- At least two scientific papers in the field of research, published in either a national or international scientific or professional journal, monograph or international conference, at least one of which as the first author, no later than the date of submitting the application for enrollment in the third cycle of studies.

Industrial Engineering and Management: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Industrial Engineering and Management, regarding any candidates that do not meet the requirement for an average achievement grade of at least 8.00, including all subjects of previously completed higher education, has established some additional criteria for enrollment of students, namely:

- Average achievement grade of at least 7.50, including all subjects of previously completed higher education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies);
- At least two recommendations from teachers, including an assessment of student’s capacity for scientific work, knowledge and achievement in the profession, one of which shall be from the potential mentor and one from a teacher who covers subjects in the field of the doctoral dissertation theme;
- At least two scientific papers in the field of research, published in either a national or international scientific or professional journal, monograph or international conference, at least one of which as the first author and no older than five years as at the date of submission of the application for enrollment in the third cycle of studies.

Computer Science and Engineering: Any students not having an average grade of at least 8.00, including all previously completed higher education subjects of undergraduate and graduate studies may be allowed to enroll in the study program of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Computer Science and Engineering. Such candidates shall be subject to the additional requirement of having at least one published paper in an impact factor journal (indexed by Thomson Reuters) in the fields of computer science and engineering and informatics, where the candidate shall be the first author of such paper(s).

Metallurgy: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Metallurgy will allow the enrollment of students who have an average achievement grade of at least 7.5, including all subjects of their previously completed higher education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies) if they meet the additional criteria as follows:

- First cycle of studies completed in the field;
- Second cycle of studies completed in the field;
- At least two recommendations from their teachers, including an assessment of student’s capacity for scientific work, knowledge and achievement in the profession, one of which shall be from the potential mentor and one from a teacher who covers subjects in the field of the doctoral dissertation theme;

- At least two scientific papers in the field of research, published in either a national or international scientific or professional journal, monograph or international conference, at least one of which as the first author, but no older than five years as at the date of submission of the application for enrollment in the third cycle of studies.

Agricultural Economics: The additional requirements allowing for the enrollment of a candidate with an average achievement grade of at least 7.5 in their previously completed education (first and second cycle) shall include:

- Be the first author of at least one paper published in a scientific journal with an impact factor; and/or
- Be the first author of at least two papers published in either an international scientific journal or international scientific publication subject to peer review.

Animal Biotechnology:

- Average achievement grade of at least 7.50, including all subjects of previously completed higher education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies);
- At least two scientific papers in the field of research, published in either an international scientific or professional journal, of which at least one as the first author, no later than the date of submitting the application for enrollment in the third cycle of studies, or at least one paper published in an impact factor journal (indexed by Thomson Reuters).

Agricultural Product Quality and Safety:

- Average achievement grade of at least 7.50, including all subjects of previously completed higher education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies);
- At least one scientific paper in the field of research, published in an impact factor journal (indexed by Thomson Reuters) and where the candidate is the first author, or at least two scientific papers in the field of research, published in an international scientific journal, where the candidate is the first author of at least one paper.

Natural Resource Management and Environmental Protection:

- Average achievement grade of at least 7.5, including all subjects of previously completed higher education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies);
- At least two scientific papers in the field of research, published in an international scientific or professional journal, of which at least one as the first author, no later than the date of submitting the application for enrollment in the third cycle of studies, or at least one paper published in an impact factor journal (indexed by Thomson Reuters).

Kinesiology: The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies in Kinesiology, in accordance with its adopted Decision, will also allow enrollment in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies to any candidates who have:

- Achieved an average grade of at least 7.50, including all subjects of their previously completed higher education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies); and
- Obtained recommendations from at least two teachers, including an assessment of candidate’s interest and capacity in scientific work.

Pedagogy: The required average achievement grade of the previous two study cycles shall be a minimum of 8.00.

Candidates shall have a certificate of B2 level knowledge of a foreign language.

Candidates shall have the respective prior education completed as defined in the study program.

Studies shall be available to any candidates meeting the requirements for enrollment in doctoral studies envisaged by this Competition and having completed the first cycle of studies in the field of education –

pedagogy or related studies in social sciences or humanities, with a total of 300 credits acquired in their previous education.

If any candidates that have completed a master's degree in another scientific field from the area of social sciences or humanities apply for these doctoral studies, their applications shall be considered individually and the Doctoral Studies Council of the study program shall decide on their additional commitments.

Philosophy: Candidates shall have completed both first-cycle studies in philosophy and second-cycle studies in either philosophy or related disciplines of social sciences or humanities. Those candidates with higher academic achievements, as well as those candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of philosophy, such as: published papers, participation in scientific research projects, participation in professional and scientific gatherings, conferences, etc., shall be given priority in admission.

Historical Sciences: Studies are open to all Masters of History. If any candidates having completed a master's degree in another scientific field of the area of social sciences apply for these doctoral studies, their applications shall be considered individually and the Council of Doctoral Studies in Historical Sciences shall decide on their additional commitments. Candidates enrolling in these doctoral studies shall have obtained a master's degree. Candidates with a higher academic achievement, as well as candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of historical sciences, shall be given priority in admission. In doing so, the following elements will be taken into account: published papers; participation in scientific research projects; participation in professional and scientific gatherings, conferences, etc.

Art History and Archeology: Studies shall be open to all Masters in Art History and Archeology. If any candidates having completed a master's degree in another scientific field of the area of humanities or social sciences apply for these doctoral studies, their applications shall be considered individually and the Doctoral Studies Council of this study program shall decide thereon. Priority shall be given to candidates with higher academic achievement, including candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of Art History and Archaeology, where the following additional criteria for applicants shall also be considered: published papers, participation in scientific research projects, participation in professional and scientific gatherings, conferences, etc.

The Study Program Council of the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Art History and Archeology will allow the enrollment of any students who have achieved an average achievement grade of at least 7.5, including all subjects of previously completed higher education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies) if they meet the additional criteria as follows:

- The candidate shall have at least one scientific paper published in either a national or international scientific journal (as the only or first author), participation in an international scientific conference or participation in either a national or international scientific project.

Special Education (Defectology): Average achievement grade of at least 7.5 in candidate's previously completed education (in each of the first and second cycle of studies, or integrated studies) as an exception solely if the additional requirements determined by the Study Program Council are met (that is, one paper published in a collection with an international editorial board and at least two active participations in international professional scientific conferences).

If any candidates having completed undergraduate and master's studies in another scientific field of either social sciences or humanities apply for these doctoral studies, their applications shall be considered individually and the Doctoral Studies Council of the study program shall decide on their additional commitments.

Sociology: Regarding any candidates not meeting the requirements, depending on their scientific field specifics, the Study Program Council may establish additional criteria for enrollment. Candidates having not graduated from Sociology in the first or second cycle of studies, or from post-graduate European Integration studies, shall take a differential exam in sociology. They shall take this exam after enrolling in doctoral studies, and the passage thereof shall be a condition for taking the other exams provided by the program.

Psychology: These studies are open to all candidates meeting the requirements for admission to doctoral studies according to the Competition published and who have completed their first-cycle psychology studies

and second-cycle studies in psychology or related disciplines of either social sciences or humanities. In addition to meeting the general enrollment requirements, candidates shall also meet one of the following criteria:

- To have acquired at least 30 ECTS credits in subjects related to the field of scientific research methodology, statistics (statistical data processing) and psychometrics of their previous study cycles,
- or
- To have published at least two peer-reviewed empirical scientific papers in the field of psychology.

Admission priority shall be given to candidates with higher grades and candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of psychology, such as: published papers; participation in scientific research projects; participation in professional and scientific gatherings, conferences, etc.

Social Work and Social Policy:

If any candidates having completed master's degrees in another scientific field of the area of social sciences or humanities apply for these doctoral studies, their applications shall be considered individually and the Doctoral Studies Council of the study program shall decide on their additional commitments.

Administrative Law:

- Average grade of at least 7.5 achieved in candidate's previously completed education for each education level, especially regarding any candidates who have completed undergraduate four-year studies (VII/1 degree) and postgraduate studies or second cycle of one-year studies;
- Candidates with 10 years of service in: a relevant regulated profession; an institution, as public sector employees of group I (administrative officer positions) or group III (public service provider positions) according to the Law on Public Sector Employees; or a legal entity entrusted by law to exercise public authority in positions related to an activity of public interest.

Public Administration:

- Average grade of at least 7.5 achieved in candidate's previously completed education for each education level, especially regarding any candidates who have completed undergraduate four-year studies (VII/1 degree) and postgraduate studies, i.e. second cycle of one-year studies;
- Candidates with 10 years of service in: a relevant regulated profession; an institution, as public sector employees of group I (administrative officer positions) or group III (public service provider positions) according to the Law on Public Sector Employees; or a legal entity entrusted by law to exercise public authority in positions related to an activity of public interest.

Performing and Audiovisual Arts:

Regarding the study programs in Performing Arts and Audiovisual Arts, any candidates meeting the criteria for a student of art doctoral studies shall have the right to enroll in art doctoral studies. The eligibility of previously completed studies shall be established by the Doctoral Studies Council of the study program.

Regarding Film and Theater Directing, any students who, in addition to meeting the main/general requirements, have recorded and presented at least two documentary or feature films or staged at least two performances on professional theater stages, may be enrolled.

Musical Interpretation and Composition:

A positive assessment for the selection of the candidate made by the Study Program Council, based on the inspection of the content provided in the attachment to the application submitted by the candidate, which, depending on the area, shall include:

For the area of Instrument Types:

1. The candidate shall perform a free program lasting for at least 45 minutes. The entrance exam repertoire shall be performed live by heart, except for wind instruments. Proof of the graduation exam program and the defended master's degree program shall be attached.

For the area of Solo (Vocal) Singing:

1. The candidate shall perform a free program lasting for at least 45 minutes. The entrance exam repertoire shall be performed live by heart. Proof of the graduation exam program and the defended master's degree program shall be attached.

For the area of Orchestral Conducting:

1. A portfolio of performances accomplished as a conductor of at least two (2) evening concerts with a symphony orchestra including soloists within a duration of at least 60 minutes and one (1) concert including a vocal and instrumental composition within a duration of at least 40 minutes.
2. DVD with quality video and audio recording on which the candidate is performing a free repertoire lasting for at least 45 minutes.
3. Any recordings older than 2 years as at the date of submission of the application shall not be accepted or considered.

For the area of Choral Conducting:

1. A portfolio of performances accomplished as a conductor of choral music concerts, namely: at least two concerts with various a cappella repertoires in a total duration of at least 80 minutes and one concert of vocal and instrumental music with a duration of at least 40 minutes.
2. DVD with quality video and audio recording on which the candidate is performing a free repertoire lasting for at least 45 minutes.
3. Any recordings older than 2 years as at the date of submission of the application shall not be accepted or considered.

For the area of Composition:

1. A portfolio of compositions with a total duration of at least 60 minutes, of which at least 2 symphony orchestra compositions.
2. Proof that some of the compositions were publicly performed.

Folklore Studies: Any students with an average achievement grade of at least 7.50, including two papers published in reference scientific publications, are eligible to enroll in doctoral studies in the study program of Folklore Studies.

Cultural Studies:

The Study Program Council of the third cycle – doctoral studies in Cultural Studies, shall, as an exception, allow the enrollment of candidates with an average grade of at least 7.50 (in each of the first and second cycle of studies or integrated studies), if the following additional requirements are met:

- At least two scientific papers in the field of the study program, published in the previous five years in a national/international scientific journal or a scientific conference collection;
- Participation in a scientific conference/scientific gathering or other relevant contribution in the field.

V. Candidate Selection

Preliminary list of admitted candidates

After the end of the Competition, the Unit shall publish its preliminary list of candidates admitted for doctoral studies, regarding each study program. A separate list shall be published regarding any candidates not meeting the requirements for enrollment in doctoral studies.

These lists shall be published on the Unit's website.

The preliminary list of admitted candidates and the list of candidates not meeting the requirements shall be identified by the Study Program Council.

Candidates shall have the right to file a complaint regarding the list. Such complaint shall be submitted in writing to the Study Program Council or the Joint Study Program Council.

The Decision of the Study Program Council or the Joint Study Program Council on such complaint shall be final.

Final list of admitted candidates

Following the end of grievance procedure, the Study Program Council shall provide the list of admitted candidates to the University Professional Council for Doctoral Studies.

The Professional Council for Doctoral Studies shall determine the final list of admitted candidates and publish it on the University's website.

The list of admitted candidates determined shall be final.

VI . Candidate Application and Enrollment Periods

Application and enrollment period	First enrollment period	Second enrollment period
Application of candidates	10 September 2024 – 24 September 2024	4 December 2024 – 13 December 2024
Publication of preliminary lists	30 September 2024	17 December 2024
Deciding on complaints	4 October 2024	23 October 2024
Publication of final lists	7 October 2024	26 December 2024
Enrollment of candidates	8 October 2024 – 15 October 2024	13 January 2025 – 20 January 2025

VII. Application Method and Application Documents

Applications shall be filed with the Student Inquiry Service at the Unit organizing the study program.

When applying for enrollment in a study program of the third cycle of studies-doctoral studies, candidates shall submit the following documents in the original or photocopies thereof certified by a notary public:

1. Application Form specifying the study program selected;
2. Initial Consent of a mentor from the list of mentors;
3. Motivation Letter specifying the area of research;
4. Short resume (CV);
5. Certificate of exams passed in the first cycle of studies or undergraduate studies;
6. Certificate of exams passed in the second cycle of studies or postgraduate studies;
7. Diploma on the first cycle of studies or undergraduate studies;
8. Diploma on the second cycle of studies or postgraduate studies;
9. English language certificate/confirmation. English language knowledge shall be proved by either a certificate or confirmation issued by the Faculty of Philology "Blaže Koneski" at Skopje Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, for level B2 according to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or an international certificate for the same level issued by an official European tester identified in the Competition or a previously acquired education degree in undergraduate studies (first cycle) and/or postgraduate studies (second cycle) where the study program was conducted in the English language.
10. Any candidates who have completed their higher education or undergraduate studies (first cycle) and postgraduate studies (second cycle) abroad, shall submit nostrified documents proving their fulfillment of requirements for enrollment in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies, including their grade equivalents if the grading system is different from the Republic of North Macedonia's grading system.

VIII. Student Enrollment

Enrollment of students shall take place from 8 October 2024 to 15 October 2024 at the Unit where the study program belongs.

Also, the following documents shall be submitted to the Unit where the study program belongs:

1. Student's index (booklet) and application forms;
2. Two photos (two photos with dimensions of 3.5 x 4.5 cm and one with dimensions of 2 x 3 cm);
3. Mentor's Final Consent;
4. Application regarding the selection of academic training subjects;
5. Study Contract;
6. Confirmation regarding the payment of the first tuition fee installment;
7. Confirmation of payment of an amount of 7% of the tuition fee of the study program (in Denars counter value), paid to the University School for Doctoral Studies;
8. Student Consent Form regarding electronic communication.

Tuition shall be paid in 6 equal installments, at the beginning of each semester, in denar equivalent. It shall be paid to the account of the Unit with which the student has concluded a Study Contract.

When paying the first installment to the account of the unit of the University "St. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje, accepted candidates make a payment in the amount of 7% of the tuition fee of the study program (in denars counter value), to the account of the University School for Doctoral Studies of the University "St. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje, on the following:

- account: 160 010 3689 788 18;
- revenue code and program: 723012 41;
- recipient bank: National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia.

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