

Republic of North Macedonia
Ss. CYRIL AND METHODIUS UNIVERSITY IN SKOPJE



COMPETITION

**for the Enrollment of Students in the Third Cycle of Studies – Doctoral Studies
of Study Programs
at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
for the 2025/2026 Academic Year**

Skopje, 2025

Pursuant to the Law on Higher Education (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 82/2018, Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 178/2021, and No. 58/2024), the Rulebook on conditions, criteria and rules for enrollment and studying in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (University Gazette No. 530 of 31 December 2020), the Rector's Board Decision No. 02-528/5 passed at the 299th session of 20 March 2025, and the Decision of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 50-4385/7 of 27 May 2025 approving competitions for enrollment in third cycle of studies at public higher education institutions (Official Gazette No. 109), Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje publishes the following

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- I. Information about the study programs, number of students and tuition fees for the enrollment of new students in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies is provided in the following table:**

NATURAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES				
	Study program	No. of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign nationals
1	Biology – Biochemistry and Physiology Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	23	5,500 ¹	8,000 ²
2	Biology – Molecular Biology Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics		5,500 ¹	8,000 ²
3	Biology – Ecology Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	30	5,500 ¹	8,000 ²
4	Biology – Taxonomy Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics		5,500 ¹	8,000 ²
5	Mathematical Sciences and Applications Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	21	4,360 ³	6,540 ³
6	Physics Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	11	3,950 ⁴	5,925 ⁴
7	Chemistry Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	36	3,950 ⁵	6,425 ⁵
8	Geography Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	20	4,500	6,500
9	Informatics Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering	88	4,750	4,750

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY				
	Study program	No. of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign nationals
1	Architecture and Urbanism Faculty of Architecture	2	5,650	5,650
2	Civil Engineering:	41	5,500	5,500
	- Structures;			
	- Hydraulic Engineering;			
	- Geotechnical Engineering;			
	- Traffic Engineering;			
	- Organization, Technology and Management in Construction			
	Faculty of Civil Engineering			
3	Geodesy Faculty of Civil Engineering	3	5,500	5,500
4	Mechanical Engineering Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	74	4,550	6,825
5	Industrial Engineering and Management Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	6	4,550	6,825
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	4,550	6,700
8	Computer Science and Engineering Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering	88	4,750	4,750
9	Earthquake Engineering Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology	9	5,000	6,800
10	Metallurgy Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy	10	4,500	7,000
11	Technology Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy	10	4,500	7,000
12	Furniture and Interior Design and Technologies Faculty of Furniture and Interior Design and Technologies	24	4,000	6,000

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

	Study program	No. of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign nationals
1	Medical and Health Sciences – Clinical Medicine – Faculty of Medicine	183	5,000	8,000
2	Medical and Health Sciences – Basic Medical Sciences – Faculty of Medicine	20	5,000	8,000
3	Medical and Health Sciences – Molecular Medicine – Faculty of Medicine	4	5,000	8,000
4	Medical Physics – Faculty of Medicine	2	5,000	8,000
5	Public Healthcare	8	5,000	8,000
6	Pharmacy Faculty of Pharmacy	19	8,000	12,000
7	Dental Sciences – Faculty of Dentistry	85	6,000	9,000

AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCES				
	Study program	No. of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign nationals
1	Agricultural Economics – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	24	5,000	5,000
2	Animal Biotechnology – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	22	5,000	5,000
3	Plant Protection (Phytomedicine) – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	11	5,000	5,000
4	Quality and Safety of Agricultural Products – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	24	5,000	5,000
5	Natural Resource Management and Environmental Protection – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	16	5,000	5,000
6	Plant Biotechnology – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	31	5,000	5,000
7	Veterinary Medicine – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	52	5,650	8,475
8	Food Safety Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	20	5,650	8,475
9	Zootechnics and Agricultural Management	6	4,500	6,750

	Institute of Animal and Fishery Science			
10	Fishery Institute of Animal and Fishery Science	6	4,500	6,750

SOCIAL SCIENCES				
	Study program	No. of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign nationals
1.	Security Faculty of Philosophy	9	5,400	7,500
2.	Special Education Faculty of Philosophy	7	5,400	7,500
3.	Pedagogy Faculty of Philosophy	23	5,400	7,500
4.	Psychology Faculty of Philosophy	5	5,400	7,500
5.	Sociology Faculty of Philosophy	14	5,400	7,500
6.	Social Work and Social Policy Faculty of Philosophy	23	5,400	7,500
7.	Democracy in Conditions of Globalization Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	15	4,900	4,900
8.	Environmental Sociology Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	4	4,900	4,900
9.	Sociology of Organizations Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	5	4,900	4,900
10.	Communications and Media Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	5	4,900	4,900
11.	Statistical Methods for Business and Economics Faculty of Economics/Institute of Economics	5	6,500	9,500
12.	Economic Sciences Faculty of Economics/Institute of Economics	48	6,500	9,500
13.	Organizational Sciences and Management Faculty of Economics/Institute of Economics/Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	46	6,500	9,500

14.	Teacher Education (for primary education) St. Clement of Ohrid Faculty of Pedagogy	39	5,000	6,000
15.	Early Childhood Education St. Clement of Ohrid Faculty of Pedagogy	36	5,000	6,000
16.	Kinesiology Faculty of Physical Education, Sports and Health	18	6,046	8,934
17.	Political Sciences – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	12	8,000	8,000
18.	Political Systems – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	6	8,000	8,000
19.	International Relations – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	4	8,000	8,000
20.	Public Administration – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	4	8,000	8,000
21.	Administrative Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	5	8,000	8,000
22.	Civil Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	20	8,000	8,000
23.	Business Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	1	8,000	12,000
24.	History of Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	9	8,000	8,000
25.	Criminal Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	9	8,000	8,000
26.	Intellectual Property Rights (copyright and patents) – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	5	8,000	8,000
27.	Roman Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	6	8,000	8,000
28.	Constitutional Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	4	8,000	8,000
29.	Financial Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	4	8,000	8,000
30.	Legal Rhetoric and Argumentation – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	7	8,000	8,000
31.	Public and Private International Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	1	8,000	8,000
32.	EU Law and European Integration – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	1	8,000	8,000

33.	IT Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	9	8,000	8,000
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HUMANITIES				
	Study program	No. of students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign nationals
1	Musical Interpretation and Composition Faculty of Music Arts	10	5,650	5,650
2	Music Sciences Faculty of Music Arts	1	5,650	5,650
3	Performing and Audiovisual Arts Faculty of Dramatic Arts	4	5,500	8,250
4	Folkloristics Marko Cepenkov Institute of Folklore	11	4,300	6,450
5	History of Macedonia* Institute of National History/Faculty of Philosophy	20	4,500	6,500
6	Historical Sciences Faculty of Philosophy	27	5,400	7,500
7	Art History and Archaeology Faculty of Philosophy	16	5,400	7,500
8	Philosophy Faculty of Philosophy	16	5,400	7,500
9	Classical Philology Faculty of Philosophy	18	5,400	7,500
10	Linguistics – Albanian Language Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	13	4,500	5,500
11	Linguistics – Romance Languages Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	19	4,500	5,500
12	Linguistics – English Language Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	20	4,500	5,500
13	Linguistics – German Language Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	4	4,500	5,500
14	Linguistics – Slavic Languages Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	12	4,500	5,500
15	Literary Studies – Albanian Literature	2	4,500	5,500

	Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology			
16	Literary Studies – General and Comparative Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	11	4,500	5,500
17	Literary Studies – Slavic Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	6	4,500	5,500
18	Literary Studies – English Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	3	4,500	5,500
19	Literary Studies – Romanian Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	5	4,500	5,500
20	Literary Studies – German Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	5	4,500	5,500
21	Macedonian Studies – Macedonian Language and Linguistics Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology/ Krstev Misirkov Institute of Macedonian Language	35	4,500	5,500
22	Macedonian Studies – Macedonian Literature and Culture Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology/ Institute of Macedonian Literature	43	4,500	5,500
23	Theological Studies St. Clement of Ohrid Orthodox Faculty of Theology	5	4,500	4,500
24	Ethnology and Anthropology Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	18	4,300	4,300
25	Cultural Studies Institute of Macedonian Literature	20	4,500	5,000

* These study programs are undergoing an accreditation process and students shall be enrolled therein after these study programs obtain procedural approval for program initiation.

****** The tuition fee includes the study expenses, i.e., costs for organizing lectures, workshops and seminars, the mentor, the committees of faculties/institutes that organize the study programs, study programs management, the University School of Doctoral Studies. The tuition fee does not include the material cost for thesis research, mobility, professor visits, 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, which shall be published on the website of both the Unit and the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje.

¹ The tuition fee also includes research costs in the amount of €1,200.

² The tuition fee also includes research costs in the amount of €1,760.

³ If any additional subjects are assigned according to the study program, the fee shall amount to €50 and €100 for each subject in the first and second cycle of studies, respectively.

⁴ The tuition fee does not include research costs and other expenses related to the realization of the study program.

⁵ The tuition fee does not include the material cost for research in the amount of €1,000.

II. List of Mentors

The list of mentors, including the number of vacancies per study program are published on the website of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje: <https://ukim.edu.mk/doktorska-shkola/informacii/mentori/>

III. Requirements and Manner of Student Enrollment:

1. Individuals who have completed appropriate academic studies and meet the following basic requirements may be enrolled in doctoral studies:

- Completed the second cycle of studies with at least 300 ECTS credits from the first and second cycle of studies combined;
- Completed postgraduate studies under study programs prior to the introduction of the European Credit Transfer System, where 60 credits are recognized for structured academic training, lectures, and other forms of academic communication;
- Obtained professional qualifications through study programs for regulated professions, with at least 300 ECTS credits, or completed integrated studies with 360 credits;
- Achieved an average grade of at least 8.00 from previous studies (separately, from the first and second cycle of studies, or integrated studies). The Teaching and Scientific/Scientific/Teaching, Scientific and Artistic Council may, by introducing additional requirements, allow the enrollment of a candidate with an average grade of at least 7.50 (separately, from the first and second cycle of studies, or integrated studies), by exception only, provided that the additional requirements determined by the study program council are met.
- Certificate of English language proficiency.

2. Additional Requirements

2.1. In addition to meeting the basic requirements specified in Section III, point 1 of this Competition, the following individuals may also be enrolled in doctoral studies at the **Faculty of Pharmacy in Skopje**, in accordance with the ORPHEUS recommendations and standards for doctoral studies in biomedicine and health sciences:

- Individuals who completed 5-year studies under the 1992/1993 academic year study program and attained the degree of Graduate Pharmacist (BSc);
 - Individuals who completed studies under the 2002/2003 academic year study program and attained the degree of Master of Pharmacy (MSc);
 - Individuals who completed 4-year studies under the 1981/1982 academic year study program, attained the degree of Graduate Pharmacist (BSc), and completed a 3-year specialization in the field of healthcare.
- 2.2.** In addition to meeting the basic requirements specified in Section III, point 1 of this Competition, the following individuals may also be enrolled in doctoral studies at the **Faculty of Medicine in Skopje**, in accordance with the ORPHEUS recommendations and standards for doctoral studies in biomedicine and health sciences:
- Individuals who completed studies under the 2005/2006 academic year study program, attained the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
 - Individuals who completed studies under the 2005/2006 academic year study program (360 credits), attained the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD), and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
 - Individuals applying for doctoral studies in basic medical sciences in fields with no medical residency, must have at least two in extenso papers published as the lead author in journals with an international editorial board.
- 2.3.** In addition to meeting the basic requirements specified in Section III, point 1 of this Competition, the following individuals may also be enrolled in doctoral studies at the **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Skopje**:
- Individuals who completed the first and second cycle of integrated studies in veterinary medicine or medical sciences, i.e., who completed the second cycle of studies in related natural and mathematical sciences and biotechnical sciences;
 - Individuals who completed 10-semester studies under a study program prior to the introduction of the European Credit Transfer System and attained the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM);
 - Individuals who completed specialist studies in respective and related fields;
 - Individuals who completed 10-semester studies under study programs in medical sciences prior to the introduction of the European Credit Transfer System and have completed the second cycle of studies.
- 2.4.** In addition to meeting the basic requirements specified in Section III, point 1 of this Competition, the following individuals may also be enrolled in doctoral studies at the **Faculty of Dentistry in Skopje**:
- Individuals who completed studies under the 2003/2004 academic year study programs and attained the degree of Doctor of Dentistry and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
 - Individuals who completed studies under the 2003/2004 academic year study programs, attained the degree of Doctor of Dentistry and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
 - Individuals who completed studies under the 2010/2011 academic year study programs, attained the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine and are currently in the second half of their medical residency.
- 2.5.** In addition to meeting the basic requirements specified in Section III, point 1 of this Competition, the following individuals may also be enrolled in doctoral studies at the **Faculty of Architecture in Skopje**:
- Individuals who completed 10-semester studies in architecture under study programs prior to the introduction of the European Credit Transfer System;
 - Individuals who have obtained the title Specialist during the third cycle of studies, where a maximum of 60 credits shall be recognized.

IV. Additional Requirements Determined by Councils of the Study Programs

Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics:

The councils of the study programs for the third cycle of academic studies – doctoral studies at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics reserve the right to assess which candidates, who formally meet requirements, may enroll therein. This applies in particular to candidates whose previous education is not completed in the field of the corresponding or related scientific disciplines.

Informatics:

Students who have not achieved the 8.00 minimum average grade from all subjects in both their undergraduate and postgraduate studies, separately, may also be allowed to enroll in the study program for third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Informatics. Such candidates must meet 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 as the lead author.

Architecture and Urbanism:

Any individual who has completed corresponding academic studies and meets the additional requirements may be enrolled in doctoral studies in Architecture and Urbanism. The Council of the Study Program for third cycle of academic studies – doctoral studies in Architecture and Urbanism shall allow the enrollment of students who have achieved an average grade of at least 7.5, provided that:

- They have published at least one paper as an author in a reference scientific publication, in accordance with Article 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 submit at least two recommendation letters from university professors, assessing the candidate's capacity for scientific work, professional knowledge, and achievements in the field.

Civil Engineering:

The Council of the Study Program for third cycle of academic studies – doctoral studies in Civil Engineering shall allow the enrollment of students who have completed their first cycle of studies with an average grade of at least 7.50, provided that the candidates have published at least two scientific papers in the relevant research field in either a national or international scientific or expert journal, monograph or at an international conference. The candidate must be the lead author of at least one of the papers, which have been published in the past five years prior to the date of submission of the enrollment application.

Mechanical Engineering:

The following additional criteria are established for the enrollment in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Mechanical Engineering at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Skopje for the 2025/2026 academic year for candidates who do not meet the requirement of having achieved an average grade of at least 8.00 in their previous studies:

- Average grade of at least 7.50 from all subjects in previously completed higher education (in particular, each the first and second cycle of studies);
- At least two recommendation letters from professors, assessing the student's capacity for scientific work, knowledge and achievement in the field. One recommendation must be provided by the potential mentor, and the other by a professor covering subjects related to the dissertation topic;
- At least two scientific papers in the relevant research field published in either a national or international scientific or expert journal, monograph or at an international conference. The candidate must be the lead author of at least one of the papers up to the date of submission of the enrollment application.

The Council for the Study Program in **Mechanical Engineering** has determined the following tuition fees:

- €4,550, not including co-mentor fees and research costs;
- €5,050, including co-mentor fees and research costs;
- €300 is to be paid by candidates upon submission of their application for doctoral studies, intended for assessment of compliance with the additional enrollment criteria.

Industrial Engineering and Management:

The following additional criteria are established for the enrollment in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Industrial Engineering and Management at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Skopje in the 2025/2026 academic year for candidates who do not meet the requirement of having achieved an average grade of at least 8.00 in their previous studies:

- Average grade of at least 7.50 from all subjects in previously completed higher education (in particular, the first and second cycle of studies, separately);
- At least two recommendation letters from professors, assessing the student's capacity for scientific work, knowledge and achievement in the field. One recommendation must be provided by the potential mentor, and the other by a professor covering subjects related to the dissertation topic;
- At least two scientific papers in the relevant research field published in either a national or international scientific or expert journal, monograph or at an international conference. The candidate must be the lead author of at least one of the papers, which have been published in the past five years prior to the date of submission of the enrollment application.

The Council for the Study Program in **Industrial Engineering and Management** determined the following tuition fees:

- €4,550, not including co-mentor fees and research costs;
- €5,050, including co-mentor fees and research costs;
- €300 is to be paid by candidates upon submission of their application for doctoral studies, intended for assessment of compliance with the additional enrollment criteria.

Computer Science and Engineering:

Students who do not meet the requirement of having completed their undergraduate and postgraduate studies with an average grade of at least 8.00 **may be allowed** to enroll in the study program for third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in *Computer Science and Engineering*. Such candidates must meet 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 as lead author.

Metallurgy:

Candidates who have achieved an average grade of at least 7.5 (in both their first and second cycle studies, separately) may enroll in third cycle of studies, provided they meet the following additional criteria:

- Completed first cycle of studies in the relevant field;
- Completed second cycle of studies in the relevant field;
- At least two recommendation letters from their professors, assessing the student's capacity for scientific work, knowledge and achievement in the field. One recommendation must be provided by the potential mentor, and the other by a professor covering subjects related to the dissertation topic;
- At least two scientific papers in the relevant research field published in either a national or international scientific or expert journal, monograph or at an international conference. The candidate must be the lead author of at least one of the papers, which have been published in the past five years prior to the date of submission of the enrollment application.
- €4,500 tuition fee for students who are citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- Additional fee of up to €1,500 for organizing the research related to the dissertation.
- €7,000 tuition fee for students who are not citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- Additional fee of up to €750-€2,250 for organizing the research related to the dissertation.

Technology:

- €4,500 tuition fee for students who are citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- Additional fee of up to €1,500 for organizing the research related to the dissertation;
- €7,000 tuition fee for students who are not citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- Additional fee of up to €750-€2,250 for organizing the research related to the dissertation.

Pharmacy:

The tuition fee does not include material costs for researching the topic and other expenses as per the Study Contract. The Faculty established an additional fee in the amount of €3,000 for material costs related to

candidates' research. The fee will be published on the website of both the Faculty and Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje.

Agricultural Economics:

The additional requirements for enrollment of candidates with an average grade of at least 7.5 from previously completed higher education (first and second cycle of studies) are as follows:

- The candidate must be the lead author of at least one paper published in a scientific impact factor journal; and/or
- The candidate is the lead author of at least two papers published in an international scientific journal or an international scientific publication, where papers are subject to review.

Special Education

Candidates with an average grade of at least 7.5 (in each the first and second cycle of studies, or integrated studies), provided they meet the additional requirements determined by the Council of the Study Program (one paper published in a proceedings volume with an international editorial board, and at least two active engagements at international professional and scientific conferences).

If candidates applying for the doctoral studies have completed their undergraduate and postgraduate studies in a different scientific field within the domain of social sciences or humanities, their applications will be reviewed individually, and the Council of the Doctoral Studies Program will determine any additional requirements.

Pedagogy:

Candidates are required to have achieved an average grade of at least 8.00 in each of the two previous cycles of studies.

Candidates must submit a B2-level certificate in a foreign language.

Candidates are required to have completed relevant higher education, as specified in the study program.

These studies are available to candidates who meet the requirements for enrollment in doctoral studies specified in the Competition, and who have completed first cycle of studies in the field of education – Pedagogy or related sciences, and second cycle of studies in Pedagogy or related disciplines in the domain of social sciences or humanities, with a total of 300 credits acquired in prior education.

If candidates applying for the doctoral studies have completed their undergraduate and postgraduate studies in a different scientific field within the domain of social sciences or humanities, their applications will be reviewed individually, and the Council of the Doctoral Studies Program will determine any additional requirements.

Psychology:

These studies are available to candidates who meet the requirements for enrollment in doctoral studies specified in the Competition, and who have completed first cycle of studies in Psychology, and second cycle of studies in Psychology or related disciplines in the domain of social sciences. In addition to meeting the general enrollment requirements—an average grade of at least 8.00 (eight) in each the first and second cycle of studies, and certificate for English language proficiency—candidates must also meet the following requirements: Research draft in the field specified in the motivation letter that is positively evaluated by the mentor who provided preliminary consent and the Council of the Study Program. Priority for enrollment shall be given to candidates with a higher-graded research draft and a higher average grade achieved in previous cycles of studies, as well as to candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of psychology, such as: Published papers, engagement in scientific and research projects, participation in professional and scientific meetings, conferences, etc.

Sociology:

The Council of the Study Program may establish additional criteria for the enrollment of candidates who do not meet the requirements, depending on their scientific field. Candidates who do not meet the requirement of having completed the first or second cycle of studies in Sociology, or postgraduate studies in European

Integration, shall take a differential exam in sociology after enrolling in doctoral studies. This is a prerequisite for taking other exams from the program.

Social Work and Social Policy:

Candidates who meet the requirements for enrollment in third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Social Work and Social Policy, in accordance to the Rulebook on third cycle of studies at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, and who have completed first cycle of studies in Social Work and Social Policy and second cycle of studies in Social Work and Social Policy or related disciplines in the domain of social sciences or humanities are eligible to apply for the third cycle of studies in Social Work and Social Policy.

Economic Sciences:

The Council of the Study Program for third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Economic Sciences shall also allow the enrollment of students who meet the following additional criteria:

- Completed first and second cycle of studies with an average grade of at least 7.50 in each cycle;
- A minimum of 5 years of work experience in high-level managerial positions in private business entities and public institutions, with a portfolio of notable professional achievements.

Organizational Sciences and Management:

The Council of the Study Program for third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Organizational Sciences and Management shall also allow the enrollment of students who meet the following additional criteria:

- Completed first and second cycle of studies with an average grade of at least 7.50 in each cycle;
- A minimum of 5 years of work experience in high-level managerial positions in private business entities and public institutions, with a portfolio of notable professional achievements.

Statistical Methods for Business and Economics:

The Council of the Study Program for third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Statistical Methods for Business and Economics shall also allow the enrollment of students who meet the following additional criteria:

- Completed first and second cycle of studies with an average grade of at least 7.50 in each cycle;
- A minimum of 5 years of work experience in high-level managerial positions in private business entities and public institutions, with a portfolio of notable professional achievements.

Early Childhood Education:

Candidates shall meet the requirements in accordance with the (1) Law on Higher Education in the Republic of North Macedonia, (2) Rulebook on conditions, criteria and rules for enrollment and studying in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (University Gazette No. 530 of 31.12.2020), including the (3) additional requirements specified in the Study Program for Early Childhood Education at the St. Clement of Ohrid Faculty of Pedagogy in Skopje.

The additional criteria that are specified in the aforementioned study program (Early Childhood Education) and approved by the Council members shall be applied in case of exceptions and if needed.

Teacher Education (for primary education):

Candidates shall meet the requirements in accordance with the (1) Law on Higher Education in the Republic of North Macedonia, (2) Rulebook on conditions, criteria and rules for enrollment and studying in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (University Gazette No. 530 of 31.12.2020), including the (3) additional requirements specified in the Study **Program** for Teacher Education (for primary education) at the St. Clement of Ohrid Faculty of Pedagogy in Skopje.

Kinesiology:

Additional student expenses:

The price for processing statistical data related to the research of the dissertation topic is determined in accordance with the price list of the Centre for Data Analysis and Processing at the Faculty for Physical Education, Sports and Health.

In accordance with the adopted decision, the Council of the Study Program for third cycle of studies in Kinesiology shall also allow the enrollment in third cycle of studies – doctoral studies for candidates who meet the following requirements:

- Average grade of at least 7.50 from all subjects in previously completed education, and
- The candidate has acquired recommendations from at least two professors, assessing the candidate's interest and capacity for scientific work.

Administrative Law:

- Average grade of at least 7.50 from each previously completed cycle of studies, especially for candidates who have completed four-year undergraduate studies VII/1 and one-year postgraduate studies, or second cycle of studies;
- Candidates who have 10 years of professional experience in: A corresponding regulated profession; an institution, as public sector employees of group I (civil servants) or group III (public service providers), in accordance with the Law on Public Sector Employees; or as a legal person with public authority to perform a public interest activity.

Criminal Law:

- Average grade of at least 7.50 from previously completed education (from each the first and second cycle of studies, or integrated studies) if the candidate who has applied has a minimum of ten years of experience working: In judicial authorities, other legal professions, or on legal issues in other legal entities.
- The requirement for achieving an average grade of at least 8.00 in previously completed education (from each the first and second cycle of studies, or integrated studies) shall apply for other candidates.

Public Administration:

- Average grade of at least 7.50 from each previously completed cycle of studies, especially for candidates who have completed four-year undergraduate studies VII/1 and one-year postgraduate studies, or second cycle of studies;
- Candidates who have 10 years of professional experience in: A corresponding regulated profession; an institution, as public sector employees of group I (civil servants) or group III (public service providers), in accordance with the Law on Public Sector Employees; or as a legal person with public authority to perform a public interest activity.

Performing and Audiovisual Arts:

The candidates who meet the requirements for enrollment in these doctoral studies may enroll in Study Programs in Performing and Audiovisual Arts. The adequacy of previously completed studies shall be determined by the Council of the Study Program for doctoral studies. Any student in the third cycle of studies who, in addition to meeting the basic requirements, has directed and presented at least two documentaries or featured films at film festivals, or has directed at least two plays on professional theatre scenes may enroll in Film and Theatre Directing.

Folkloristics: Any student who has achieved an average grade of at least 7.50, and has published two papers in reference scientific publications may enroll in the Study Program for doctoral studies in Folkloristics.

Historical Sciences:

The studies are available to any individual with an MSc in History. If candidates applying for enrollment in doctoral studies have completed their postgraduate studies in a different scientific field within the domain of humanities, their applications will be reviewed individually, and the Council of the Study Program for doctoral studies will determine any additional requirements. Candidates applying for enrollment in doctoral studies must have a Master's degree. Priority for enrollment shall be given to candidates who have achieved a higher average grade in previous education, as well as candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of Historical Sciences. The following elements will be taken into account: Published papers, participation in scientific and research projects; participation in professional and scientific gatherings, conferences, etc.

Philosophy:

Candidates must meet the requirement of having completed first cycle of studies in Philosophy and second cycle of studies in Philosophy or related disciplines within the domain of social sciences or humanities. Priority for enrollment shall be given to candidates who have achieved a higher average grade in previous education, as well as candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of historical sciences, such as: Published papers, participation in scientific and research projects, participation in professional and scientific gatherings, conferences, etc.

Art History and Archaeology:

The studies are available to any individual with an MSc in History and Archaeology. If candidates applying for enrollment in the doctoral studies have completed their postgraduate studies in a different scientific field within the domain of humanities or social sciences, their applications will be reviewed individually, and the Council of the Study Program for doctoral studies will determine any additional requirements. Priority for enrollment shall be given to candidates who have achieved a higher average grade in previous education, as well as to candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of art history and archaeology. The following additional criteria will be taken into account: Published papers, participation in scientific and research projects, participation in professional and scientific gatherings, conferences, etc.

Students who have completed higher education with an average grade of at least 7.50 (from each the first and second cycle of studies) may be allowed to enroll, provided they meet the following additional criteria:

- The candidate has published at least one scientific paper in either a national or international scientific journal (as the sole or lead author), has taken part in an international or scientific conference, or in a national or international scientific project.

Musical Interpretation and Composition:

Positive evaluation of the candidate by the Council of the Study Program based on the review of the candidate's application appendix, which, depending on the field, must contain the following:

For instruments:

1. The candidate performs a free program in the duration of at least 50 minutes. The entry exam program is performed live and from memory, except for wind instruments. Proof of the programs performed during the final exams of undergraduate and postgraduate studies must be attached.

For solo (vocal) singing:

1. The candidate performs a free program in the duration of at least 50 minutes. The program is performed live and from memory. Proof of the programs performed during the final exams of undergraduate and postgraduate studies must be attached.

For conducting an orchestra:

1. Portfolio of events where the candidate performed as a conductor at a minimum of two (2) 60-minute all-night concerts with a symphony orchestra and soloists, and one (1) concert with at least 40 minutes of vocal and instrumental composition.
2. DVD with a good quality video and audio recording, where the candidate performs a free program in the duration of at least 45 minutes.
3. Recordings older than 3 years as of the day of the submission of the application shall not be taken into consideration.

For choir conducting:

1. Portfolio of events where the candidate performed as a conductor at choir music concerts, in particular: At least two concerts with a different a capella program in a total duration of at least 80 minutes, and one concert with vocal and instrumental music of at least 40 minutes.
2. DVD with a good quality video and audio recording, where the candidate performs a free program in the duration of at least 45 minutes.

- Recordings older than 3 years as of the day of the submission of the application shall not be taken into consideration.

For composition:

- Portfolio of compositions in a total duration of at least 60 minutes, containing at least 2 compositions for a symphony orchestra.
- Proof that some of the compositions have been publicly performed.

Theological Studies:

- Completed first cycle of studies in Theology, and second cycle of studies in the field of humanities (theology, philosophy, history, art history and archaeology, philology and literature, cultural studies and music).
- Average grade of at least 8.00 from all subjects in previously completed higher education.

Cultural Studies:

The Council of the Study Program for doctoral studies in Cultural Studies shall allow, as an exception, the enrollment of students with an average grade of at least 7.50 (from each the first and second cycle of studies, or integrated studies), provided they meet the following additional requirements:

- at least two scientific papers in the field of the study program published in a national/international scientific journal or a scientific conference proceedings volume in the last five years;
- participation in a scientific conference/gathering or other relevant contribution in the field.

V. Candidate Selection

Preliminary list of admitted candidates

When the Competition ends, the Unit shall publish the preliminary list of candidates admitted for doctoral studies in each study program. A separate list is published regarding candidates who did not meet the requirements for enrollment in doctoral studies.

These lists are published on the Unit's website.

The preliminary list of admitted candidates and the list of candidates who did not meet the requirements shall be determined by the Council of the Study Program.

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

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

Final list of admitted candidates

Following the end of the grievance procedure, the Council of the Study Program shall submit the list of admitted candidates to the University's 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.

This list of admitted candidates shall be final.

VI. Deadlines for Application and Enrollment of Candidates

Application and Enrollment Deadline	First admission round	Second admission round*
Application of candidates	9.9.2025 – 22.9.2025	1.12.2025 – 10.12.2025
Publication of preliminary ranking lists	24.9.2025	12.12.2025

Review of complaints	29.9.2025	17.12.2025
Publication of final ranking lists	1.10.2025	19.12.2025
Enrollment of candidates	6.10.2025 – 10.10.2025	22.12.2025 – 26.12.2025

*** Not all study programs will be available during the second admission round. Only those programs that choose to participate or still have available spots will accept applications at that stage.**

VII. Manner of Applying and Required 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 for third cycle of studies – doctoral studies, candidates shall submit the following original documents or copies thereof certified by a notary public:

1. Application form specifying the study program selected;
2. Preliminary consent of a mentor from the list of mentors;
3. Motivation letter specifying the field 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 from the first cycle of studies, or undergraduate studies;
8. Diploma from the second cycle of studies, or postgraduate studies;
9. Certificate for English language proficiency. Candidates shall submit a certificate for B2-level English language proficiency issued by the Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology in Skopje at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, in accordance with 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 specified in the Competition, or a diploma for completed undergraduate studies (first cycle) and/or postgraduate studies (second cycle), where the study program was conducted in English.
10. Any candidates who have completed higher education, or undergraduate studies (first cycle) and postgraduate studies (second cycle) abroad, shall submit nostrified documents proving that they meet the requirements for enrollment in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies, including their grade equivalents if the grading system is different from the one utilized in the Republic of North Macedonia.

VIII. Enrollment of Students

Enrollment of students shall take place from 6 October 2025 to 10 October 2025 in the respective Unit of the study program.

The following documents must also be submitted to the Unit of the study program:

1. Student's index (booklet) and application forms;
2. Two photos (two 3.5 x 4.5 photos and one 2 x 3 photo);
3. Mentor's Final Consent;
4. Application regarding the selection of academic training subjects;
5. Study Contract;
6. Payment slip for the first instalment of the tuition fee;

7. Payment slip for the 7% of the tuition fee (in denar equivalent) paid to the University School of Doctoral Studies;
8. Student Consent Form regarding electronic communication.

Tuition shall be paid in 6 equal instalments, 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 instalment to the account of the Unit of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, admitted candidates make a payment in the amount of 7% of the tuition fee (in denar equivalent) to the account of the University School of Doctoral Studies of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, at the following:

- Account no.: 160 010 3689 788 18;
- Revenue code and program: 723012 41;
- Recipient's bank: National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia.

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