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Ss. CYRIL AND METHODIUS UNIVERSITY IN SKOPJE



COMPETITION

**for the Enrollment of Students in the Third Cycle of Academic Studies – Doctoral Studies
of Study Programs
at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje,
for the 2026/2027 Academic Year**

Skopje, 2026

Pursuant to the Law on Higher Education (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 82/2018, Official Gazette of the Republic of N. 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 Office Decision under Arch. No. 02-299/4 passed at the 309th session held on 20 February 2026, and the Decision of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia approving competitions for enrollment in third cycle of studies at public higher education institutions No. 57-4991/7 dated 14.7.2026 (Official Gazette No. 160, dated 16.7.2026), Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje publishes the following

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- I. The study programs, the number of students and the tuition fees for enrolling students in the third cycle of studies - doctoral studies are given in the following table :**

NATURAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES				
	Studio program	Number on students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students**
1.	Biology – Biochemistry and Physiology* Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	12	5,500 ¹	8,000 ¹
2.	Biology – Molecular Biology* Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	12	5,500 ¹	8,000 ¹
3.	Biology – Ecology* Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	10	5,500 ¹	8,000 ¹
4.	Biology – Taxonomy* Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	10	5,500 ¹	8,000 ¹
5.	Mathematical Sciences and Applications Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	23	4,360 ³	6,540 ³
6.	Physics* Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	10	3,950 ⁴	5,925 ⁴
7.	Chemistry (in English)* Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	38	3,950 ⁵	6,425 ⁵
8.	Geography Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	10	4,500	6,500
9.	Informatics Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering	0 (87) ⁶	4,750	4,750

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY				
	Study program	Number on students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students**
1.	Architecture and Urbanism* Faculty of Architecture	3	5,650	5,650
2.	Civil Engineering* Faculty of Civil Engineering - Structures; - Hydraulic Engineering; - Geotechnical Engineering; - Traffic Engineering; - Organization, Technology and Management in Construction	40	5,500	5,500
3.	Geodesy Faculty of Civil Engineering	3	5,500	5,500
4.	Mechanical Engineering* Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	76	4,550	6,825
5.	Industrial Engineering and Management* Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	4	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	0 (87) ⁶	4,750	4,750
9.	Earthquake Engineering Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology	13	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	28	4,000	6,000

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES				
	Study program	Number on students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students**
1.	Clinical Medicine* Faculty of Medicine	117	5,000	8,000
2.	Basic Medical Sciences* Faculty of Medicine	20	5,000	8,000
3.	Molecular Medicine* Faculty of Medicine	6	5,000	8,000
4.	Medical Physics Faculty of Medicine	2	5,000	8,000
5.	Public Healthcare* Faculty of Medicine	14	5,000	8,000
6.	Pharmacy* Faculty of Pharmacy	24	8,000	12,000
7.	Dental Sciences* Faculty of Dentistry	88	6,000	9,000

AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCES				
	Study program	Number on students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students**
1.	Agricultural Economics* Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food	22	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	27	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	34	5,000	5,000
7.	Veterinary Medicine* Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	58	5,650	8,475
8.	Food Safety*	25	5,650	8,475

	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine			
9.	Zootechnics and Agricultural Management Institute of Animal and Fishery Science	6	4,500	6,750
10.	Fishery Institute of Animal and Fishery Science	6	4,500	6,750

SOCIAL SCIENCES				
	Study program	Number on students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students**
1.	Security Faculty of Philosophy	10	5,400	7,500
2.	Special Education and Rehabilitation* 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	13	5,400	7,500
6.	Social Work and Social Policy Faculty of Philosophy	23	5,400	7,500
7.	Political Science* Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	11	4,900	4,900
8.	Sociological Science – Sociology of Social Change* Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	5	4,900	4,900
9.	Communications and Media Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	2	4,900	4. 900
10.	Management and Business* Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research	4	4,900	4,900
11.	Economics and Business* Faculty of Economics/Institute of Economics	109	6,500	9,500
12.	Teacher Education (for primary education)* St. Clement of Ohrid Faculty of Pedagogy	34	5,000	6,000
13.	Early Childhood Education* St. Clement of Ohrid Faculty of Pedagogy	34	5,000	6,000
14.	Kinesiology	15	6,046	8,934

	Faculty of Physical Education, Sports and Health			
15.	Political Sciences* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	12	8,000	8,000
16.	Political System* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	7	8,000	8,000
17.	International Relations* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	18	8,000	8,000
18.	Public Administration* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	2	8,000	8,000
19.	Administrative Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	3	8,000	8,000
20.	Civil Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	12	8,000	8,000
21.	Business Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	5	8,000	12,000
22.	History on Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	9	8,000	12,000
23.	Criminal Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	3	8,000	8,000
24.	Intellectual Property Rights* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	4	8,000	8,000
25.	Roman Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	1	8,000	8,000
26.	Constitutional Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	6	8,000	8,000
27.	Financial Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	4	8,000	8,000
28.	Legal Rhetoric and Argumentation* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	1	8,000	8,000
29.	Public and Private International Law* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	6	8,000	8,000
30.	EU Law and European Integration* – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	3	8,000	8,000
31.	IT Law – Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law	6	8,000	8,000

HUMANITIES AND ARTS				
	Study program	Number on students	Tuition fee**	Tuition fees for foreign students**
1.	Musical Interpretation and Composition* Faculty of Music Arts	10	5,650	5,650
2.	Music Sciences*	2	5,650	5,650

	Faculty of Music Arts			
3.	Performing and Audiovisual Arts* Faculty of Dramatic Arts	8	5,500	8,250
4.	Theatrology* Faculty of Dramatic Arts	8	5,500	8,250
5.	Folkloristics* Marko Cepenkov Institute of Folklore	10	4,300	6,450
6.	History of Macedonia Institute of National History/Faculty of Philosophy	20	4,500	6,500
7.	Historical Sciences Faculty of Philosophy	25	5,400	7,500
8.	Art History and Archaeology Faculty of Philosophy	22	5,400	7,500
9.	Philosophy Faculty of Philosophy	16	5,400	7,500
10.	Classical Philology Faculty of Philosophy	5	5,400	7,500
11.	Linguistics – Albanian Language Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	13	4,500	4,500
12.	Linguistics – Romance Languages Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	18	4,500	4,500
13.	Linguistics – English Language Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	22	4,500	4,500
14.	Linguistics – German Language Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	3	4,500	4,500
15.	Linguistics – Slavic Languages Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	17	4,500	4,500
16.	Literary Studies – Albanian Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	2	4,500	4,500
17.	Literary Studies – General and Comparative Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	11	4,500	4,500
18.	Literary Studies – Slavic Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	6	4,500	4,500
19.	Literary Studies – English Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	8	4,500	4,500
20.	Literary Studies – Romanian Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	8	4,500	4,500
21.	Literary Studies – German Literature Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology	5	4,500	4,500
22.	Macedonian Studies – Macedonian Language and Linguistics Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology/ Krste Misirkov Institute of Macedonian Language	36	4,500	5,500
23.	Macedonian Studies – Macedonian Literature and Culture	48	4,500	5.500

	Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology/ Institute of Macedonian Literature			
24.	Theological Studies St. Clement of Ohrid Orthodox Faculty of Theology	5	4,500	4,500
25.	Ethnology and Anthropology Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	12	4,300	4,300
26.	Cultural Studies* Institute of Macedonian Literature	18	4,500	5,000

* These study programs are undergoing an accreditation process and students shall be enrolled therein after these study programs obtain Decisions to start work.

** The tuition fee includes the study expenses, i.e., costs for organizing lectures, workshops and seminars, the mentor, the committees of faculties/institutes organizing 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, visiting professors' fees 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 such amounts shall be published on the Unit's website.

¹ Regarding any study programs for which the "Accreditation Decision" or "Decision to start work" in the table are designated with the * symbol, enrollment shall be made if by the publication of the Competition for the 2026/2027 academic year, a Decision to start work is obtained in accordance with Article 145, paragraph 7 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 82/2018 and Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia Nos. 178/2021, 58/2024 and 124/2025).

² The tuition fee also includes research costs.

³ If any additional courses are assigned in accordance with the study program, the fee shall amount to 50 euros for each first-cycle course, and 100 euros for each second-cycle course.

⁴ The tuition fee shall not include any material costs for researching the thesis or other costs as per the Study Contract.

⁵ The material costs for researching the thesis shall amount to EUR 2,000 and they shall not be included in the tuition fee. The tuition fee does not include any possible costs for the candidate's mobility, visiting professors' fees or other costs as per the Study Contract.

⁶ The Informatics and Computer Science and Engineering study programs shall take students only in the second enrollment period.

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/>

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 academic studies with at least 300 ECTS credits acquired 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/Attestation of English language proficiency. English language proficiency shall be proven by providing a Certificate or Attestation for level B2 according to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and issued by the Blaže Koneski Faculty of Philology in Skopje at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, an international Certificate for the same level issued by an official European testator identified in the Competition or a Diploma for previously acquired education – undergraduate studies (first cycle) and/or postgraduate studies (second cycle) where the study program was implemented in the English language.

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 their studies under the 2005/2006 academic year study program, attained the degree of Medical Doctor (MD) and are currently in the second half of their medical residency;
- Individuals who completed their studies under the 2005/2006 academic year study program (360 credits), attained the degree of Medical Doctor (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 their 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 their 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 their 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 acquired the title of Specialist within the third cycle of their studies, with these candidates being granted a maximum of 60 credits.

IV. Additional Requirements Determined by Study Program Councils

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 courses in each of their undergraduate and postgraduate studies, 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 and second cycles of studies, or integrated 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 application for enrollment in the third cycle of studies.

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 2026/2027 academic year regarding 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 doctoral 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 the third cycle of 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 2026/2027 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 doctoral 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 third-cycle enrollment application.

The Council for the Study Program in **Industrial Engineering and Management** 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 the third cycle of studies, intended for assessment of compliance with the additional enrollment criteria.

Computer Science and Engineering:

The enrollment of students who have not achieved an average grade of at least 8.00 from all subjects in their previously completed higher education, i.e. at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels of at least 8.00, **may** be allowed to enroll in the third-cycle study program – doctoral studies in *Computer Science and Engineering*. For such candidates, the additional requirement is that they have at least one paper published in a journal with an impact factor (indexed by Thomson Reuters) in the fields of Computer Science and Engineering and Informatics as lead authors of the paper(s).

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

Pharmacy:

Students who have not achieved an average grade of at least 8.00 from all subjects in their previously completed higher education, or the integrated first and second cycle of their undergraduate studies, or in their first cycle of undergraduate studies and their second-cycle postgraduate studies, may enroll in the third-cycle doctoral study program in pharmacy, provided that they meet the following requirements:

- Average grade of at least 7.50 from all subjects in their previously completed higher education at integrated first and second cycle level of undergraduate studies or at first-cycle level undergraduate studies or second-cycle level postgraduate studies (separately);

and

- At least one paper published in the last 5 years in a journal with an impact factor (indexed by Web of Science/Clarivate) in the scientific field of Medical and Health Sciences and related areas/fields/subfields, where the candidates shall be the lead authors of the paper(s).

The suitability of related areas/fields/subfields shall be determined by the Doctoral Studies Council.

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 and Rehabilitation:

The Council of the third-cycle study program – doctoral studies in Special Education and Rehabilitation shall allow the enrollment of students with an average grade of at least 7.50 if the candidate has 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 who have gained undergraduate and master's degrees from another scientific field in the area of social sciences or humanities, apply for these doctoral studies, their applications shall be considered individually and the Council of Doctoral Studies for this study program shall decide on any additional obligations.

Pedagogy:

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

Psychology:

These studies are available to all candidates who meet the requirements for enrollment in doctoral studies specified in the Competition, and who have completed their first cycle of studies in Psychology, and second cycle of studies in Psychology or any related disciplines in the domain of social sciences and humanities. 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 proven English language proficiency—candidates shall also meet the following requirement: a research draft in the field specified in their 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:

Students who have completed academic studies and meet the following requirements may enroll in the doctoral studies in the Sociology study program:

- Completed relevant education in the first and/or second cycle of studies in Sociology with at least 300 ECTS credits acquired and with an average grade (first and second cycle of studies separately or integrated studies) of at least 8.00 (first and second cycle of studies separately or integrated studies);
- Completed relevant education in the first or second cycle of studies in Sociology with at least 300 ECTS credits acquired and with an average grade (first and second cycle separately or integrated studies) of at least 7.50, if they have: published as an author two peer-reviewed international papers in the field of sociology, no older than five years as of the date of submitting the application for enrollment in the third cycle of studies (such papers shall be submitted as photocopies, in triplicate with a copy of the title page of the book or scientific journal in which the paper was published) or participated in scientific research projects or scientific meetings or have 5 years of work experience in the field of sociology;
- Completed inadequate education in the first or second cycle of studies with at least 300 ECTS (another study program in the field of social sciences and humanities). If they pass the entrance exam and have: published as an author two peer-reviewed international papers in the field of sociology, no older than five years as of the date of submitting the application for enrollment in the third cycle of studies (such papers shall be submitted as photocopies, in triplicate with a copy of the title page of the book or scientific journal in which the paper was published) or proof of participation in scientific research projects or scientific meetings. After the deadline for applying in the Competition, the Council of the Sociology Study Program shall organize the entrance exam. Such entrance exam shall consist of a written and oral part. The written part involves writing

a research draft in which the student shall explain in more detail the area of interest stated in their motivation letter. Candidates shall specify their thesis or subject of research, methodology of work and goals. The draft shall be written on the spot, during the entrance exam. Candidates are encouraged, if possible, to use a laptop. The exam shall take 60 minutes. The elements taken into account during the evaluation shall include: the relevance of the thesis, the originality of the thesis, a theoretical framework including an insight into any existing literature, initial assumptions and hypotheses, methodology, as well as the ability to clearly articulate ideas and the quality of argumentation. Based on the draft, the Commission shall assess the candidate's scientific competence and motivation at the moment. The oral part of the entrance exam is an interview in which the candidate shall present their motivation to be admitted to doctoral studies and their previous research experiences and results, while explaining the research proposal they plan to make during their doctoral studies, including the thesis of their doctoral dissertation. The selection criteria for enrollment shall be assessed based on: the results of the student's previous work (average grade achieved from previously completed education (first and second cycle separately, or integrated studies), duration of studies in the first and second cycle of studies, scientific results achieved (maximum 40 points); the results of the entrance exam for students with inadequate education completed in the first or second cycle of studies (maximum 40 points); the quality of the motivation letter (maximum 20 points). The Study Program Council for the third cycle – doctoral studies in Sociology retains the right to assess which student (if having met the formal requirements) can enroll in Sociology doctoral studies.

Social Work and Social Policy:

Candidates who meet the requirements for enrollment in the third cycle of studies – doctoral studies in Social Work and Social Policy, as per the Rulebook on third cycle of studies at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, and who have completed the 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

Economy and Business:

The Council of the Study Program for third cycle of studies – doctoral studies shall allow the enrollment of students who have completed their first and second cycle of studies with an average grade of at least 7.50 in each cycle separately, only if they have published at least one paper in a scientific journal that is indexed in the Web of Science or Scopus database.

Teacher Education (for primary education):

The additional criteria prescribed in the study programs for Early Childhood Education and Primary Education Teacher Education, accepted by the members of the Council of the same programs, shall be used as additional requirements for enrollment.

Where the average grade achieved is lower than 8.00, at least two of the following additional criteria shall be taken into account:

- At least two papers published in international journals determined as such by the Law on Higher Education.
- Participation in at least one international or national project or participation in at least two international conferences or congresses.
- Independent and original scientific research conducted, where the results have been published in international or national scientific journals or monographs.
- An independently performed art exhibition or public stage performance.
- Recommendations obtained from prominent scientists and experts in the selected field or area.

Early Childhood Education:

The additional criteria prescribed in the study programs for Early Childhood Education and Primary Education Teacher Education, accepted by the members of the Council of the same programs, shall be used as additional requirements for enrollment.

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- At least two papers published in international journals determined as such by the Law on Higher Education.
- Participation in at least one international or national project or participation in at least two international conferences or congresses.
- Independent and original scientific research conducted, where the results have been published in international or national scientific journals or monographs.
- An independently performed art exhibition or public stage performance.
- Recommendations obtained from prominent scientists and experts in the selected field or area.

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 with 10 years of work experience in: a relevant regulated profession; an institution, as public sector employees of group I (administrative civil servant positions) or group III (public service provider positions – activity holders) in accordance with the Law on Public Sector Employees; or a legal entity entrusted by law to exercise public authorization, in a position related to an activity of public interest.

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 any other candidate.

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 with 10 years of work experience in: a relevant regulated profession; an institution, as public sector employees of group I (administrative civil servant positions) or group III (public service provider positions/activity holders) in accordance with the Law on Public Sector Employees; or a legal entity entrusted by law to exercise public authorization, in a position related to an activity of public interest.

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, shall contain the following:

For the area of types of instruments:

1. The candidate performs a free program in the duration of at least 50 minutes. The program from the entrance exam is performed live from memory, except for wind instruments, where the program shall be performed live, but not from memory. Proof of the programs performed during the final exams of undergraduate and postgraduate studies shall be attached.

For the area of solo (vocal) singing:

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

For the area of orchestral conducting:

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 5 years as of the day of submission of the application shall not be accepted or taken into consideration.

For the area of 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.
3. Recordings older than 5 years as of the day of submission of the application shall not be accepted or taken into consideration.

For the area of composition:

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

Performing and Audiovisual Arts:

Regarding the study programs in dramatic and audiovisual arts, candidates meeting the criteria for art doctoral studies shall have the right to enroll in art doctoral studies. The adequacy of previously completed studies shall be established 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/general 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.

Theatrolology:

In terms of the study program in the area on Theatrolology, candidates meeting the criteria for students attending doctoral studies shall have the right to enroll in these doctoral studies. The adequacy of previously completed studies shall be established by the Council of the Study Program for doctoral studies.

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

Historical Sciences:

In terms of enrollment requirements, these studies are open to all MA holders in History. If candidates having completed master's studies in a different scientific field from the area of social sciences or humanities apply for these doctoral studies, their applications shall be considered individually and the Council of the Study Program for doctoral studies shall decide on any additional obligations. Candidates who enroll in doctoral studies shall have a master's degree acquired. Priority for enrollment will be given to candidates with higher academic achievement, as well as candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of Historical Sciences. Here, the following elements will be taken into account: published papers; participation in scientific research projects, participation in professional and scientific meetings, conferences, etc.

Philosophy:

Candidates shall have completed their 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 with a higher average grade in previous education, as well as candidates with higher scientific achievements in the field of Philosophy, such as: published papers, participation in scientific

and research projects, participation in professional and scientific gatherings, conferences, etc.

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 the third-cycle studies – 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 area 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*
Registration of candidates' applications	7.9.2026 – 21.9.2026	1.12.2026 – 10.12.2026
Publication of preliminary lists	24.9.2026	14.12.2026
Deciding on complaints	28.9.2026	16.12.2026
Publication of final lists	1.10.2026	18.12.2026

Enrollment of candidates	5.10.2026 – 9.10.2026	21.12.2026 – 25.12.2026
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*** Registration and enrollment in the second admission round shall only be available for study programs that will be decided for implementation in the second admission round.**

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 indicating the selected study program for which the applicant is applying;
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 from the first cycle of studies, or undergraduate studies;
8. Diploma from the second cycle of studies, or postgraduate studies;
9. Certificate/Attestation 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 used in the Republic of North Macedonia.

VIII. Enrollment of Students

Student enrollment shall take place from 5 October 2026 to 9 October 2026 in the respective Unit of the study program.

The following documents shall 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 courses;
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 at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, admitted candidates shall make a payment in the amount of 7% of the respective study program tuition fee (in denar equivalent) to the account of the University School of Doctoral Studies at 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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