



PhD studies at University of Donja Gorica

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- **UDG organizes three PhD programs (in Economics, Law and Humanistic Studies) at the moment, and several others are in accreditation procedure.**
- **According to the rules of Bologna declaration and Law on Higher Education of Montenegro PhD programs take three years (180 ECTS) and are fully comparable with adequate international doctoral studies.**

Topics:

1. Research orientation – strong focus on methodology of research;
2. Individual approach and mentor work – require active engagement of student and professor;
3. UDG research projects and PhD candidates;
4. Different approach – multidisciplinary conferences of PhD studies;
5. Business sector / Academic sector students;
6. Full time / part time PhD studies;
7. Financing.

Research oriented PhD studies

- **PhD Studies “International Economics” are organized in six semesters (three years).**
- **In first two semesters student are obliged to pass two or five courses (depending of their previous education).**
- **Methodology of research – strong focus**
- **In second and third year student work on his/her research and writes papers and PhD thesis.**

Individual approach and mentor work with every candidate

- Students take several courses delivered in first year of studies, after which they focus on the research. First they have to defend their thesis proposal.
- In order to facilitate the process of obtaining the PhD, UDG organizes meeting with PhD students on a regular basis, then maintains intensive communication with their mentors/supervisors, provides them with information regarding the scholarships and workshops relevant for the development of their thesis writing skills.



Doctoral research can be part of UDG research projects

- This approach is encouraged
- Orientation to strengthen connection between research and lectures;
- Possibility to engage relevant international experts from the field
- Strengthening research capacity and capacity for innovation

Conferences of PhD studies

- It is followed by several research papers which have to be defended, as well. Defense Committee consists of several members from different fields;
- Members of Committees - international academicians with the expertise in different fields
- Multidisciplinarity – candidates must demonstrate their understanding of the topics they elaborate among their peers but also among experts from other fields;
- Students are encouraged to publish their papers in relevant academic journals including the ones published by UDG.

Number of candidates from “business”

- PhD studies at UDG were established and those are open for all those individuals interested in academic career, but also for all entrepreneurs willing to broaden their knowledge and skills, as well as become an expert in the field in which they have been working for a certain period.

Full / part time basis

- Most of PhD students work and studies are organized on the part-time basis for them, however some students attend full time PhD programs and are actively involved in research activities and research projects realized at UDG.
- Full time PhD programs are designed for people who want to develop their theoretical knowledge and methodology which will be implemented in academic and research institutions, while attendants of part-time PhD programs see their professional future in business.

Financing of PhD studies

- **All PhD students, even those that are employed at University as teaching assistants, have to pay for their PhD studies.**
- **That is considered to be investment in themselves.**

Challenges ahead us

- How to make PhD studies more attractive - full time PhD studies
- Motivation of candidates – new cycle of enrollment



Thanks for your attention!