

**Prague University of Economics and Business  
Office for Science and Research**

**Doctoral Study Programmes**

for academic year 2024/2025

Dear PhD candidates,

this is a booklet that provides information about the organization and curriculum of the doctoral study programmes offered by the faculties of the Prague University of Economics and Business (henceforth just „VŠE“). Together with the Study and Examination Rules, this document gives you a complete understanding of this highest-level university degree, which is the first step in your research career (see <https://www.vse.cz/english/about-vse/https://www.vse.cz/english/about-vse/information-and-regulations/study-and-examination-rules-2/information-and-regulations/study-and-examination-rules-2/>).

Information about the PhD specializations is listed under the appropriate faculties, which administer the individual programmes. In this document, you can also find useful contact information, degree specializations, and the structure and requirements of all study programmes. Information about the VŠE PhD candidate projects can be found at the end of the booklet.

For more information, please contact the Office for Science and Research of VŠE ([sabina.zukalova@vse.cz](mailto:sabina.zukalova@vse.cz), [susan@vse.cz](mailto:susan@vse.cz)) or the appropriate faculty.

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# **VŠE Faculties with doctoral study programmes**

## **Characteristics, structure of subjects in study programmes**

## Faculty of Finance and Accounting

Dean of the Faculty prof. Ing. Petr Musílek, Ph.D.

### List of accredited doctoral study programmes at the Faculty of Finance and Accounting

Name of study programme	Standard duration in years		Validity of accr. till	
		<i>Mode of study*</i>	<i>Language**</i>	
<i>Finance</i>	4	<i>P,K</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>2.10.2028</i>
<i>Accountancy and Financial Management</i>	4	<i>P,K</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>2.10.2028</i>

*\*) Study programmes marked with letter P are realised in full-time mode of study, study programmes marked with letter K are realised in the distance or combined mode of study.*

*\*\*\*) Study programmes marked with letter A are realised in the English language.*

The doctoral studies candidates are admitted on the basis of the results of entrance exams and with regard to the capacity of supervisors. All information about the admission procedure can be found in a brochure called "Information about the entrance examination for doctoral studies" published by the Prague University of Economics and Business

(<https://science.vse.cz/doctoral-studies/for-applicants/>).

The standard duration of accredited doctoral programmes is 4 years, while the maximum duration is 5 years. Detailed information about rules and regulations governing doctoral programmes can be found in the Study and Examination Rules (<https://www.vse.cz/english/about-vse/information-and-regulations/study-and-examination-rules-2/>).

PhD candidates follow an individual study plan prepared under the guidance of their supervisors at the beginning of their study.

If the number of students is insufficient, the lessons will be carried out in a form of individual consultations.

The following doctoral study programmes may be studied at the Faculty of Finance and Accountancy:

- **Finance** (guarantor: prof. Ing. Zbyněk Revenda, CSc., phone number: +420 224 09 5175, e-mail: [zbynek.revenda@vse.cz](mailto:zbynek.revenda@vse.cz))
- **Accountancy and Financial Management** (guarantor: doc. Ing. David Procházka, Ph.D., phone number: +420 224 095 157, e-mail: [prochazd@vse.cz](mailto:prochazd@vse.cz))

Further inquiries on doctoral programmes should be directed to doc. Ing. Karel Brůna, Ph.D., the Vice dean for Science, Research and PhD Studies – phone number +420 224 09 5106, e-mail: [bruna@vse.cz](mailto:bruna@vse.cz).

Procedural and technical issues are administered by study coordinator for doctoral study: Agáta Bernasová – phone number: +420 224 09 5142, e-mail: [referentkads\\_FFU@vse.cz](mailto:referentkads_FFU@vse.cz).

Students can also receive more information about doctoral studies at the Office for Science and Research: Mgr. Sabina Zukalová, e-mail: [sabina.zukalova@vse.cz](mailto:sabina.zukalova@vse.cz).

## **Faculty of Finance and Accounting - FFA**

Doctoral study programme: **Finance**

Programme Finance is aimed at scientific research and independent creative activity in the sphere of micro- and macro- finance (Financial Markets and Banking, Monetary Theory and Policy, Public Finance). Programme compulsory subjects, elective subjects, optional subjects, scientific, publication and pedagogical duties; home and foreign scientific stays and preliminary focus of a doctoral thesis are included in the study scheme, which is composed at the beginning of study, being evaluated every year. After completing the study scheme the student sits for the Doctoral State Examination (Financial Economics, Economics of Banks and Insurance Companies, Theoretical and Analytical Issues of Public Finance, Microeconomic Aspects of Taxation, Fiscal Imbalance, Theory and Practice of Monetary Policy, International Monetary Relations), which is a complex revision of knowledge from the sphere of theory of finance and methods of application of newly gained knowledge.

With the final doctoral thesis the student proves his/her ability of independent creative work. It has a character of a research work, bringing new and so far not published knowledge in the sphere of theory of finance. Among the basic characteristic features of a doctoral thesis at the field of finance are especially the scientific approach to working out the topic, using scientific research methods, scientific style of work and scientific presentation of original outcomes. In the course of working out the doctoral thesis the student informs the respective department on the advance of solving the assigned topic.

The principal goal of the Finance doctoral programme is to prepare the students for their future university or research activity. The main stress is put on mastering modern quantitative methods, completing advanced financial subjects, solving specialized research tasks and their presentation at professional conferences and working out and defending doctoral work being a substantial scientific contribution in the sphere of theory of finance.

### **Compulsory courses:**

**BP\_903 Financial Markets and Institutions**  
**MTP903 Monetary Economics and Empirical Models**  
**VF\_901 Public Finance**

### **Elective courses:**

PhD candidate chooses one of the stated subjects on recommendation of supervisor:

**MIE911 Economics (Microeconomics – Macroeconomics)**  
**MAE911 Economics (Macroeconomics – Microeconomics)**

PhD candidate chooses one of the stated subjects on recommendation of supervisor:

**FIL901 Philosophy and Methodology of Science**  
**STP916 Applied Statistics and Econometrics**

### **Optional and supplementary courses:**

Upon agreement with their supervisor the PhD candidate chooses other, but maximum of three courses relevant to the doctoral thesis (see the list of accredited subjects for doctoral study).

**Foreign languages courses for doctoral study programme are offered by the language departments**

**PhD candidate performs other duties in accordance with the Study and Examination Rules and the Individual Study Plan.**

In accordance with the Study and Examination Rules, PhD candidates also have to record in their Individual Study Plan a doctoral state examination as well as a defence of thesis.

## **Faculty of Finance and Accounting - FFA**

Doctoral study programme: **Accountancy and Financial Management**

The study programme Accountancy and Financial Management focuses on the preparation of students for their future academic or research career in business or public sector. In the line with current standards in international research, the core of the programme rests on mastering of modern quantitative and qualitative research methods in business and economics, passing advanced courses in accounting and corporate finance, as well as in own research of specific topics and their presentation in top conferences in the field.

Students are expected to do their research on a selected topic relating to financial accounting, management accounting, auditing, corporate finance, financial management or business valuation. Based on the theoretical preparation in the courses and own research, the graduate is able to solve complex problems in the above-mentioned area, both on a theoretical and a practical level. Own research activity of a student is grounded on deep knowledge of relevant and competing economic, financial and accounting theories as well as on their empirical testing under various sets of conditions.

The study is formally concluded by the elaboration and defense of final doctoral thesis, by which students prove their ability of independent creative research work. The thesis can take either form of a research monograph, or it can consist of a collection of published papers in internationally recognised peer-reviewed journals.

### **Compulsory courses:**

**MIE911 Economics (Microeconomics – Macroeconomics)**  
**FP\_901 Financial Management**  
**MU\_901 Management Accounting**  
**FU\_902 Financial Accounting Standardization**

### **Elective courses:**

PhD candidate chooses one of the stated subjects on recommendation of supervisor:

**FIL901 Philosophy and Methodology of Science**  
**STP916 Applied Statistics and Econometrics**

### **Optional and supplementary courses:**

Upon agreement with their supervisor the PhD candidate chooses other, but maximum of three courses relevant to the doctoral thesis (see the list of accredited subjects for doctoral study).

**Foreign languages courses for doctoral study programme are offered by the language departments.**

**PhD candidate performs other duties in accordance with the Study and Examination Rules and the Individual Study Plan.**

In accordance with the Study and Examination Rules, PhD students also have to record in their Individual Study Plan a doctoral state examination as well as a defence of thesis.



## Faculty of International Relations

Dean of the Faculty doc. Ing. Josef Taušer, Ph.D.

### The list of accredited doctoral study programmes at the Faculty of International Relations

Name of study programme	Standard duration in years		Validity of accr. till	
		<i>Mode of study*</i>		<i>Language**</i>
<i>International Economic Relations</i>	4	<i>P,K</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>1.10.2028</i>
<i>International and Diplomatic Studies</i>	4	<i>P,K</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>15.9.2030</i>

\*) *Study programmes marked with letter P are realised in full-time mode of study, study programmes marked with letter K are realised in the distance or combined mode of study.*

\*\*\*) *Study programmes marked with letter A are realised in the English language.*

The doctoral studies candidates are admitted on the basis of the results of entrance exams and with regard to the capacity of supervisors. All information about the admission procedure can be found in a brochure called "Information about the entrance examination for doctoral studies" published by the Prague University of Economics and Business (<https://science.vse.cz/doctoral-studies/for-applicants/>).

The standard duration of accredited doctoral programmes is 4 years, while the maximum duration is 5 years. Detailed information about rules and regulations governing doctoral programmes can be found in the Study and Examination Rules (<https://www.vse.cz/english/about-vse/information-and-regulations/study-and-examination-rules-2/>).

PhD candidates follow an individual study plan prepared under the guidance of their supervisors at the beginning of their study.

If the number of students is insufficient, the lessons will be carried out in a form of individual consultations.

These doctoral study programmes may be studied at Faculty of International Relations:

- **International Economic Relations** (guarantor: prof. Ing. Stanislav Šaroch, Ph.D., phone number +420 224 09 5356, e-mail: [stanislav.saroch@vse.cz](mailto:stanislav.saroch@vse.cz))
- **International and Diplomatic Studies** (guarantor: doc. Mgr. Ing. Štěpánka Zemanová, Ph.D., phone number +420 224 09 5660, e-mail: [stepanka.zemanova@vse.cz](mailto:stepanka.zemanova@vse.cz))

Further inquiries on doctoral programmes should be directed to doc. Ing. Mgr. Radka Druláková, Ph.D., the Vice-dean for Research and Doctoral Studies – phone number +420 224 09 5248, e-mail: [radka.drulakova@vse.cz](mailto:radka.drulakova@vse.cz).

Procedural and technical issues are administered by study coordinator for doctoral study: Ing. Martina Machová – [martina.machova@vse.cz](mailto:martina.machova@vse.cz), phone number: +420 224 09 5240.

Students can receive more information about doctoral studies at the Office for Science and Research: Mgr. Sabina Zukalová, e-mail: [sabina.zukalova@vse.cz](mailto:sabina.zukalova@vse.cz).

## **Faculty of International Relations - FIR**

Doctoral study programme: **International Economic Relations**

This study programme enables further professional education of university-graduated professionals by acquiring of scientific qualification in the sphere of international business. Study extends the knowledge of this broad and dynamically developing field and develops skills in applying scientific methods in research in this sphere. It educates experts for independent creative work and conceptual approach to solving problems of international business and to applying newly gained knowledge in practice.

Applicants for this study programme can be graduates from economic universities or other social science or technical fields. The choice of studied subjects enables to adjust the structure of completed courses to the preceding education of the applicant, to the field of interest and to the particular focus of his/her doctoral thesis.

Graduates from doctoral study of International Economic Relations apply their skills mainly in entrepreneurial sphere at home and abroad, at scientific and research work places, at universities and vocational schools, in public administration bodies and diplomatic corps abroad, in public-service institutions and international organizations.

### **Compulsory courses:**

**MO\_922 Methodology of Science – in English**  
**SE\_963 International Economics III**  
**STP915 Statistical Methods for Scientific Research**

### **Elective courses:**

The PhD candidate chooses one of the following two subjects on the recommendation of a supervisor:

**MIE911 Economics (Microeconomics – Macroeconomics)**  
**SE\_907 Economic Analysis and International Comparisons:**  
**Data, concepts, methods and challenges**

The PhD candidate chooses one of the following nine subjects on the recommendation of a supervisor:

**MO\_911 International Marketing Management**  
**MO\_912 New Challenges in the International Logistics**  
**OP\_904 International Management**  
**PRA913 Economic and Business European Law**  
**SE\_904 European Monetary Integration**  
**SE\_905 The European Single Market and Global/Regional Value Chains**  
**SE\_907 Economic Analysis and International Comparisons:**  
**Data, concepts, methods and challenges**  
**SE\_908 International Economics – Selected Issues**  
**SE\_910 Modern Methods for Economic Policy Analysis**

**Optional and supplementary courses:**

Upon agreement with their supervisor, the PhD candidate chooses other one or two courses relevant to the doctoral thesis (see the list of accredited courses for doctoral programmes).

**Foreign language courses for the doctoral study programme are delivered by the language departments.**

**The PhD candidate performs other duties in accordance with the Study and Examination Rules and the Individual Study Plan.**

In accordance with the Study and Examination Rules, the PhD students also have to record in their Individual Study Plan a doctoral state examination (in the electronic information system it is referred to as the subject 2SDZ – Doctoral State Examination) as well as the defence of the thesis (in the electronic information system it is referred to as the subject 2ODIS – Defence of Thesis).

## **Faculty of International Relations - FIR**

### **Doctoral study programme: International and Diplomatic Studies**

The aim of the doctoral programme in International and Diplomatic Studies is to extend knowledge, competencies and skills required for independent research in this area. Emphasis is given especially to the development of scholarly expertise, including in-depth knowledge of International Relations theories, methodology and research techniques. Simultaneously, comprehensive understanding of contemporary international relations and diplomacy, and an analytical toolkit for the interdisciplinary study of globalisation processes are systematically developed.

The doctoral programme in International and Diplomatic Studies aims to produce outstanding specialists in International Relations. Its design enables students to gain advanced interdisciplinary knowledge of various international relations branches (politics, economics, international law, security, culture, and the environment) at both theoretical and empirical levels as a necessary background for their research.

Upon successful completion of the doctoral degree, graduates will understand the principles of scholarly work, ethics and research design, and will be familiar with research methodology. They will gain the ability to propose new methodological approaches and to apply them when carrying out individual research tasks. Furthermore, they will gain the competencies and skills necessary for independent creative scholarly work and research upon the completion and successful defence of their doctoral thesis.

Corresponding to the character of the International Relations discipline, special attention is paid to understanding the mutual relations between theory and practice, interdisciplinarity and the development of skills required for interdisciplinary analysis. At the same time, the core of the programme is situated in international politics, diplomacy and economics. Other aspects of contemporary international relations such as law, culture and the environment are also taken into consideration.

The programme is designed primarily for graduates in social sciences (including economics) and humanities. It is suitable for candidates motivated to work in academia, capable of abstract theoretical thinking, comprehensive and systematic approach to theoretical and empirical problems, searching for gaps in the current state of knowledge, and trying to fill them by formulating new research questions, designing research, and using relevant research methodology. For the successful completion of the programme an excellent command of English is required, while advanced knowledge of other languages, especially those of specific countries which the candidate intends to research, is also recommended.

The programme educates young scholars in the fields of general and applied research. The degree prepares graduates for successful careers in academic and research institutions, as well as in foreign service. Graduates will also be qualified for careers in management or as leaders of international projects, or as experts and analysts in international institutions. Last but not least, graduates may opt to become specialists in internationalized companies or to work in the media.

#### **Compulsory courses:**

**SMS986 International Relations: Theoretical and  
Methodological Approaches**  
**SMS982 Academic Research in International Studies**

**Elective courses:**

The PhD candidate chooses one of the following three subjects on the recommendation of a supervisor:

**MO\_922 Methodology of Science**  
**SMS983 Qualitative Methods in International Studies**  
**STP915 Statistical Methods for Scientific Research**

The PhD candidate chooses one of the following three subjects on the recommendation of a supervisor:

**MIE911 Economics (Microeconomics – Macroeconomics)**  
**MAE911 Economics (Macroeconomics – Microeconomics)**  
**SE\_907 Economic Analysis and International Comparisons**

The PhD candidate chooses two of the following seven subjects on the recommendation of a supervisor:

**SMS981 Foreign Policy: Theory and Practice**  
**SMS984 Globalisation and Global Sociocultural Change**  
**SMS985 International Security in the Age of Global  
Terrorism and Rising Tension at the NATO's  
Eastern Border**  
**SMS988 Scholarly Publishing in International Studies and  
Diplomacy**  
**SMS987 The International System – Structure, Evolution,  
Trends**  
**SMS989 Czech Foreign Policy: Conceptualisation and  
Realisation**  
**SMS990 Diplomacy in a Changing World: Theory and  
Practice**

**Optional and supplementary courses:**

Upon agreement with their supervisor, the PhD candidate may choose another one or two courses relevant to the doctoral thesis (see the list of accredited courses for doctoral programmes).

**Foreign language courses for the doctoral study programme are delivered by the language departments.**

**The PhD candidate performs other duties in accordance with the Study and Examination Rules and the Individual Study Plan.**

In accordance with the Study and Examination Rules, the PhD candidate also has to record in their Individual Study Plan a doctoral state examination (in the electronic information system it is referred to as the subject 2SDZ – Doctoral State Examination) as well as the defence of the thesis (in the electronic information system it is referred to as the subject 2ODIS – Defence of Thesis).

## Faculty of Business Administration

Dean of the faculty: prof. Ing. Jiří Hnilica, Ph.D.

### The list of accredited doctoral study programmes at the Faculty of Business Administration

Name of study programme	Standard duration in years		Validity of accr. till
		<i>Mode of study*</i>	<i>Language**</i>
<i>Management and Managerial Economics</i>	4	<i>P,K</i>	<i>A</i>

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\*\*\*) Study programmes marked with letter A are realised in the English language.

The doctoral studies candidates are admitted on the basis of the results of entrance exams and with regard to the capacity of supervisors. All information about the admission procedure can be found at <https://fba.vse.cz/admissions/doctoral-study-programs/how-to-apply-admissions/> and in a brochure called "Information about the entrance examination for doctoral studies" published by the Prague University of Economics and Business (<https://science.vse.cz/doctoral-studies/for-applicants/>).

The standard duration of accredited doctoral programme is 4 years, while the maximum duration is 5 years. Detailed information about rules and regulations governing doctoral programmes can be found in the Study and Examination Rules (<https://www.vse.cz/english/about-vse/information-and-regulations/study-and-examination-rules-2/>) and at <https://fba.vse.cz/admissions/doctoral-study-programs/program-management-and-managerial-economics-mme/>.

PhD candidates follow an individual study plan prepared under the guidance of their supervisors at the beginning of their study.

If the number of students is insufficient, the lessons will be carried out in a form of individual consultations.

The following Ph.D. programme may be studied at the Faculty of Business Economy:

- **Management and Managerial Economics** (guarantor: doc. Ing. Marek Hudík, Ph.D., phone number +420 224 09 8339, e-mail: [marek.hudik@vse.cz](mailto:marek.hudik@vse.cz))

Further inquiries on doctoral programmes should be directed to Ing. Marie Lopez Gutierrez - phone number + 420 224 09 8419, e-mail: [marie.lopez@vse.cz](mailto:marie.lopez@vse.cz).

Procedural and technical issues are administered by study coordinator for doctoral study: Ing. Blanka Helclová – phone number: +420 224 09 8347, [blanka.helclova@vse.cz](mailto:blanka.helclova@vse.cz).

Students can receive more information about doctoral studies at the Office for Science and Research: Mgr. Sabina Zukalová, e-mail: [sabina.zukalova@vse.cz](mailto:sabina.zukalova@vse.cz).



## **Faculty of Business Administration - FBA**

Doctoral study programme: **Management and Managerial Economics**

In the programme Management and Managerial Economics, the research activities of PhD students are focused on such topics as the business strategy in a European context; innovation strategies of multinational firms; restructuring and revitalization of companies; management of the growth of start-ups; management of company value; entrepreneur of family firms, management of logistic chains; management of human resources in multicultural environment; economic evaluation of cultural organization; and other related matters.

### **Compulsory courses:**

**3CV901 Methodology of scientific research**

This subject is a part of the Doctoral State Examination.

### **Elective courses:**

PhD candidate chooses one of the two subjects on recommendation of a supervisor:

**3CV902 Statistical methods for quantitative research**

**3CV903 Qualitative research**

PhD candidate chooses one of the following subjects on recommendation of a supervisor and according to their specialisation (this subject is optional part of the Doctoral State Examination):

**3MA901 Management**

**3MI910 Economics of the firm and industry**

### **Optional and supplementary courses:**

Upon agreement with their supervisor the PhD candidate chooses another course relevant to the doctoral thesis:

**3HR971 HR Management Research**

**3MA971 Management and Managerial Decision-Making  
Research Seminar**

**3AM971 Research in culture and arts management**

**3PS971 Research in managerial psychology and sociology**

**3MG971 Research in marketing**

**3PO971 Entrepreneurship Research**

**3SG971 Strategy Research**

**3MI971 Research in managerial economics**

**3LG971 Research in supply chain management, logistics  
and transport**

**PhD candidate performs other duties in accordance with the Study and Examination Rules and the Individual Study Plan, which includes faculty regulations (see <https://fba.vse.cz/admissions/doctoral-study-programs/program-management-and-managerial-economics-mme/>).**

In accordance with the Study and Examination Rules, PhD students also have to record in their Individual Study Plan a doctoral state examination (in the electronic information system it is referred to as the subject 3SDZEN – Doctoral State Examination) as well as the defence of the thesis (in the electronic information system it is referred to as the subject 3ODPEN – Defence of Thesis).

## Faculty of Informatics and Statistics

Dean of the faculty: prof. Ing. Jakub Fischer, Ph.D.

### The list of accredited doctoral study programmes at the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics

Name of study programme	Standard duration in years		Validity of accr. till	
		<i>Mode of study*</i>		<i>Language**</i>
<i>Applied Informatics</i>	4	<i>P,K</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>18.3.2029</i>
<i>Econometrics and Operations Research</i>	4	<i>P,K</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>18.3.2029</i>
<i>Statistics</i>	4	<i>P,K</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>18.3.2029</i>

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\*\*\*) Study programmes marked with letter *A* are realised in the English language.

The doctoral studies candidates are admitted on the basis of the results of entrance exams and with regard to the capacity of supervisors. All information about the admission procedure can be found in a brochure called "Information about the entrance examination for doctoral studies" published by the Prague University of Economics and Business (<https://science.vse.cz/doctoral-studies/for-applicants/>).

The standard duration of accredited doctoral programmes is 4 years, while the maximum duration is 5 years. Detailed information about rules and regulations governing doctoral programmes can be found in the Study and Examination Rules (<https://www.vse.cz/english/about-vse/information-and-regulations/study-and-examination-rules-2/>).

PhD candidates follow an individual study plan prepared under the guidance of their supervisors at the beginning of their study.

If the number of students is insufficient, the lessons will be carried out in a form of individual consultations.

These three doctoral study programmes may be studied at the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics:

- **Applied Informatics** (guarantor: prof. Ing. Vojtěch Svátek, Dr., phone number: +420 224 09 5495, e-mail: [vojtech.svatek@vse.cz](mailto:vojtech.svatek@vse.cz))
- **Econometrics and Operations Research** (guarantor: prof. Ing. Josef Jablonský, CSc., phone number: +420 224 09 5403, e-mail: [josef.jablonsky@vse.cz](mailto:josef.jablonsky@vse.cz))
- **Statistics** (guarantor: prof. Ing. Hana Řezanková, CSc., phone number +420 224 09 5483, e-mail: [hana.rezankova@vse.cz](mailto:hana.rezankova@vse.cz))

Further inquiries on doctoral programmes should be directed to prof. Ing. Petr Doucek, CSc., the Vice-dean for Research and International Relations – phone number +420 224 09 5409, e-mail: [petr.doucek@vse.cz](mailto:petr.doucek@vse.cz).

Procedural and technical issues are administered by study coordinator for doctoral study: Ing. Tereza Krajíčková, DiS – phone number: +420 224 09 5464, e-mail: [tereza.krajickova@vse.cz](mailto:tereza.krajickova@vse.cz).

Students can receive more information about doctoral studies at the Office for Science and Research: Mgr. Sabina Zukalová, e-mail: [sabina.zukalova@vse.cz](mailto:sabina.zukalova@vse.cz).

## Faculty of Informatics and Statistics - FIS

Doctoral study programme: **Applied Informatics**

The doctoral study programme of Applied Informatics focuses on education of theoretically and practically well-prepared professionals with global overview of individual subfields of informatics, capable of conceptual thinking when creating and using information systems and of bridging between the users' goals and requirements and the possibilities of information technology. Central research topics of the programme are: relationship between the economic environment and informatics; IS/IT as a tool for competitiveness of an organisation; business information strategy; the role of system integrators; various IS/IT architectures; outsourcing in informatics, etc. The field also covers modern software development methodologies (such as agile approaches) and advanced techniques of data processing (knowledge discovery from databases and web, integration of semantically described data etc.).

The doctoral study is primarily aimed at successful elaboration and defence of a high-standard doctoral thesis, in which theoretical knowledge including an overview of world trends is combined with practical findings. The high professional quality of the PhD students is mainly achieved through their involvement in research projects of the individual departments, including international cooperation. Successful graduates can find their place within universities, large corporations, but also in public administration. Beside solid familiarity with concrete information technologies they are also characterized by their interdisciplinary view, exact thinking and the capability to formulate and manage complex tasks accomplished in a team collaboration.

### Compulsory courses:

#### **IT\_910 Research Methods for Managers**

### Elective courses:

The PhD candidate chooses two subjects taught by informatics departments, i.e. with IDs starting by IT (taught by KIT), IZI (taught by KIZI), or SA (taught by KSA), excluding subjects IT\_911 and SA\_909 (which are offered only as optional), on recommendation of the supervisor, according to the following rules:

- one subject taught by a *different* department than the one where student's supervisor works
- one subject taught by the *same* department as the one where student's supervisor works (in case their supervisor does work in any of the departments at the faculty).

The list of courses from which the student chooses in the Elective courses group is as follows:

- IT\_902 IS/ICT Architectures**
- IT\_904 Strategic Management of Information Systems**
- IT\_905 Conceptual Modelling**
- IZI901 Information and Knowledge System Theory**
- IZI904 Knowledge Acquisition Methods**
- IZI905 KDD - principles, examples and trends**
- SA\_902 Social Aspects of Information Technology**
- SA\_903 Information Systems Quality Management**
- SA\_906 Information Security Management Systems**

**Optional courses:**

Upon agreement with their supervisor the PhD candidate chooses other one to three courses relevant to the doctoral thesis (see the list of accredited subjects for doctoral study). The course(s) may also be taught by informatics departments, in addition to chosen elective courses.

**Foreign languages courses for doctoral study programme are offered by the language departments.**

**PhD candidate performs other duties in accordance with the Study and Examination Rules and the Individual Study Plan).**

In accordance with the Study and Examination Rules, PhD students also have to record in their Individual Study Plan following duties in a form of subjects:

4OPP	Dissertation project defence
4DVC1	Research I
4DVC2	Research II
4SDZAI	Doctoral State Examination
4MO	Small defence
4ODDP	Dissertation Defence

## **Faculty of Informatics and Statistics - FIS**

Doctoral study programme: **Econometrics and Operations Research**

Study programme of *Econometrics and Operations Research* is aimed at education of professionals in the sphere of the development of theory and applications of optimisation models, econometric modelling and forecasting, mathematical economics, optimal directing and simulation models. The goal of the programme is to train economically educated graduates who can develop and apply methods and models of operations research in tasks of mathematical programming, theory of games, network analysis, multicriteria decision making, theory of inventories and queuing as well as econometric models in microeconomic and macroeconomic analyses. Professional level of pedagogues participating in teaching process to students at doctoral study programme of Econometrics and Operations Research, as well as relatively large number of professors and readers, enables to offer also a number of specialised and broadly aimed optional subjects besides compulsory ones. Study programme of Econometrics and Operations Research educates highly qualified professionals with deep knowledge of econometrics, optimizing and simulation methods as well as models and software products for quantitative analysis. They can succeed in central institutions, banks, and other financial institutions, consulting companies and in other positions where independent creative work and exact thinking is required.

### **Compulsory courses:**

**IT\_910 Research Methods for Managers**

**EKO990 PhD seminar in econometrics and operations research I**

**EKO991 PhD seminar in econometrics and operations research II**

PhD candidate chooses one of the two subjects on recommendation of a supervisor:

**MIE901 Microeconomics Analysis (Microeconomics 3)**

**MAE901 Macroeconomics III**

### **Optional courses:**

Upon agreement with their supervisor the PhD candidate chooses other one through three courses relevant to the doctoral thesis (see the list of accredited subjects for doctoral study).

**Foreign languages courses for doctoral study programme are offered by the language departments.**

**PhD candidate performs other duties in accordance with the Study and Examination Rules and the Individual Study Plan).**

In accordance with the Study and Examination Rules, PhD students also have to record in their Individual Study Plan following duties in a form of subjects:

4OPP	Dissertation project defence	4SDZEO	Doctoral State Examination
4DVC1	Research I	4MO	Small defence
4DVC2	Research II	4ODDP	Dissertation Defence

## **Faculty of Informatics and Statistics - FIS**

Doctoral study programme: **Statistics**

The main goal the doctoral study programme of *Statistics* is the education of top-ranking researchers and specialists with profound statistics education, knowledge of foreign and domestic literature and with ability to participate in challenging applications at solving important macroeconomic, financial, corporate and other problems. Teaching in doctoral study programme of Statistics is to give the PhD candidates an opportunity to study difficult field of statistics with stress on contemporary development of statistics theory as well as to inform them about new application possibilities and access to data analysis concerning foreign contemporary trends in this field. Such qualified graduates are highly demanded in the labour market and thus have a very good and wide opportunities. Professional level of pedagogues participating in teaching process of students at doctoral study programme of Statistics, as well as a relatively large number of professors and associate professors, enable to offer also a number of specialised and broadly aimed optional subjects besides the compulsory ones.

Doctoral study programme of Statistics broadens the offer of specialized study in the sphere in which there is a clear lack of young, highly qualified professionals. Graduates should assert themselves not only within public statistics service, but also as qualified experts desired by those institutions which require not only professional knowledge of statistics and exact way of thinking, but also the ability to formulate more complex tasks, perfect knowledge of work with statistics computer products and detailed economic knowledge.

### **Compulsory courses:**

**STP903 Sample Surveys**  
**STP904 Multivariate Statistical Methods**  
**STP921 Time Series and Regression**  
**MIE901 Microeconomics Analysis (Microeconomics 3)**

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# The Faculty of Management

Dean of the Faculty doc. Ing. Vladislav Bína, Ph.D.

## The list of accredited doctoral study programmes at the Faculty of Management

Name of study programme	Standard duration in years		Validity of accr. till	
		<i>Mode of study*</i>		<i>Language**</i>
<i>Management</i>	4	<i>P, K</i>	<i>A</i>	2.10.2028

*\*) Study programmes marked with letter P are realised in full-time mode of study, study programmes marked with letter K are realised in the distance or combined mode of study*

*\*\*\*) Study programmes marked with letter A are realised in the English language.*

The doctoral studies candidates are admitted on the basis of the results of entrance exams and with regard to the capacity of supervisors. All information about the admission procedure can be found in a brochure called "Information about the entrance examination for doctoral studies" published by the Prague University of Economics and Business (<https://science.vse.cz/doctoral-studies/for-applicants/>).

The standard duration of accredited doctoral programmes is 4 years, while the maximum duration is 5 years. Detailed information about rules and regulations governing doctoral programmes can be found in the Study and Examination Rules (<https://www.vse.cz/english/about-vse/information-and-regulations/study-and-examination-rules-2/>).

PhD candidates follow an individual study plan prepared under the guidance of their supervisors at the beginning of their study.

If the number of students is insufficient, the lessons will be carried out in a form of individual consultations.

This doctoral programme may be studied at the Faculty of Management:

- **Management** (guarantor: doc. RNDr. Lenka Komárková, Ph.D., phone number: +420 384 41 7222, e-mail: [lenka.komarkova@vse.cz](mailto:lenka.komarkova@vse.cz))

Further inquiries on doctoral programmes should be directed to doc. Ing. Tomáš Kincl, Ph.D., the Vice dean for Science, Research and Doctoral Study – phone number +420 384 41 7154, e-mail: [tomas.kincl@vse.cz](mailto:tomas.kincl@vse.cz).

Procedural and technical issues are administered by study coordinator for doctoral study: Mgr. Irena Míková, e-mail: [irena.mikova@vse.cz](mailto:irena.mikova@vse.cz)

Students can also receive more information about doctoral studies at the Office for Science and Research: Mgr. Sabina Zukalová, e-mail: [sabina.zukalova@vse.cz](mailto:sabina.zukalova@vse.cz).

## The Faculty of Management - FM

Doctoral study programme: **Management**

The PhD study programme at the Faculty of management aims to educate young researchers who can contribute to the various disciplines under the field of management. PhD candidates acquire an extended knowledge from management and economics, as well as from the disciplines essential for the scientific work in academia, i.e. research methodology and design or quantitative/qualitative research methods. This allows the graduates to apply for a job not only in academia or research in general, but also in business areas where the scientific or evidence-based approach is required.

The graduates are able to:

- contribute and further extend the knowledge in the field of management,
- take advantage of the knowledge of state of the art in the given field and to use it for further scientific contribution, education, or business practice,
- work on both research and teaching positions in academia, senior management positions business, or public administration bodies.

### Compulsory courses:

**6DEKO1 Economics**

**6DMAN1 Management**

**6DVDM1 Research Design and Methodology**

PhD candidate chooses one of the two subjects on recommendation of a supervisor:

**6DKLM1 Qualitative Research Methods in Management**

**6DKNM1 Quantitative Research Methods in Management**

Upon agreement with their supervisor the PhD candidate chooses maximum of three other courses relevant to the doctoral thesis:

**DZAH1 Research Stay**

*Other optional courses may be chosen from the list of offered optional courses accredited for doctoral study of other faculties of VŠE.*

PhD candidate performs other duties in accordance with the Study and Examination Rules and the Individual Study Plan, which also includes the [Doctoral Standard](#).

Beyond the above-mentioned requirements, the students also have to pass the Doctoral State Examination (6SDZ), Small Dissertation's Thesis Defense (at the department where the student is assigned), and Dissertation's Thesis Defense (6ODIS). Details and requirements are specified in the Dean's Directive.

## **Internal Grant Agency at VŠE**

The Internal Grant Agency at the VŠE has been set up to support scientific research projects focused on the research and publication activities of PhD candidates and researchers, as well as to promote the organization of student conferences held in the Czech Republic. Aid is granted on the basis of the results of internal student grant competition. The source of funding for internal grants provides funding for specific research at the university.

Application for a grant can be made by any graduate student as well as by any other member of the academic community of the university. Members of academic community must have in the project teams of students working towards their Master's degree or PhD candidates.

The composition and size of the team must correspond to the objectives of the project, expected content and volume of work.

The grant competition and the implementation of the scientific research project are governed by the Grant committee and the Grant councils of the faculties, which make the selection of the proposed projects on the basis of the project's scientific merit, expected benefits of the project, relevant professional qualifications of the applicant, the adequacy of the research team as well as justification of the financial requirements.

## **The Czech Science Foundation – GACR**

The Czech Science Foundation – GACR (Grantová agentura České republiky) is a grant agency which supports the entire range of basic research in the Czech Republic. The main function of the GACR is to provide, through public tender, financial support for research projects submitted by individuals or organizations.

More information can be found on the website <http://www.gacr.cz>, or obtained from the Vice-Deans for Science at the faculties, or the Department of Science and Research at the VŠE.

## **The Rector's Prize for the scientific publications of the Doctoral students**

The award for scientific publications is given for a scientific paper published in magazines, journals and other publications that can be considered to be important and enhance the prestige and standing of the VŠE, as a whole. Annual deadline for proposals is October 15. The Panel consisting of the vice-deans for science and research discusses the proposals and submits the best ones for the award to the Rector. The results of the selection and award winners are announced on the VŠE website,

## **Accommodation options for students on the Doctoral study programmes.**

### **1. Accommodation Scholarship**

PhD students in full time form of study may apply for an accommodation scholarship.

### **2. Accommodation in the dormitories**

PhD students in full-time form of study may be accommodated in the VŠE dormitories.

You can find more information about accommodation on the VŠE web at:

<http://accommodation.vse.cz/>

**Catalogue of courses** is available on the web page:

<http://insis.vse.cz/katalog/index.pl?jak=rozsirene;obdobi=181;lang=en>