



SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"

FACULTY OF HISTORY

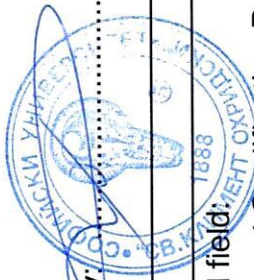
CURRICULUM

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Professional field: 2.2 History and archeology

Educational and Qualification Degree: Master of Arts

Master's Degree Programme:

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Regional dimensions of Global Tendencies – China, East and South-East Europe, 19-21st centuries.

Specialty: History

Form of study: **full-time education**

Length of study (number of semesters): 4 /four/ semesters

Professional qualification:

MA in History

Qualification description

Master's Degree Programme: Regional dimensions of Global Tendencies – China, East and South-East Europe, 19-21st centuries.

Speciality: History

1. Educational objectives

The Master's program "Regional dimensions of Global Tendencies – China, East and South-East Europe, 19-21st centuries" has been designed for students who have obtained a Bachelor's and / or Master's degree in national and international high schools and academies in the field of humanities and social sciences. Oligatory requirement for the applicants is to be fluent in English.

The program is designed for students with special interests in the history and contemporary development of the East Asian region and particularly in China, as well as Eastern and Southeast Europe as well as in the international political, economic and cultural relations between these two regions.

The Master program offers the study of a wide range of disciplines, allowing students specialization in different spheres of both research and practical activities. The aim of the program is to give an opportunity to the students to acquire in-depth knowledge and skills which will boost their career plans related to the knowledge of the East Asian region and China in particular as well as the relations between Europe and Asia with a special focus on the place and role of the Eastern and Southeast Europe in these relationships.

The courses offered in the program are adjusted to the latest trends related to the dynamically developing of the China-Europe relationship within the Chinese "Belt and Road Initiative" which became more popular as the "New Silk Road".

2. Description

Students successfully completed the program acquire the following knowledge, skills and competencies: 1. Acquiring deep insights into concepts and processes related to the understanding of the East Asian societies, particularly understanding on China, as well as processes related to the Eastern and Southeastern Europe as a specific region in which the interests of major geopolitical players intertwine. Special attention will be paid to the current socio-economic, political and cultural processes in these two regions;

2. expanding and deepening the knowledge of students about the cultural, economic and political ties of the countries part of the two regions, as well as their contacts with Europe – in cultural, political and economic terms; 3. Understanding the current state and trends of the economic development of China and the Eastern and Southeast European countries in the context of globalization;

4. preparing a master thesis on topical and currently important socio-political, economic or cultural subject. Preparation of thesis aims to develop and reveal student's analytical abilities and their skills to write and defend their thesis convincing and with a strong and clear arguments;

5. Improve their ability to work with different types of documents, original texts and other primary sources.

The curriculum of the Master's program is elaborated according to the Decree on the State Requirements for Higher Education, Education for the Bachelor, Master and Specialist Degrees (SG No. 76, 6.08.2002) and Decree No. 21 from 30.09. 2004, for applying a credit accumulation and transfer system in higher schools.

Within 4 semesters, students study 17 compulsory courses. During the first, second and fourth semesters students are trained at the university they are enrolled in, and in the third semester – in the university partner. the students must cover 30 credits from compulsory and / or elective courses.

From the eligible courses in the first and second semester the students choose at least two of the proposed disciplines. The list of elective courses is filled each year with new proposals and / or current specialized courses from other Master programs, in order that the provided number of teaching hours of the courses coincides and the courses are in English.

Earning a Master's Degree in History follows a successful defense of a thesis (written under the guidance of a scientific supervisor) before a state exam committee.

3. Professional Qualifications

The students successfully completed the Master Program „Regional dimensions of Global Tendencies – China, East and South-East Europe, 19-21st centuries.“ acquire competence in the socio-political, geopolitical, economic and cultural issues specific to the two studied regions. At the same time, they will be able to understand, analyze and interpret with comprehension different documents and other sources of information at national, supranational (international), regional and global level.

4. Professional Realization

The students successfully completed the Master Program „Regional dimensions of Global Tendencies – China, East and South-East Europe, 19-21st centuries.“ will be able to accomplish their professional realization in spheres related to the countries of the two studied regions, within different governmental and non-governmental organizations, in the field of media and the in the field of real economy, working for companies operating and carrying out trade and economic activity between the two regions in the east companies looking for investment opportunities in Bulgaria and in Europe in general, and vice versa, in companies that open up to the Asian markets. The number of such companies will inevitably increase in the coming years due to China's intense development and opening up to the world within the “Belt and Road Initiative”.

5. Terms of acceptance

The admission will be done by an interview with the candidates in English.

Master's Degree Programme Regional dimensions of Global Tendencies – China, East and South-East Europe, 19-21st centuries.

Program code

admission winter semester of 2019/2020 academic year

№	Course code	Course title	Type - C, F, O	Semester	ECTS credits	Classes - total number				Classes per week	Assessment* - e, ca, ct, cont
						Total	Lectures	Seminars	Practical classes / observation		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Compulsory courses

1	Z 0 0 1	The Eastern Question and Global European politics, 1688-1878	C	1	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
2	Z 0 0 2	The Great Powers and South Eastern Europe in the 20th and 21st c.	C	1	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
3	Z 0 0 3	Nationalism in the Balkans	C	1	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
4	Z 0 0 4	EU enlargement in East and South East Europe	C	1	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
5	Z 0 0 5	Bulgaria and Eastern Asia - political, economic and cultural relations	C	1	4	120	45	0	0	3+0	ct
6	Z 0 0 6	EU Geopolitics and the Far East	C	2	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
7	Z 0 0 7	The Eurasian Idea in the 21 c. – Theory and Practice	C	2	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
8	Z 0 0 8	Economic and Political modernization of South Eastern Europe and China in the 19th-20th c. Comparative Perspectives	C	2	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
9	Z 0 0 9	Policy making and Culture in the EU	C	2	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
10	Z 0 1 0	Soviet policy towards China and East Asia – approaches, problems and understanding 1917-1991	C	2	4	120	45	0	0	3+0	ct
11	Z 0 1 1	Pre-Diploma Seminar	C	4	10	300	45	0	0	3+0	cont

3rd Semester - 30 ECTS courses at partner University

Elective Courses – selected courses must have minimum 12 Credits, as follows (1-st semester - 6 credits; 2-nd semester – 6 credits; 3-rd semester - 6 credits for students from the partner University in Bulgaria)

1	E 0 0 1	The Balkans, Eastern Europe and the struggle for world domination, 16-19th centuries (Geopolitical and Geostrategic Aspects)	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
2	E 0 0 2	The Rivers in Balkan, East European and Eurasian History, 15-19th centuries	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct

3	E	0	0	3	China and South Eastern Europe after World War II – The Albanian and Romanian Cases	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
4	E	0	0	4	Inter-, multi-, and transculturalism in Europe	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
5	E	0	0	5	Power in Modern International Relations	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
6	E	0	0	6	Intercultural Mediation and Negotiation	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
7	E	0	0	7	Geopolitics in the 21st Century: The Black Sea Region	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
8	E	0	0	8	Regional Geography of Europe	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
9	E	0	0	9	Power in Modern International Relations	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
10	E	0	1	0	EU and Chinese Environmental Policy	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
11	E	0	1	1	Russia as geopolitical factor in Europe and East Asia 1991 – 2018	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
12	E	0	1	2	Money, Banking and Financial Markets in EU and China	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct

Compulsory Courses for students from the partner University in Bulgaria

1	Z	0	0	1	History of the Balkans – 19th-21st c.	C	3	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
2	Z	0	0	2	Nationalism in the Balkans	C	3	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
3	Z	0	0	3	Bulgarian Economy	C	3	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
4	Z	0	0	4	Bulgarian Culture	C	3	5	150	45	0	0	3+0	ct
5	Z	0	0	5	EU enlargement in East and South East Europe	C	3	4	120	45	0	0	3+0	ct

Elective Courses for students from the partner University in Bulgaria

1	E	0	0	1	Bulgaria and Eastern Asia - political, economic and cultural relations	E	3	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
2	E	0	0	2	Money, Banking and Financial Markets in EU and China	E	3	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
3	E	0	0	3	The Balkans, Eastern Europe and the struggle for world domination, 16-19th centuries (Geopolitical and Geostategic Aspects)	E	3	3	90	30	0	0	2+0	ct
4	E	0	0	4	Power in Modern International Relations	E	3	3	90	30	0	0	2+1	ct
5	E	0	0	5	Intercultural Mediation and Negotiation	E	3	3	90	30	0	0	2+2	ct
6	E	0	0	6	Bulgarian language	E	3	3	90	30	0	0	2+3	ct

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1	P 0 0 1	Pre-Diploma Practicum	C	4	5	2	30	ct
3								
4								

Degree completion			
№	Form of degree completion	ECTS credits	First state exam/ thesis defence session
1	MA Thesis	15	February
2			
3			
4			
		Total credits: 15	Second state exam/ thesis defence session September



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Curriculum Reference Statement

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Form of study: full-time education
Length of study: 4 /four/ semesters

Type of courses	I semester			II semester			III semester			IV semester			V semester			VI semester			VII semester			VIII semester			Total		
	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades	Number classes	ECTS - credits	Number grades
Compulsory courses	720	24	5	720	24	5		30		300	10	1													1740	88	11
Min. of elective courses	180	6	2	180	6	2			0	0	0	0													360	12	4
Practices										30	5	1													30	5	1
Total:	900	30	7	900	30	7		30		330	15	2													2130	105	16

Form of degree completion	ECTS - credits		Classes for preparation	First state exam/ thesis defence session	Second state exam/ thesis defence session
	ECTS - credits	ECTS - credits			
MA Thesis	15			February	September
Total credits: 15					

Professional qualification:

MA in History

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