

Sofia University and FEBA:

The Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" is the first school of higher education in Bulgaria found in 1878. Today the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" is the largest and most prestigious educational and scientific center in the country.

Teaching economics goes back to 1892 when the newly opened Department of Law included political economy, finance and statistics in its curriculum.

After WWII there have been substantial changes in university education. Department of Public economy at the Faculty of Law was transformed into the Faculty of Economics and Social sciences. The new faculty became very popular and in 1947/48 admitted the largest ever number of students within the University. The reforms in university education underwent further changes. In 1951 the Faculty of Economics and Social sciences was separated from Sofia University and transformed into the Higher institute of Economics "Karl Marx". In the very beginning of transition, on 16 May 1990 the Faculty of Economics and Social sciences at Sofia University was reopened by the decision of the Academic council.

Nowadays, the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration is part of the European Community. It is reflected in the modernization of its degree programmes and its numerous cooperation agreements with foreign universities. It has become a leading knowledge centre in Bulgaria and the region preparing the economists and business leaders of tomorrow.

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**SOFIA UNIVERSITY
"ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI"**



Graduate Program in Economics

Master's Degree in

**ECONOMICS AND
MANAGEMENT IN
INFRASTRUCTURE,
ENERGY, AND
UTILITIES
(EMIEU)**

2013-2014

The economics and management in infrastructure, energy, and utilities today:

The Bulgarian infrastructure, energy, and utilities sectors are going through major transformation these days. The Bulgarian economy and its joining to the EU provide new challenges for the restructuring of the natural monopolies and for opening new markets

The development of the regulated industries defines the whole economic development of Bulgaria. Modern business could not exist without the needed infrastructure in terms of energy, transportation, and public services.

Bulgarian students in Economics and management of infrastructure, energy, and utilities have the chance to learn from the changes in the Bulgarian economic environment and to participate actively in the process of restructuring after they graduate.

One of the most valuable assets of the programme is that it is supported not only by the faculty, but also by the business. The companies in the infrastructure, energy, and utilities fields are cooperating with the University in order to support the next generation of economists and managers.

Why study in the EMIEU master's program?

The main objectives of the Master's program in Economics and management in infrastructure, energy, and utilities are to:

- Give fundamental knowledge of regulated markets in the sectors infrastructure, energy, and utilities;
- Present international research data in the field by renowned international universities and research centres;
- Provide experience from the experts in the regulated industries - through guest-lecturers, practice-focused seminars, and educational visits of important infrastructure sites;
- Prepare young professionals to participate actively in the reforms that are undergoing in the infrastructure, energy, and utilities sectors in Europe.

The graduates of the programme could successfully use the acquired knowledge and skills in the following fields:

- National, and EU administration (regulatory bodies, ministries, agencies, etc.);
- Academic and research institutions
- NGOs, etc.

EMIEU course of study:

The academic year starts in October.

The course of study is organized as follows:

- Students, already holding a Bachelor's degree in Economics or Business Administration are enrolled in a 2-semester academic program. The first semesters includes general disciplines like *Regulated Services, Markets, and Pricing; Facilities Management; Transport and Logistics*, etc. The second semester is dedicated to one of the three specializations:
 - o Energy Markets and Services
 - o Facilities Management
 - o Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Students, not holding a Bachelor's degree in Economics or Business Administration are enrolled in a 4-semester academic program. The first two semesters include fundamental economics and management, mathematical and statistical courses. The third and the fourth semesters include the specialized disciplines.
- All students are provided an opportunity for internship in the field in leading Bulgarian institutions and companies.