

### **Organization of classes at the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Studies "Academia Copernicana"**

The interdisciplinary doctoral studies named Interdisciplinary Doctoral School "Academia Copernicana" (ISD-AC) are conducted in English in full-time form in the years 2018/2019 - 2021/2022 within scientific disciplines in which the faculties conducting them are authorized to confer the doctoral degree. The interdisciplinarity of doctoral studies results from:

- a) the offer of dissertation topics covering various scientific disciplines,
- b) the presence in the curriculum of many subjects realized in two groups of scientific disciplines: science (biology, geography, chemistry, physics, astronomy, biophysics, mathematics) and humanities (economics, finance, management science, pedagogy, linguistics, literary studies, archaeology, bibliography and information science, history, theological sciences, conservation and restoration of works of art, fine arts),
- c) presence in the study program of the studies of 22 monographic lectures, of which the doctoral students choose 3 in accordance with the additional discipline chosen by them (exam in the additional discipline).

Doctoral studies are supervised by the ISD-AC Program Board and the Head of ISD-AC. The Program Board is appointed by the Rector. The Program Board consists of 11 academic teachers (one from each faculty participating in the Project), the Head of ISD-AC and one PhD student representative. Candidates to the Program Board are appointed by Deans of Faculties. An academic teacher with a scientific title or a postdoctoral degree, employed at the faculty as the primary place of employment can be a member of the Program Board. A representative of doctoral students in the Program Board shall be elected by the meeting of ISD-AC participants from among its members. The doctoral students' representative shall have an advisory vote in the work of the Program Board.

Doctoral studies last four years. Completion of the doctoral studies program shall prepare for research or research and development work and shall lead to the achievement of learning outcomes in terms of:

- a) knowledge at an advanced level,
- b) skills related to methodology of conducting scientific research,
- c) teaching skills and professional qualifications in the field of modern methods and techniques of teaching,
- d) social competences relating to scientific and didactic activity and the social role of the researcher.

The organization of the academic year for doctoral studies is identical to the organization of the academic year at the Nicolaus Copernicus University.

After the recruitment to the ISD-AC is completed, the Program Board determines the leading faculty for each of the accepted doctoral students, according to the basic discipline of the subject of the research undertaken by them, taking into account the eligibility of the co-leading faculties to grant the doctoral degree.

The guiding faculty shall guarantee to the ISD-AC participants assigned to them:

- a) a workstation,
- b) organization of professional practice in the form of teaching or participation in teaching,
- c) conducting a doctoral thesis,
- d) financing the costs of the doctoral program,
- e) support for granting financial aid.

The co-leading faculties shall ensure that all ISD-AC participants have access to laboratories, libraries, research apparatus, and other scientific aids to the extent necessary to implement the study program and conduct research activities.

ISD-AC participants implement the study program based on research projects selected through a competition. The study plan is consistent with the framework program of ISD-AC developed by the ISD-AC Program Board and approved by the Senate. The framework program specifies the number of hours of obligatory courses, the number of obligatory examinations and final course tests, the detailed rules for completing each year of the studies, the obligatory number of courses established for each

year of the studies which should be conducted independently or which a participant of the doctoral studies should take part in. The completion of the doctoral studies program in a given discipline shall lead to the achievement of specific learning outcomes. The total number of classes, both obligatory and optional, shall be 380 (hours) and shall correspond to 35 ECTS credits.

The study program includes subjects dedicated for all participants of studies and subjects realized in two ways (two groups of scientific disciplines: science and humanities) dedicated for students realizing their doctoral thesis in specific areas of knowledge.

Science discipline group: biology, geography, chemistry, physics, biophysics, astronomy, mathematics.

Humanities discipline group: economics, finance, management, pedagogy, linguistics, literature studies, archaeology, bibliology and information science, history, theological sciences, art sciences, fine arts, conservation and restoration of works of art.

Within the framework of the studies, each doctoral student is obliged to apply for a grant from an external institution at least twice, do a 3-month internship abroad and participate in at least 2 scientific conferences.

Classes are taught by academic teachers from departments participating in the project, and during the summer school by foreign scientific tutors of PhD students.

Classes in individual subjects are conducted in the didactic rooms of the home departments of the academic teachers conducting them.

Classes and tests of knowledge or skills shall be conducted in English according to the rules determined by the Senate.

All classes provided for in the study program must be passed with a grade entered in the USOS (*Study Support University System*). Exams and final course tests are graded on the following scale: very good (5), good plus (4.5), good (4), satisfactory plus (3.5), satisfactory (3), fail (2).

Crediting an academic year is awarded by the head of ISD-AC based on the completion of all courses in the study program (including student traineeship) and the doctoral student's report on their scientific activity, with the supervisors' opinion.

The final deadline for obtaining credits and submitting exams in the subjects provided for a given academic year is September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The third-degree qualifications are obtained through the doctoral dissertation procedure conducted by the Scientific Council. The initiation of the doctoral dissertation procedure, i.e. the appointment of a supervisor or supervisors, or a supervisor and an assistant supervisor shall take place before the end of 2021.

The doctoral studies shall be completed when a doctoral student has realized the doctoral studies program, met the additional requirements determined by the appropriate Scientific Council, and obtained a third-degree qualification – the academic degree of doktor.

Dissertation defense shall take place by September 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the latest.