COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
BACHELOR'S THESIS	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
Coordinator: The appointed academic supervisor **Other(s):**	The Faculty of Economics

Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
1st cycle (full-time studies)	Compulsory

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Independent work	Spring semester	English

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: All the subjects of the Bachelor's study programme	**Additional requirements (if any):**

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
15	390	6	384

Aims of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed

The aim of the module is to consistently apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the study programme subjects for the independent preparation of the Bachelor's thesis.

The module aims to develop the following *professional competences:*
- to creatively apply theoretical knowledge of economics and practical skills; analyse economic phenomena and processes;
- to identify emerging problems in economic systems by applying appropriate social, statistical and mathematical methods;
- summarise data from various sources, and based on the acquired knowledge to select the most suitable way to solve the problem;
- to correctly and objectively analyse and assess relevant data and substantiate conclusions;
- to independently accumulate and analyse general and professional knowledge of the study field, as well as to be able to make decisions concerning the opportunities of their professional application;

and *general competences:*
- to creatively solve economic problems by applying the acquired knowledge in practice;
- to communicate in interpersonal or intercultural contexts;
- to analyse information and make substantiated conclusions.

Learning outcomes of the course (the programme)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
The students will be able to: - apply the acquired knowledge in practice; (1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2)	Independent planning and execution of research and project objectives, analysis of the results	Public defence of the Final Thesis before the Commission of the defence of final theses
- present and substantiate ideas and recommendations; (4.2)		
- clearly define information needs and use information technology and data sources; (3.3, 3.4)		

	- independently find, accumulate and systematise the essential information; (5.1, 5.2)		
	- apply analysis methods that correspond to the type of information; (3.1, 3.2)		
	- to draw and substantiate conclusions; (5.1)		
	- to make independent decisions in complicated situations. (5.2)		

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Self-study work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Practice	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. The selection and substantiation of the topic of the Bachelor's Final Thesis.		2					2	16	To select and substantiate the topic of the Bachelor's Final Thesis.
2. The formulation of the problem, and the objectives of the Thesis.		2					2	24	To draw the plan of the preparation of the Final Thesis.
3. Analysis of the literature sources and the assessment of the status of the problem area.								90	To analyse the literature sources of the problem area, define the status of the resolution of the problem, and its relationship with the aim of the Thesis.
4. The preparation and organisation of the research plan.		1					1	40	To select and substantiate the research methods used in the Thesis.
5.The execution of research and practical tasks.								120	To collect data for the empirical part of the Thesis.
6. Data analysis and the interpretation of research results		1					1	80	To carry out the analysis of the collected data; to summarise the achieved results.
7. The formalisation of the Thesis, and its public defence.								14	To formalise the Final Thesis and prepare it for defence.
Total:		6					6	384	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
The content of the Bachelor's Thesis	66.66	At the end of semester 6 in accordance with the schedule of the defence of Theses	The final mark on a ten-point scale consists of the evaluation of the depth and completeness of the analysis of the problem, the achieved results and suggested recommendations, the quality of the presentation and defence, as well as on reviewers' evaluation.

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| Public presentation and answers to questions | 33.33 | | |

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
Plamen Nikolov	2013	Writing Tips For Economics Research Papers	Harvard University working paper	http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~pnikolov/resources/writingtips.pdf
Optional reading				
Fisher C.	2007	Researching and writing a dissertation: a guidebook for business students	2nd ed.	Prentice Hall
Thomsom W.	2001	A guide for the young economist		MIT Press
Walliman N.	2005	Your undergraduate dissertation: the essential guide for success.		Sage Publications Inc.