

**THE BELARUSIAN
STATE
UNIVERSITY**

STUDY GUIDE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS



RESEARCH DEGREE (PhD) PROGRAM
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Training along the Research Degree (PhD) Program is organized at the BSU major Faculties and Educational Institutes through 114 specialities.

Program's Aim

The Research Degree (PhD) Program is aimed to prepare highly qualified researchers holding a candidate of science (Ph.D.) degree.

Duration of Studies

3-4 academic years. Classes last from 1 November - until 31 October. In some cases there is a possibility for overseas students to study according to the individual curriculum without a fixed dates of studies.

Document Issued upon Successful Completion

Certificate on Graduation. If Research Degree (PhD) Program student has presented and defended the dissertation thesis - He or She is to be awarded the Candidate of Science Degree (PhD).

Language of Study

The Official Languages of the Republic of Belarus - Russian and Belarusian. Overseas students are trained in the Russian Language.

Process of Learning

Taking a Research Degree Program requires profound studying of general and special subjects, taking examinations, undertaking a research appreciation and methods course, applying research methods to relevant research problems in the chosen specialization and field of science, writing and submission of the dissertation.

Curriculum

The academic plan of a Research Degree Program for overseas applicants comprises the following:

- 1) 100 academic hours of tutored studies in the speciality (annually) followed by an examination;
- 2) 120 academic hours of studies in Philosophy followed by an examination;
- 3) a course in Russian as a foreign language (1st year – 704 academic hours, 2nd year – 320 hours, 3rd year – 240 academic hours) followed by an examination;
- 4) a course in the basics of Information Technologies (72 academic hours) followed by an assessment.

Scientific Supervision

A scientific supervisor instructs the work of a research degree student as concerns planning, organization and application of the research process, mastering contemporary research methods, preparation for exams, editing publications, and assessment of the dissertation thesis.

Fulfilling the curriculum

For the period of studies a postgraduate research student must pass all the required examinations and assessment; complete relevant research in accordance with the agreed research theme and individual plan and present its results in no less than three publications in scientific journals, as well as reports at conferences and symposia; submit the dissertation for assessment.

Dissertation Thesis

Proceedings for presentation and defending the dissertation thesis are carried out on fee-paid basis either during the period of studies at the Research Degree Program or after its completion. The separate contract for that is to be concluded.

Academic Calendar

	<i>Current Assessment</i>	<i>Final Assessment</i>
Academic Year	March	October

<i>Year of Study</i>	<i>Stages of Fulfilling the curriculum</i>
1 academic year	1) Passing a candidate examination on Philosophy 2) Passing a candidate examination on Foreign (Russian) Language 3) Research work on the theme of dissertation
2 academic year	1) Research work on the theme of dissertation
3-4 academic years	1) Research work on the theme of dissertation 2) Passing a candidate examination on Speciality 3) Presentation of dissertation for assessment to the Chair 4) Presentation of dissertation for assessment to the Academic Council

LIST OF SPECIALTIES OFFERED BY THE BSU

<i>Code of speciality</i>	<i>Branches of science, speciality</i>
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Historical Science	
07.00.02	Domestic History
07.00.03	General History (period is to be specified)
07.00.06	Archaeology
07.00.07	Ethnography, Ethnology and Anthropology
07.00.09	Historiography, Source Study and Methods of Historical Research
Economical Science	
08.00.01	Economic Theory
08.00.05	Economy and National Economy Management (by the branches and spheres of work, including: Theory of Economical Systems Management; MacroEconomy; Economy, Organisation and Management of Enterprises, Branches and Complexes; Management of Innovations; Regional Economy; Logistic; Economy of Labour; Economy of Population and Demography; Economy of Natural Resources; Organisation of the Use of Land and others)
08.00.13	Mathematical and Instrumental Methods of Economics
08.00.14	World Economy
Philosophic Science	
09.00.01	Ontology and Theory of Knowledge
09.00.03	History of Philosophy
09.00.04	Aesthetics
09.00.05	Ethics
09.00.07	Logic
09.00.08	Philosophy of Science and Techniques
09.00.11	Social Philosophy
09.00.13	Religions Study, Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture
Philological Science	
10.01.01	Belarusian Literature
10.01.02	Russian Literature
10.01.03	Literature of foreign Nations (Literature is specified)
10.01.08	Theory of Literature. Textual Study
10.01.09	Study of Folklore
10.01.10	Journalistic
10.02.01	Belarusian Language
10.02.02	Russian Language
10.02.03	Slavonic Languages

10.02.19	Theory of Language
10.02.21	Applied and Mathematical Linguistic
Jurisprudence	
12.00.01	Theory and History of Law; History of Legal Doctrines
12.00.02	Constitutional Law; Municipal Law
12.00.03	Civil Law; Business Law; Family Law; International Private Law
12.00.05	Labour Legislation; Social Service Legislation
12.00.06	Natural Resources Use Legislation; Agrarian Law; Ecological Law
12.00.08	Criminal Law and Criminology; Criminal-Executive Law
12.00.09	Criminal Procedure, criminalistics and Judicial Expertise
12.00.10	International Law; European Law
12.00.11	Judging, Prosecuting, organisation of the right-protection activity, the Bar
12.00.14	Administrative Law; Financial Law
12.00.15	Civil Procedure; Arbitration Procedure
Pedagogical Science	
13.00.01	General Pedagogic, History of Pedagogic and Education
13.00.02	Theory and Methods of Education and Upbringing
13.00.04	Theory and Methods of Physical Upbringing, Sport Training, Health Improving and Adapting Physical Culture
Psychological Science	
19.00.01	General Psychology, Personal Psychology, History of Psychology
19.00.04	Medical Psychology
19.00.05	Social Psychology
19.00.07	Pedagogical Psychology
Social Science	
22.00.01	Theory, Methodology and History of Sociology
22.00.03	Economical Sociology ad Demography
22.00.04	Social Structure, Social Institutes and Processes
22.00.06	Sociology of Culture and Spiritual Life
22.00.08	Sociology of Management
Political Science	
23.00.01	Theory of Politics, History and Methodology of Political Science
23.00.02	Political Institutions, Ethno Political Conflicts Studies, National and Political Processes and Technologies

23.00.04	Political issues of International Relations and Global Development
Earth Studies	
25.00.01	General and Regional Geology
25.00.23	Physical Geography and BioGeography, Geography of Soil and geochemistry of Landscapes
25.00.24	Economical, Social and Political Geography
25.00.25	Geomorphology and Evolution Geography
25.00.36	GeoEcology
Study of Culture	
24.00.01	Theory and History of Culture
Physical-Mathematical Science	
Mathematics	
01.01.01	Mathematical Analysis
01.01.02	Differential equations
01.01.03	Mathematical Physics
01.01.04	Geometry and Topology
01.01.05	Theory of probabilities and Mathematical Statistics
01.01.06	Mathematical Logics, Algebra and Number Theory
01.01.07	Computing Mathematics
01.01.09	Discrete Mathematics and Mathematical Cybernetic
Mechanics	
01.02.04	Mechanics of Deformed Solid State
01.02.05	Mechanics of Liquid, Gas and Plasma
Physics	
01.04.01	Instruments and Methods of Experimental Physics
01.04.02	Theoretical Physics
01.04.03	Radio Physics
01.04.04	Physical Electronics
01.04.05	Optics
01.04.07	Physics of Condensed State
01.04.08	Plasma Physics
01.04.10	Physics of Semiconductors
01.04.13	Electrophysics, electrophysical plants
01.04.14	Thermal Physics and Theoretical Heating Engineering
01.04.16	Physics of Atomic Nucleus and Fundamental Particles
01.04.21	Laser Physics

Chemical Sciences	
02.00.01	Inorganic Chemistry
02.00.02	Analytic Chemistry
02.00.03	Organic Chemistry
02.00.04	Physical Chemistry
02.00.06	High-Molecular Compounds
02.00.09	Chemistry of High Energy
02.00.21	Chemistry of Solid State

TUITION FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

In 2008-2009 academic year Research Degree (PhD) Program (full time form of study) costs 2780 US dollars per year. Please, note that fees are subject to change every year. For up-to-date information on tuition fees see www.bsu.by/UMS/Price_List_eng.pdf

Accommodation

Cost depends on the type of accommodation and varies from 10 to 25 US dollars per month

Maintenance

Estimated living expenses and personal costs could be based on the following average figures

- Lunch / Dinner at the students canteen is up to 5 US dollars
- Minimum set of foodstuff - 40 US dollars / per week
- Monthly full-package traffic pass - 25 US dollar per month
- International Phone calls expenses - from 5 US dollar per week

Administrative Expenditures

1. Invitation formalities due - 35 US dollar
2. Airport transfer - 40 US dollar
3. Registration (Residence Permits) - 50 US dollar
4. Obligatory Medical Insurance Policy - 85 US dollar / 1 year
5. Obligatory medical examination - 55 US dollar
6. «Holiday Permit» - 45 US dollar
7. «Exit Permit» - 30 US dollar

All fees and expenditures are paid upon arrival in Belarus in US dollars and Belarusian rubbles.

Note!

These fees are calculated on the basis of one year staying period. If the duration of study is less than one year fees indicated in the points 3,4,5,6,7 are subject to decline.

The Meeting and orientation fee includes meeting at the airport, transfer to the city, help with dormitory accommodation, general assistance with enrolment procedures, other payments, etc. This is an optional fee.

The Obligatory medical examination (55 US dollar) fee is for students staying in Belarus for more than three months. If the duration of staying is less than three months period, there is 10 US dollars fee for Dormitory Medical Certificate. «Holiday Permit» and «Exit Permit» are issued if students' visa expires before the anticipated period of travelling back home for holidays or upon graduation

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application process is administrated by the International Relations Office and Post-Graduate School Administration of the Belarusian State University.

Requirements for Applicants

- 1) Higher education not lower than Master level (5-6 years of university studies is required)
- 2) Practical Work Experience
- 3) Research Inclination
- 4) Strong command of Russian Language

Documents Required

- 1) Completed Application Form for the Research Degree (PhD) Program (red)
- 2) Notarized copies of Diploma on Higher Education (Master's Degree)
- 3) Copy of The Pre-University Education Program Graduation Certificate / document confirming Strong command of Russian Language
- 3) Notarized copy of standard medical certificate issued by the official health care agency in the applicant's home country
- 4) Project statement (4-5 pages)
- 5) Copies of scientific papers if there are some
- 6) Copy of passport valid for the entire study period

Documents Language Requirements

All the documents issued in a foreign language require a notarized translation into the Belarusian \Russian or English languages.

Posting Requirements

Documents are to be marked "Application for study" and sent to the university by the post service only. Documents sent by fax or e-mail are not considered! Our Address is shown on the application form.

Applicants' Eligibility

The Admission to the Research Degree (PhD) Program is granted on the competitive basis in accordance with the number of openings available. The

following criteria are taken into consideration during the documents evaluation process:

- 1) due application procedure
- 2) university results
- 3) Russian Language proficiency
- 4) presence of additional education
- 5) Research inclination

Application Calendar

Deadline for posting Application materials	October 1
Candidates' Evaluation	October 1-15
Enrolment deadline	November 15
If study according to the individual curriculum Application and enrolment has no fixed deadlines	

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APPLICATION FORM FOR THE RESEARCH DEGREE (PhD) PROGRAM
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SECTION 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____
(as for passport)

Sex: (Male/Female): _____ Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year): _____

Place of Birth (country / city) _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Passport No: _____ Date of issue: _____

Issuing authority _____ Valid until: _____

Current Address _____

Tel.(Home) _____ Tel.(Mobile) _____ E-mail: _____

Have you ever been to the Republic of Belarus: Yes No

If yes, please specify dates, places and purpose of your previous visit _____

SECTION 2. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

(please provide us with the detailed information about all schools or other educational establishments you have been studying at)

School / Institution and its' address	Period of study	Major	Certificate / Degree Conferred

SECTION 3. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM CHOSEN

Indicate Faculty and Speciality

Faculty: _____ Speciality: _____

SECTION 4. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have included in this application form the following enclosures (tick off an enclosure (✓))

- Notarized copies of Diploma on Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
- Copy of The Pre-University Education Program Graduation Certificate / document confirming the Russian Language proficiency
- Project statement (4-5 pages)
- Copies of scientific papers if there are some
- Copy of passport valid for the entire study period
- Notarized copy of standard medical certificate issued by the official health care agency in the applicant's home country
- Envelope with your postal address the invitation letter to be send on

I declare that the information provided in this application is correct and true.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Post your application materials to:

International Relations Office,
Belarusian State University,
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220030, Minsk,
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