

Course title: Other activities 1 (Introduction to doctoral dissertation)		
Lecturer: -		
Course status: Required, Second Semester		
ECTS: 14		
Requirements:		
Course aims: The aim is for the students to be introduced, already in the second semester, to their doctoral project, and to become aware of the main prerequisites, in the form of both form and content, for a successful writing and defense of their doctoral dissertation. Introduction to doctoral dissertation is the result of consultations and interaction between the student and the supervisor and entails the drafting of a detailed plan and program of research for the purpose of writing the doctoral dissertation.		
Course outcome: To train the student for the preparation and writing of the Introduction to the doctoral dissertation.		
Course contents -identifying the required structure for a high-quality thesis, -writing of several smaller seminar papers and projects as an introduction to the thesis writing, -consultations with the supervisor about the possible obstacles in the preparation and the writing of the thesis, -preliminary agreement on the topic and the contents of the thesis, -pointing out to possible problems in the arguing of the hypothesis of the research which will later be included in the thesis, -meeting the necessary preparatory administrative requirements for the commencement of work on the dissertation.		
Recommended literature: All scientific research literature in the area of the doctoral thesis topic.		
Workload per week:	Lectures:	Study research:
Teaching methods: Consultations, independent and group work, dialogue		
Knowledge assessment: Project outline for the Introduction to doctoral dissertation – 20, writing of the Introduction – 50, Written and oral presentation of the Introduction – 30 points.		

Course Title: Other activities 2 (Drafting the doctoral dissertation)		
Lecturer: -		
Course status: Required, Fourth Semester		
ECTS:12		
Requirements:		
Course aims: The aim is for the doctoral students in their fourth semester to prepare the Draft of the doctoral dissertation, with all the necessary elements that the thesis must contain. The draft will serve as the basis for the research and the writing of the thesis. The preparation of the draft is the result of the agreement between the student and the supervisor and it will give a detailed program of the scientific research, which will be included in the doctoral thesis.		
Course outcome: The student independently prepares the draft of the doctoral dissertation.		
Course contents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations with the supervisor about the final topic - Defining the hypothesis of the research - Choice of research methods - Preliminary contents of the dissertation - Agreement about the scientific research that will be covered by the thesis - Meeting the necessary preparatory administrative requirements for the commencement of research 		
Recommended Literature: All scientific research literature in the field of the thesis topic		
Workload per week:	Lectures:	Study research:
Teaching methods: Consultations, independent and group work, dialogue		
Knowledge assessment: Defining the doctoral dissertation draft – 30 points, the writing of the doctoral dissertation draft – 70 points		

Course Title: Doctoral dissertation 1(Research work)		
Lecturer: -		
Course status: Required, Fifth Semester		
ECTS: 20		
Requirements:		
Course aims: The aim is the training of students for the preparation of a theoretical, methodological, scientific, professional and professionally applicable approach to conducting research and independent research work, and for an effective solving of complex problems in the area of economics, based on the previously acquired theoretical and practical knowledge and skills.		
Course outcome The student is prepared for independent research work and problem solving as outlined in the Draft (the registration of the doctoral dissertation) based on the previously gained knowledge and experience, as well as the experience of other researchers when facing similar issues. The student gains research experience and is prepared for independent scientific research and effective solving of complex problems in the area of economics.		
Course contents -choice of literature that studies similar issues, or which is relevant for the given research - final choice of methods of research -application of the chosen methods on concrete research problems - validation of the produced research results		
Recommended Literature All literature in the field of the topic of the thesis.		
Workload per week:	Lectures:	Study research:
Teaching methods Consultations, independent work. The supervisor of the thesis may suggest to the student to focus on a particular part of the research within the dissertation and edit the results of the research for a scientific paper.		
Knowledge assessment: The supervisor assesses the applied research methods – 30 points, the dynamics of research progress – 10, analytical methods – 20, the relevance of the produced results of research – 40 points.		

Course Title: Scientific papers		
Lecturer: -		
Course status: Required, Fifth Semester		
ECTS: 10		
Requirements:		
Course aims: Having in mind the level of the studies, it is deemed necessary that the student has published, either previously or during the course of the doctoral studies, scientific papers in his/her area of expertise, in which his/her dissertation is also written.		
Course outcome The student is capable of using relevant scientific and professional literature and to independently write and publish papers in his/her area of expertise, in which he/she has conducted research. For the awarding of 10 ECTS points, the publication of at least one paper in a national journal listed by the government department that holds jurisdiction over science is a requirement.		
Course contents -the writing of a scientific paper -consultations with the supervisor regarding the quality of the paper -publication of the paper (confirmation of publication)		
Recommended Literature All literature in the field of the topic of the thesis.		
Workload per week:	Lectures:	Study research:
Teaching methods: Consultations, independent work		
Knowledge assessment: the writing and publication of a paper – 100 points		

Course Title: Doctoral dissertation 2 (Writing of the Dissertation)		
Lecturer: -		
Course status: Required, Sixth Semester		
ECTS: 20		
Requirements:		
Course aims: The aim of the course is to prepare the students for the writing of scientific research papers after the conducted research within the doctoral dissertation. The final objective is that the student has competently written a doctoral dissertation on an approved subject, and in accordance with all the elements defined in the Draft of the dissertation, approved at the registration of the dissertation.		
Course outcome The student is capable of independently writing research papers which derive from the systematic approach to solving current economic problems. The student has written a doctoral dissertation on the approved subject and in compliance with all the elements outlined in the Draft and approved at the registration of the dissertation.		
Course contents -consultations with the supervisor during the writing of the doctoral thesis -writing of the dissertation in accordance with the approved topic and the outlined and approved elements of the dissertation		
Recommended Literature: All literature in the field of the topic of the thesis.		
Workload per week:	Number of active teaching classes: 10	Number of active teaching classes: 10
Teaching methods: Consultations, independent work		
Knowledge assessment: the written version of the doctoral dissertation – 100 points		

Course Title: Doctoral dissertation 3 (Defense of the Dissertation)		
Lecturer: -		
Course status: Required, Sixth Semester		
ECTS: 10		
Requirements: The requirements for the registration, assessment and defense of the dissertation are outlined in the Rulebook of Doctoral Studies of the Educons University		
Course aims: The adoption of the theoretical knowledge in the form of presenting the results of a scientific research to the wider academic community and the mastering of skills of public presentation and participation in academic discussions. The goal is for the student to successfully defend his/her thesis on the approved subject.		
Course outcome The student is capable of orally presenting and arguing the results of his/her research. The final result is that the student has successfully defended his/her thesis and been awarded the title of the doctor of economics.		
Course contents -consultations with the supervisor and the agreement on the defense of the dissertation -the defense (oral presentation) of the dissertation		
Recommended Literature: All literature in the field of the topic of the thesis.		
Workload per week:	Lectures:	Number of active teaching classes:
Teaching methods: Consultations, independent work		
Knowledge assessment: the defense of the doctoral dissertation – 100 points		