**General Information**

Educational and academic degree "PhD" is a basic form of training of highly qualified specialists ready to accomplish scientific and research activities and to tutor for the needs of the university as well as other applicants in the field of science and practice. Eligible for educational and academic degree "PhD" are applicants who have acquired master's degree.

Training periods are as follows:

Self-preparation PhD study - up to 3 years, minimum 1.5 years.

**Fees:**

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| **Description** | **Free** | **Regular** |
| Fee for admission | 100 € | 100 € |
| Translation and legalization of Master's degree diploma and the appendix with ratings in English, German, Russian or French language | 180 € | 180 € |
| Translation and legalization of Master's degree diploma and theappendix with ratings in a language other than the above | 220 € | 220 € |
| Fee for the Diploma Recognition Commission | 65 € | 65 € |
| Fee for admission exams  (only for regular form of study) | - | 350 € |
| Fee for presentation and discussion of a project dissertation in front of a Department council | 450 € | - |
| Annual fee for education in English or Russian | 2700 € | 3300 € |
| Computer check for plagiarism | 50 € | 50 € |
| Fee for preliminary discussion  (before scientific jury) | 450 € | 450 € |
| Fee for defense in front of a scientific jury and issue of a diploma for PhD degree | 2300 € | 2300 € |

**The fee is payable to the following bank account (**Currency: EUR**):**

Account name: Varna Free University „Chernorizets Hrabar”

Bank name: „Central Cooperative Bank“ PLC

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Please write your names and that you are paying for PhD education, after payment send us information at e-mail phd@vfu.bg.

**PhD study under Independent form of Preparation:**

**Admission to PhD study in independent form of preparation is subject to presentation of a thesis project, developed in its main part and reference sources. In this form, no permanent presence at university is required for post-graduate students.**

**Required documents:**

1. Application for recognition of Master's degree (Appendix 1)
2. Notarized copy of higher education document showing that the applicant holds Master's degree and appendix with ratings certified by the authorities of the country that awarded the diploma. The diploma must bear "Apostille" if necessary.

The diploma and the appendix must be legalized, translated and certified in accordance with the provisions of the international treaties of the Republic of Bulgaria with the state in which they were issued and, in the absence of such - under the general procedure for legalizations, translations and endorsements of documents and other papers.

The university provides translation and legalization services at additional cost.

1. Copy of citizenship documents;
2. CV with recent photo;
3. Application to the Rector of Varna Free University (Annex 2);
4. The applicant must submit project dissertation on a topic chosen by him / her no less then 50 pages (Appendix 3);
5. Declaration of genuinity (Appendix 4)
6. Document for proficiency in the language in which the training will be conducted unless the language is either mother tongue or official language of the country which the applicant comes from.
7. Letter from the University that has issued the diploma for Master's degree, stating that the diploma was issued by them.

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