

Strategic Leadership MA Program

Strategic Leadership in English

Short description of the Program:

The program offers specialized training in the field of strategic leadership and public policy in a political environment, public policy and the public arena. The courses in the program cover a wide range of theoretical approaches in the field of social sciences aimed at practical application. The aim of the program is to provide skills for a new type of elite “armed” with adequate knowledge and skills to lead teams, generate, plan and execute projects in the public and private arena. The extracurricular academic forms will be developed in conjunction and cooperation with employers’ organizations, political parties and the state administration in order to achieve practical skills in real time environment.

Speciality and professional qualification

Speciality: Political sciences

Qualification: MA in Strategic Leadership in English

Practice:

Practical training includes work in the field of politics and public policy-making, with temporary employment in regional and national-level government and non-government institutions – mayors’ offices, municipalities, agencies, research centres etc.

International mobility:

The Programme provides opportunities for international student mobility with Universities in Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Cyprus, Germany, Turkey and Poland.

Graduates competencies:

The graduates of the program have knowledge and skills concerning:

- The history of leadership and its main theoretical concepts;
- Main types of leadership behavioral strategies and leadership styles;
- Main research methods used in social sciences;
- Main communication strategies and channels used in strategic leadership at generation and management of public policies;
- Knowledge and analysis of different types of elites;
- Understanding and ability to conduct comparative analysis of main public policies;
- Usage of main techniques for conflict management and conflict situation;
- Acquiring knowledge and skills pertaining to strategic planning and management;
- Understanding and analyzing global economy;

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- Implementation of main ideas pertaining to leadership in the context of different political cultures and their usage at institutional level;
- The role of leaders in a reforming world and their influence on the process of forming of new institutional culture.
- production of political documents, strategies, programmes and platforms.

Graduation

The successful graduation from the program entails master thesis defense or state exam defense after acquisition of the necessary number of academic credits.

The method and the conditions for graduation are according the “Standard of graduation for Bachelor’s or Masters’ Degree” in New Bulgarian University.

Professional qualifications and carrier opportunities

- Specialists and expert (mid- to senior level) in international organizations such as UN, Council of Europe, OSCE, NATO.
- Experts in the institutions of the European Union
- Experts and consultants in international NGOs
- Specialists in the social sciences
- Teachers and lecturers in colleges and other schools
- Diplomatic staff
- Specialists (analytical and control functions) in administrations
- Journalists and editors.

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Structure of the Program (semester wise):

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YEAR	Semester	Total courses and credits (paid/free)		auditorium lecture courses (Credit Courses)		Non- Lecture Classes (Credit Courses)	
				paid		Free	
1	I	10 courses (5/5)	30 credits (15/15)	5 courses	15 credits	5 courses	15 credits
	II	10 courses(5/5)	30 credits(15/15)	5 courses	15 credits	5 courses	15 credits
2	III	10 courses (5/5)	30 credits (15/15)	5 courses	15 credits	5 courses	15 credits
-	Thesis	-	15 credits (15/0)	Thesis Defense or State Exam		-	

NB!

The students should select 15 out of 21 credits from auditorium lecture courses, as well as from Non- Lecture Classes forms for each semester.

FIRST SEMESTER

Lecture Courses (Credit Courses)

CSPM300 History of Leadership

Assoc. Prof. Alexandar Marinov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM301 Leadership behavior

Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph. D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM302 Leadership Styles and Social Ethic

Haralan Alexandrov, Ph.D

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM303 Advanced Research Methods in Social Sciences – qualitative research.

Assoc. Prof. Vassil Garnizov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM304 Personality, Group and Communication

Rumen Petrov, Ph.D

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

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CSPM305 Elites and Institutions

Kiril Avramov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM306 The Art of Persuasion

Lidiya Shuleva

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

Non- Lecture Classes (Credit Courses)

CSPM307 Seminar: Leaders and Public opinion

Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph. D.

3 кр.

CSPM308 Seminar: Leadership in the New Democracies

Kiril Avramov, Ph.D.

3 кр.

CSPM309 Seminar: Leaders and institutions

Assoc. Prof. Vassil Garnizov, Ph.D.

3 кр.

CSPM310 Project: Lobbying and advocacy

Lidiya Shuleva

6 кр.

CSPM311 Project: Building coalitions

Haralan Alexandrov, Ph.D

6 кр.

SECOND SEMESTER

Lecture Courses (Credit Courses)

CSPM324 Modern war and Leadership

Prof. Georgi Behchevanov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM313 Conflict Management

Assoc. Prof. Vassil Garnizov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM325 Strategic Planning and effect

Ass. Prof. Lubomir Stefanov, Ph.D

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM315 Power, influence, Manipulation

Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph. D.

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30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM316 Understanding Global Business

Kiril Avramov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM317 Groups, teams, management

Haralan Alexandrov, Ph.D and Rumen Petrov, Ph.D

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM326 Business and Leadership

Christian Dosev

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

Non- Lecture Classes (Credit Courses)

CSPM319 Seminar: The Global economy through the eyes of the modern leader

Kiril Avramov, Ph.D.

3 кр.

CSPM320 Seminar: Effective teams

Rumen Petrov, Ph.D

3 кр.

CSPM321 Seminar: Mechanisms for decision-making

Ass. Prof. Lubomir Stefanov

3 кр.

CSPM322 Project: Management of organisational change

Haralan Alexandrov, Ph.D

6 кр.

CSPM323 Project: Power, Policy, Management

Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph. D.

6 кр.

THIRD SEMESTER

Lecture Courses (Credit Courses)

CSPM400 Freedom, the individual, leadership

Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph. D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM401 Project Management for Public Leaders

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Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Tomova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSP402 Ideas, Culture and Institutions

Ivan Nachev, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM403 Crises and Capitalism in Developing and Post-Industrial States

Kiril Avramov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM404 Political elites and political leaders

Assoc. Prof. Alexandar Marinov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM405 Public Leaders and Policy Reforms in Emerging Democracies

Assoc. Prof. Momchil Bajakov, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

CSPM406 Political Communication

Evelina Hristova, Ph.D.

30 academic hours, 3 credits.

Non- Lecture Classes (Credit Courses)

CSPM407 Internship

Prof. Evgenii Dainov, Ph. D.

15 credits