**DOCTORAL STUDY**

Doctoral study programmes are third-degree higher education programmes (Act No.131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education, Art. 54, and amendments) aimed at getting knowledge based on current research and scientific knowledge and student´s own contribution to it as a result of their own independent research in the field of science.

**The Department of Theology and Christian Education** Faculty of Pedagogy of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica offers the following part-time doctoral programme:

**Theology** (in Slovak language, in English language)

The entitled applicants for doctoral study at the Department of Theology and Christian Education - Faculty of Pedagogy of MBU are also graduates of Master programmes from other colleges and universities or fields of study.

**Theology:** graduates of university programmes: No. 2.1.12 Theology or a related study programme. The candidate applies for an approved topic and to an approved supervisor. The application should include a preliminary design of a research problem that the applicant plans to research in the dissertation thesis as well as an overview of previous research and publications of the applicant. The requirement for admission is successful completion of entrance examination which is held before at least a three member committee appointed by the dean of the faculty at the proposal of the Chairman of committee. The content of the entrance examination are disciplines: Biblical theology, Ecumenics, basic knowledge of German and English enabling the applicant to carry out independent study of foreign literature, respectively an authorized valid proof of passing the state examination in the appropriate language.

**Competencies - Theology (PhD.) –** The graduates of the third degree of this university study programme are competent to carry out conceptual theological and scientific activities; conceptual professional theological activities in the area of theological theory and its practice; as well as explaining the Christian worldview based on professional exegesis of the Bible. They are ready to carry out leadership positions in the church and para-church, diaconal and ecumenical institutions and organizations. They can teach theological subjects at university level and take positions of professional staff to teach and prepare the specialized workers for church and religious organizations. They are capable to comprehend the relationship between natural sciences, humanities and theological sciences. They are competent to carry out research in theology and related fields. From the personality point of view, they are well educated both in science and faith, and they have a broader insight into issues of current philosophical and theological and ethical debate. They are able to process this information in a logical and sensitive way as well as to argument and to publicly respond to the controversial ethical and social issues relating to the Christian faith, religion and culture.

The doctoral study is organized on part-time basis. Amount of tuition for the academic year **2019/2020 is € 700 per year**.

**General pre-conditions for admission into PhD studies**

The basic precondition for admission into PhD studies is a successful completion of second level (Master’s study) of a study field (or related study field). The applicant applies for an approved topic and to the approved supervisor. The list of themes of PhD theses and of supervisors will be published on www.pdf.umb.sk after 1 March 2018. The requirement for admission is successful completion of entrance examination.

In the application form for PhD studies, the applicant must indicate the foreign language which he/she chose to be a compulsory part of his/her entrance exam (English, French, Russian, or German). The application should include a preliminary project of the future dissertation and an overview of previous research and publications accomplished by the applicant.

**General Information**

**Application form**

Application form can be submitted

– **in written form** (form can be found in the text)

– **in electronic form** (the form together with instructions is available at the website of Matej Bel University

<https://www.umb.sk/en/studies/information/studies-administration-section-application-for-university-studies/>

In case of online applications via PF UMB application electronic system - link: <https://e-prihlaska.umb.sk/ais/start.do>

Fee for admission procedure:

- In case of sending only printed application form: 35 €

- In case of online applications via PF UMB application electronic system discounted fee 32 €

The electronic application can be submitted **till 31 March 2019**.

The completed form **with enclosures required by the Faculty** (not given in the form), in the case of electronic form as well, should be sent to: Faculty of Pedagogy, Matej Bel University, Office for Study, Ružová Street No. 13, 974 11 Banská Bystrica **no later than 31 March** of the current year.

**Fees**

The fee for the written application form is **€ 35** for applicant from EU member state**,** for the electronic application form **€ 32** for applicant from EU member state**,** and it should be paid to the account: Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici, Štátna pokladnica, Radlinského 32, 810 05 Bratislava 15, SK75 8180 0000 0070 0009 5590, BIC – SWIFT: SPSRSkBA, variable symbol 7033, specific symbol – Slovak citizens – identification number/Foreign candidates - date of birth in the format DDMMYY (pattern - 120462) message for receiver – name and surname of the applicant (**a copy of the payment document should be attached to the application form**). Payment by postal money order is not accepted due to the impossibility of identifying the payer in the university information system.

**The documents to be enclosed to the application:**

* Notarized copies of documents of the previous education (diploma, certificate of state final exam) – graduates from MBU need not submit notarized copies
* Graduates from foreign universities shall submit a copy of recognition of completed education from the Ministry of Ecucation of the SR (Act no. 422/2015 Coll. The procedure and application form are available at <https://www.umb.sk/en/studies/information/recognition-of-the-evidence-of-formal-qualifications/recognition-of-evidence-of-formal-qualifications.html>
* Academic transcript for the whole previous Master study, including the average result for the whole study (**the part „Výpis výsledkov“/Academic transcript in the application form is thus not applicable**)
* CV (curriculum vitae) signed by the applicant
* List of published and non-published papers, reviews of these papers if possible (Bachelor or Diploma work is not applicable)
* Validated selection of the foreign language for the entrance exam
* Written project in the scope of 3 pages to outline the topic of dissertation, in 5 copies, signed by the supervisor who put up the topic
* Copy of payment receipt proving the fee for application was payed

**Topics of dissertations**

Topics of dissertations are approved by particular subject area boards for the following academic year in March of the current year. Afterwards (usually in April), they are announced on the website of the Faculty. After the candidate chooses a topic, he/she should contact the supervisor and prepare a project to outline the topic, where he/she gives reasons for the choice, formulates the aim, methods and expected outcomes. Attached Dissertation topics with trainers/supervisors of PhD. in slovak language.

Note: One topic can be researched only by one applicant.

**Admission procedure**

**The entrance exam** for the academic year 2019/2020 will take place on **1 June 2019 and 2 June 2019.**

The entrance exam is combined and consists of the following parts:

1. Presentation of the written project of dissertation
2. Rationales of the candidate for his/her interest in doctoral study, assessment of his/her aptitude for doctoral study and his/her publication, research and professional activity.

Admission boards assess the quality of the written projects and the candidates’ ability to present the project and their aptitude for doctoral study. Based on the candidates’ final scores in written tests, quality of the presented projects, aptitude for doctoral study and the results achieved in Master study the boards compile a ranking of the candidates and recommend the best ones for doctoral study.

The candidates will be admitted for study in the order based on the total score in the admission procedure and depending on the planned capacity of a particular study programme and form of study. In case two or more candidates reach the same score, the board will make the decision on the basis of the quality of the written project. The results of the entrance exam with the achieved scores will be announced on the website of the Faculty on the same date.

Based on the results in the entrance exam the chairman of the admission board makes a proposal to the dean to admit or not the candidate. Each candidate will be notified of the admission / non-admission by a postal delivery within 30 days.

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**Translation of the Applictation form is here- You have to fulfill extra attached form in Slovak language.**

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| Application for doctoral (PhD) study |
|   | Stamp of the faculty: |
| **Academic year: 20 /20** |
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| **External educational institution:** |
| **Topic of dissertation:** |
| **Supervisor:** |

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| **Previous study – Master / Engineer / Doctor degree completed at**  |
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| Branch of the faculty (if applicable): |
| Study programme: |
| Field of study: |
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| **Date:** | **Signature of the applicant:** |

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1 choose internal (full-time) or external (part-time) form of study

2 choose in-school or distance learning