

**IOSUD - UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA
DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES "EUGENIU CARADA"**

**Admission Requirements for Doctoral Studies
Session 2025**

a) Format and Content of the Admission Competition:

The doctoral admission competition within SDSE consists of two assessments:

1. *Presentation of a doctoral research project* aligned with one of the research directions chosen by the doctoral supervisor, complemented by an assessment of the candidate's general professional preparation, expertise in the research topic area, and prior scientific experience. This takes place before an examination committee approved by the Rector's Decision, whose president is the academic supervisor chosen by the candidate at registration;

2. *A language proficiency examination* targeting level B2, concluded with the qualification ADMITTED / REJECTED.

b) Evaluation and Candidate Selection Criteria:

The ranking of candidates is based on the general admission average, established in accordance with the following criteria:

C1. Quality of the doctoral research project and results obtained during the presentation.

This criterion is evaluated by the president and each member of the examination committee, with grades from 1 to 10, and is finalized through a committee-level average (MC1), with values between 1 and 10, to two decimal places, without rounding.

In awarding the score for criterion C1, the following sub-criteria shall be considered:

Criterion	Max Score
C1.1. Quality of the description of the current state of knowledge in the research topic area	2
C1.2. Manner of describing the purpose and objectives of the doctoral research project	2
C1.3. Adequacy of the proposed research methodology to the project objectives	2
C1.4. Responses to questions posed by the admission committee members during interviews	3
Office points	1
Total	10

The doctoral scientific research project shall be prepared in accordance with the template provided in Annex 1.

Weight of criterion C1: 50% of the general admission average (PC1 = 0.5).

C2. Level of general professional preparation and expertise in the candidate's research topic area.

In awarding the score for criterion C2, the following prior academic results shall be taken into account, along with their relevance to the doctoral field and research topic:

- Average grade across Bachelor's study years (MSL);
- Bachelor's degree examination average (MEL);
- Average grade across Master's / advanced studies years (MSM);
- Dissertation / advanced studies examination average (MED).

The score for criterion C2 will be finalized through an average (MC2) calculated as follows:

$$MC2 = [KL * x (MSL + MEL)/2 + KM * x (MSM + MED)/2] / 2$$

Where:

KL - coefficient assigned to completed Bachelor's degree studies.

KL = 1 for Bachelor's studies in the field of economic sciences, and

KL = 0.8 for Bachelor's studies in other fields of science.

**For the doctoral fields of Economic Informatics, and Cybernetics and Statistics, KL shall have the following values:*

KL = 1 for Bachelor's studies in economic sciences or computers and systems engineering or informatics or mathematics-informatics, and
KL = 0.8 for Bachelor's studies in other fields of science.

KM - coefficient assigned to completed Master's degree studies.

KM = 1 for Master's studies in economic sciences.

KM = 0.8 for Master's studies in other fields of science.

**For the doctoral fields of Economic Informatics, and Cybernetics and Statistics, KM shall have the following values:*

KM = 1 for Master's studies in economic sciences or computers and information technology or systems engineering or informatics or mathematics-informatics, and

KM = 0.8 for Master's studies in other fields of science.

For candidates who hold a diploma of completion / Bachelor's degree from long-cycle higher education (completed under Law No. 84/1995) prior to the implementation of the Bologna study cycles, and who do not submit a Master's diploma in their application file, the score P is calculated by omitting the Master's studies component, with MC2 calculated as follows:

$$MC2 = KL * x (MSL + MEL)/2$$

The average for criterion C2 (MC2) may take values between 1 and 10, to two decimal places, without rounding.

Weight of criterion C2: 40% of the general admission average (PC2 = 0.4).

C3. Prior scientific experience.

In awarding the score for criterion C3 (MC3), the candidate's prior scientific and research experience and results obtained in the doctoral field and research topic area shall be taken into account, as follows:

- Publication of articles in WoS-indexed journals - 5 points/article;
- Publication of articles in IC2-indexed journals (excluding WoS) - 3 points/article;
- Publication of articles in BDI-indexed journals - 2 points/article;
- Participation in scientific events - 1 point/event;
- Awards received at student scientific events - 3 points/award.

The score for scientific research activity (MC3) may take values between 1 and 10 and is obtained by summing the scores earned across types of research activities, plus 1 office point. If a candidate reports multiple works, MC3 cannot exceed 10.

Weight of criterion C3: 10% of the general admission average (PC3 = 0.1).

The results obtained from the evaluation of criteria C1, C2, and C3 are recorded in the Evaluation Form (Annex 2), drawn up for each candidate.

c) Method of Calculating the General Admission Average:

The general admission average is calculated as a weighted arithmetic mean, to two decimal places, without rounding, of the averages obtained from the evaluation of each criterion (C1, C2, and C3).

$$MGA = MC1 \times PC1 + MC2 \times PC2 + MC3 \times PC3$$

$$PC1 = 0.5 \quad PC2 = 0.4 \quad PC3 = 0.1$$

d) Tie-Breaking Criteria:

Candidates who obtain equal general admission averages are ranked using the following tie-breaking criteria:

- First tie-breaking criterion: MC3
- Second tie-breaking criterion: MC2

e) Method of Ranking Candidates within a Doctoral Field:

The ranking of candidates and admission to doctoral studies is determined through a single admission list at the level of each doctoral field, in descending order of the general admission averages obtained and the tie-breaking criteria.

f) Procedure for Handling Appeals:

The resolution of any appeals shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Article 73 of the institution's own Regulation on Admission to Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degree Studies.

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