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|  **UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ** |
| **Course Unit Descriptor** | **Faculty**  | **Faculty of Philosophy** |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| Study program  | **Pedagogy** |
| Study Module (if applicable) | / |
| Course title | **Doctoral thesis defence** |
| Level of study | [ ] Bachelor [ ]  Master’s [x]  Doctoral |
| Type of course | [x]  Obligatory [ ]  Elective |
| Semester  |  [ ]  Autumn [x] Spring |
| Year of study  | 3rd  |
| Number of ECTS allocated | 10 |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | Mentors |
| Teaching mode |  [ ] Lectures [ ] Group tutorials [x]  Individual tutorials [ ] Laboratory work [ ]  Project work [ ]  Seminar [ ] Distance learning [ ]  Blended learning [ ]  Other |
| **PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)** |
| The goal of oral defence is to enable the students of doctoral studies to show that they can publicly and orally present their systematic understanding of the theme they finished in a written form. The students should prove that they are able to independently explain the applied methodology and obtained results, and to support their findings with arguments. They are expected to show academic integrity, and to answer the questions asked by the Defence Committee in a concise and clear form.  |
| **SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)** |
| Public defence of a doctoral dissertation is planned by the Regulations of the doctoral studies issued by Faculty of Philosophy. After doctoral candidates finish writing the doctoral thesis and gain their mentor consent, they should submit at least eight copies of their thesis to the Teaching and Scientific Assembly of the Faculty of Philosophy, which will decide on the members of the Defence Committee. After Committee has written a report on a thesis, which has been approved by the Senate of the University, the date of the defence will be agreed on. During the oral defence candidates have to give short oral presentation of their thesis, state the results, and point out the contribution of their thesis to the scientific field of their research. Afterwards they are supposed to answer the questions the Committee members have asked. The defence is considered finished when all the questions have been answered. After the Committee members discuss the result of the defence privately, they acknowledge their decision and make a written report. Positive outcome of the defence leads to promotion the doctoral student into the Doctor of Philosophy during the special event organised at the University of Niš.  |
| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** |
| [x] Serbian (complete course) [ ]  English (complete course) [ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)[x] Serbian with English mentoring [ ] Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA** |
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| **\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents** |