

UNWE № 1

The University of National and World Economy (UNWE) is established in 1920. It is the oldest, the most prestigious and the largest economic university in Southeastern Europe, a leader in Bulgarian and European higher education.

The efforts of the academic Managing body are orientated to the major purposes of the university - to prepare the elite of our country as it has always done so far, to be a leader in Bulgarian higher education, an integral part of European educational and research area, to hold out competitive educational services and to be a preferable place for the young people who want to acquire modern education.

UNWE envisages itself in the future as a leader among the universities of Southeastern Europe which educate students and conduct researches in the field of Economics, Management and Administration, Law and Politics.

In 2006 the UNWE has been given the highest institutional estimation among all Bulgarian universities by the National Agency for Assessment and Accreditation, in 2007 the professional field of Economics and in 2008 the professional field of Administration and Management have also been given the highest possible assessment - 5.00.

UNWE is at the first place in the rankings of Bulgarian and foreign universities with economic specialities. In 2011 it took the 1st place in Bulgaria, 13th place in Europe and 31st place in the world in the global ranking of the world business higher schools worked out by the Supreme Consortium consisting of 126 Research Centers and Institutes to the Ministry of Education of Spain.

UNWE is an absolute leader by its prestige among students in the professional fields of Economics and Administration and Management. By that standard, according to the ranking system of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science and the Open Society Institute, UNWE is №1.

Ranked by its social insurance income and by the number of the registered unemployed UNWE occupies the top positions again: the professional field of Informatics and Computer Science (with an average insurance income of 1615.68 BGN) is at the 8th place followed by the professional field of Economics (with an insurance income of 1264.80 BGN). 0.00 % graduates of the professional field of Tourism are registered as an unemployed! Professional fields of Administration and Management, Law and Political Science of UNWE are the next at the front positions. It means that all of the six professional fields of education at the UNWE are at the first positions in the ranking. It is the rating of 112 professional fields of the universities in our country, which give the students an opportunity to achieve the highest level of material earnings.

Traditionally there is the highest number of prospective students as well as a record number of excellent students at the UNWE compared to the other universities in the country. The admission of students at the university is by a unified admission exam (tests on paper sheets and in electronic format) on professional fields in similarity to SAT tests.

The university is at the first place in Bulgaria by the realization of its graduates and the prevailing part of them has extremely high positions at the labour market. State and private employers accept UNWE as a synonymous with the excellent education and high professionalism of its graduates. It is not a coincidence that the UNWE is known as the Bulgarian Harvard – the university which prepares the state, political and business elite of Bulgaria.

Since its establishment 92 years ago and so far lecturers and graduates of UNWE have been prominent scientists, state figures, four Prime Ministers (including the First Woman-Prime Minister), Vice-Prime Ministers, ministers, deputies, politicians, the First Bulgarian European Commissioner since the Lisbon Contract has been operating, a Manager of Bulgarian National Bank, a Chairman of Bulgarian National Audit Office, a Prosecutor General, ambassadors, representatives of our country in authoritative international organizations, mayors, public figures, businessmen, bankers and many others.

Awarded by the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa of UNWE are authoritative scientists from Europe and USA and among them are: Prof. Joseph Stiglitz, laureate of the Nobel Prize for Economics, Franz Fischler, Commissioner for Agriculture, Prof. Vaclav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic, Prof. Danuta Hübner, European Commissioner, Prof. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization, Jean-Claude Trichet, Governor of the European Central Bank and many others.

There are 8 faculties at the UNWE: General Economics Faculty, Faculty of Finance and Accountancy, Business Faculty, Faculty of Economics of Infrastructure, Faculty of International Economics and Politics, Management and Administration Faculty, Faculty of Applied Informatics and Statistics and Law Faculty. There are also 34 Departments, Divisions for educational degree of Master of Science and Institute of Post-Graduate Qualification; Center for Distance Learning, Institute for Economic Politics, Institute of Entrepreneurship,

Center for Intellectual Property (the only one in Bulgaria), Inter-University Center for Career Development, etc.

There are more than 500 lecturers at the UNWE and 285 of them are Professors and Associate Professors.

More than 20 thousand students are educated at the UNWE in regular and distance form of education. There are 40 specialities for educational degree of Bachelor of Science (in four of them – Economics, International Economic Relations, Finance and Accountancy and Business the education is only in English) and there are also more than 70 Programmes for educational degree of Master of Science including the Joint Master Programme with the Nottingham Trent University, one of the leading universities in the United Kingdom. Now at the UNWE more than 300 Bulgarian and foreign students are educated for acquisition of Doctoral degree.

The implemented credit system allows the foreign students from all over the world at the UNWE to take credits from the University as well as all the students of UNWE to graduate with a diploma from foreign universities. The University has been given the Certificate for Quality of Education according to ISO 9001:2000.

UNWE is the coordinating university for Bulgaria in the Central European initiative for relations between universities and it collaborates with more than 100 universities of USA, Europe and Asia.

The University publishes an Almanac, an Annual Book and Scientific Works as well as the scientific magazine "Economic Alternatives" and the "UNWE Newspaper".

The material facilities have been completely renovated in the recent years. The building of UNWE is a 41 thousand square meters built up area and there are 120 auditoriums, a lot of computer halls, offices, laboratories, 367 study rooms, a modern library where 100 computer workplaces with free Internet access are located, a Test Center with 200 computers, a Ceremonial Hall, some modern conference halls, a central university archive, a center for reception of the students and prospective students documents, an electronic system for information service of students, a Publishing House, a Printing House, a bookshop, a website, a sports center, dormitories for more than 5 000 students, educational and rehabilitation facilities in Ravda and many others.