Using a systematic approach, factors of threats to the economic security of institutions of higher education are considered. A concept of factors affecting the economic security of higher education is studied.

The process factors influence threats to the stable functioning of educational institutions in the area of economic security. A systematic approach to ensure the economic security of institutions is used. Factors of threats to the economic security of universities are studied given their distribution at the macro and micro level.

The main factors of economic security risks of high schools are considered. It is suggested that a systematic approach to ensuring the economic security of the university provides for the definition of the organizational subsystems, including the object and subject of economic security, goals, objectives, principles of economic security and functional subsystems, the effect of which is directed to the management of economic security of universities and maintains it at the required level. It is proved that there are several factors of economic security risks of the university, which include: political, demographic, national, legal, social, cultural, financial and economic, scientific and technical.

It is determined that the theoretical development of the problem of economic security of higher educational institutions within the modern science of safety becomes important. The introduction of a systematic approach to the determination of the factors of economic security risks of universities will contribute to the creation of mechanisms to prevent the negative consequences of the impact of various factors on the economic situation of higher education and requires their detailed study.