



TRANSFORM4EUROPE PROJECT – JOINT BACHELOR TRACKS

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Faculty of Philosophy, Programme: European Studies

Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester (winter/ summer)	ECTS	Workload (hours)			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's E-mail
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FF I389	Intercultural relations	English	BA/BS	Summer	3	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Nikolina Tsvetkova	ntsvetkova@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course acquaints students with the theoretical foundations of intercultural communication as well as to acquire skills and attitudes facilitating successful intercultural communication. Notions of multiple identities, self and other, stereotypes and prejudice will be discussed. The aim is also to acquire knowledge and skills in analysing of different discourses in the context of intercultural interactions.

The training is based on the application of various interactive methods; during the lectures students get acquainted with basic concepts related to the issues, and during the seminars through working with key documents, creating versions of their own texts and media products, presentations on the studied issues, solving cases students apply in practice what they have learned.

The course ends with the development of a course project and a written assignment on a chosen topic from the themes discussed on the course (3000 – 5000 words).

Requirements for enrollment: YES

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FF I413	Introduction to EU Multilingualism	English	BA/BS	Summer	3	30			Assoc. Prof. Nikolina Tsvetkova	ntsvetkova@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course presents an overview on the topic of language policies in the context of the EU. It is divided into two parts. The first dealing with issues related to the issue of language policies in general covering the themes of language origins, language families, languages of wider communication (lingua franca) and languages in Europe. Language policy is considered from the perspective of planning of language status, language corpus, language education as well as discourses about language, language ideologies and attitudes towards language. The specific national and European context constitutes the second part of the course. It covers topics concerning language and nation building, language and culture, respect for linguistic diversity, language rights, EU institutional multilingualism and plurilingualism of individuals. The Council of Europe and the EU policy of multilingualism are presented through policy documents, academic papers, language and language competence survey (Eurobarometer, Special surveys) and EU programmes and projects in the area of languages and culture.

Upon completion of the course the students will demonstrate understanding on multilingualism and language policy and will be able to conduct their own small scale survey on the issues of language policy in European context.

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Faculty of Geology and Geography, Programme: Regional Development and Politics

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GG30016	Regional Development and Regional Policy	English	BA/BS	Summer	4.5	45	15		Prof. Kliment Naydenov, PhD	naidenov@gea.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course starts with a description of regional disparities in the EU, measured under various dimensions (GDP per capita, growth, unemployment, education, R&D). Regional development and regional policy from conceptual and empirical aspects; Theories and mechanisms of RD and RP; Local, national and international development based on regional planning. The course analyses regional disparities in the world and within the European Union (EU), as well as the policies implemented by the EU in cooperation with Member States, local authorities and communities to deal with these inequalities. Regional disparities within the EU (and some other regions in the world) reflect significant differences across regions in relation to income and unemployment. They have adverse economic, social and political effects on the process of European integration, not only because they hamper the adjustment of the less developed countries, but also undermine social consensus and solidarity among Member States. The course discusses different options in terms of regional development and regional policy.

Final examination: Written examination. The criterion is the good knowledge of the concepts explained in class and the capacity to use them in developing a well-structured argument on some topics relative to the EU regional policy. In what level the student is able to apply the most essential concepts of regional development and regional policy. He/she can tell the main issues, dynamics and historical progress of regional development, regional policy and regional planning and its relationship to contemporary development of the European Union and at the global scale.

Requirements for enrollment: YES

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Faculty of Geology and Geography, Programme: Geography

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GG120	Landscape ecology – II (applied)	English	BA/BS	Summer	5	30	15	15	Assist. Prof. Dimitar Zhelev, PhD	zhelev@gea.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): Short description: This course builds on the theoretical knowledge of Landscape Science and introduces students to the methodology of complex spatial analyses, with an emphasis on landscape systematization.

The main part of the course structure, and of the accompanying practical classes and seminars, is devoted to current forms of application of Landscape Ecology (approaches, methods, tools, information provision, interdisciplinary integration) in practice to solve important challenges of our time - natural, socio-cultural, economic. This includes: geocological forecasting and the justification of long-term projections in Spatial Planning, Ecological Assessment and Strategic Planning, Landscape Multifunctionality and Ecosystem/Landscape Services, Geocological Monitoring, the organization and management of Ecological Networks of Protected Sites.

The selection of the analytical material underlying the lecture course, as well as in the formulation of the practical exercises and seminars, is further tailored to the possibilities of integrating the landscape perspective with current concepts (and their practical solutions) such as: Nature-Based Solutions, Multifactor Solutions, Green Policies, Integrated Resource Management, Circular Economy, Ecological Engineering, etc.

Requirements for enrollment: YES – basic knowledge in landscape ecology

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GG106	Geospatial technologies	English	BA/BS	Summer	4	30	15	15	Assoc. Prof. Stelian Dimitrov, PhD	stelian@gea.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): This is an introductory course that aims to introduce students to geoinformation technologies and their application for various purposes. The scope of geoinformation technologies includes GIS, Remote Earth Monitoring and Survey Methods and Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS). It is also envisaged that students will have the opportunity to acquire basic practical skills for working with these technologies.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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Faculty of Geology and Geography, Programme: Geospatial systems and technologies

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GG16	Geographic Information Systems – II (advanced)	English	BA/BS	Summer	5	30		15	Assoc. Prof. Stelian Dimitrov, PhD	stelian@gea.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are one of the leading technologies of our time. Through GIS we are collecting, processing, analyzing and visualizing geospatial data and generating geospatial information, which is a critical resource in the preparation of decision-making in the planning and management of the territory. The current course is at the "advanced" level, aiming to provide knowledge and practical skills for the development of geodatabases, analytical methods in GIS, as well as the ability to publish and access geospatial information via the Internet.

Requirements for enrollment: YES – basic knowledge in Geographic Information Systems

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