

<b>Level:</b> bachelor				
<b>Course title:</b> Introduction to geography				
<b>Status:</b> obligatory/elective				
<b>ECTS:</b> 6				
<b>Requirements:</b> None				
<b>Learning objectives:</b> To teach students about historical aspect of geography and basic notions of its subject matter.				
<b>Learning outcomes:</b> Acquiring knowledge of basic geographic notions, historical development of geography and its subject of study.				
<b>Syllabus</b> <i>Theoretical instruction:</i> Spreading of geographic horizon through history; The first geographic notions and findings; The ancient period ( Assyrians and Babylonians, Persians, Egyptians, Chinese, Greeks, Phoenicians, Romans); Middle ages ( Vikings, Arabians, Irish missionaries, Byzantium, Marco Polo and other explorers of Asia, Russian geographic discoveries, Portuguese explorations of the West coast of Africa); Period of great geographic discoveries (Columbus` discovery of the New World, Discovery and conquering of America after Columbus, Explorations of the East coast of North America, Discovery of the sea way to India, Magelan`s sailing the world, Search for the north-west sea passage and the beginning of the colonization of America, Dutch discoveries in the Indian and the Pacific oceans, Russian discoveries and conquering in the North Asia); Geographic explorations in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century ( English navigations in 18 <sup>th</sup> century, French navigations in 18 <sup>th</sup> century, Russian explorations in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century); Geographic explorations in the 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> centuries (Explorations of the central Africa, Explorations of the inner Asia, Explorations of the inner North America, Explorations of the inner South America, Explorations of Australia and Oceania, Explorations of Arctic, Explorations of Antarctica); Development of modern geography.  <i>Practical instruction:</i> field work				
<b>Weekly teaching load 4 (60)</b>				Other: 0
Lectures:2	Exercises:2	Other forms of teaching: 0	Student research: 0	