Study programme: Bachelor with honours in Geography Teaching, Bachelor with honours in Geography

Course title: Urban Development and Conurbations DG304

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Status: elective ECTS: 6

Requirements: passed course in Geography of Settlement

Learning objectives

The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the systematic development of the cities, the dynamics of urbanization in the world, as well as the presentation of all urban environments - from small urban areas to megalopolises, and then the presentation of contemporary urban planning.

Learning outcomes

The outcomes of the course are to train students, based on their geographical and urban knowledge, to manage and plan their lives in urban communities, to predict and trace the changes in the urban environment, as well as to influence the development of ecumenical environment of all levels. Development of students skills to actively participate in sustainable development of urban areas, improvement of quality of life and solving problems in urban areas.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

The concept of the city, the emergence and development of cities in the world, the concept and classification of urbanization, the level and dynamics of urbanization in the world, the functions of the city, an area of the city, urban development in Europe, urban development in the Middle East, urban development of Asia, urban development of Africa, urban development of North America, urban development of South America, urban development of Australia, megalopolises).

Practical instruction

The theories and models of urban geography, functional and spatial structure of the city, the socio-spatial structure of the city, the morphological structure of the city as an ecosystem, planned regulation of the spatial structure of the city, the city and its surroundings, the city and the region, megalopolises.

Literature:

- 1. David H. Kaplan, Steven R. Holloway, James O. Wheeler (2014). Urban Geography, third edition, Wiley.
- 2. Paul Knox, Steven Pinch (2010). Urban Social Geography, sixth edition, Routledge, USA & UK
- 3. Alan Latham, Derek McCormack, Kim McNamara, Donald McNeill (2008). Key Concepts in Urban Geography, SAGE Publications

Weekly teaching load 4(60) Lectures: 3 Exercises: 1

Methods of Teaching

Frontal, indirect forms, specific types of work in teaching geography. The method of oral presentations, interactive teaching, text method, illustrative-demonstrative methods and field work.

Knowledge score (maximum 100 points)			
Pre-examination assignements	points	Final examination	points
Activities during lectures	0-5	Written examination	
Practical skills	0-5	Oral examination	30-45
Colloquia	20-40		
Seminar paper	0-5		