Study programme: Bachelor with honours in Geography Teaching, Bachelor with honours in Geography, Integrated Academic Studies (Geography and Informatics, Biology and Geography)

Course title: Introduction to geography

Teacher: dr Snežana Besermenji / dr Tin Lukić

Status: compulsory

ECTS: 6

Requirements: No

### Learning objectives

To teach students about historical aspect of geography and basic notions of its subject matter.

#### Learning outcomes

Acquiring knowledge of basic geographic notions, historical development of geography and its subject of study.

# **Syllabus**

# Theoretical part:

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, Magellan'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 18th 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.

### Practical part:

Creating thematic maps which illustrates the expansion of the geographic horizon through certain historical periods (Prehistory, Ancient history, Middle Ages and Modern history); Classification and presentation of the thematic seminar papers accompanying theoretical classes (Ancient Geography: geographers - Eratosthenes, Hipparchus, Strabo, Ptolemy, travelers and sailors - Nearchus, Pytheas; Medieval Geography: passengers / missionaries - Marco Polo, Al-Idrisi, Ibn-Batuta; Viking voyages of discovery; period of preparation for large geographic discoveries H. Navigator, P. Tuscany; the first period of great geographic discoveries - C. Columbus, Vasco de Gama, A. Vespucci, F. Magellan, geographers and cartographers: M. Valdezemiler, A. Ortelius, G. Mercator; The second period of great geographic discoveries B. Varenius; Modern geography and its development: researchers - A. Humboldt, R. Peary, F. Cook, R. Amundsen, R. Scott, A. Wegener, T. Heyerdahl, G. Cousteau); Modern geography in Serbia: Jovan Cvijić. Fieldwork- museum visit and visit to the historical archives.

### Literature:

- 1. Kicošev, S., Plavša, J. (1997). Razvoj geografije i geografska otkrića. Prirodno-matematički fakultet. Institut za geografiju, Novi Sad.
- 2. Nikolić, S. (1977). Uvod u geografiju. Naučna knjiga, Beograd.
- 3. Tadić, M. (2005). Ptolemejevska geografija. Zavod za udžbenike i nastavna sredstva, Beograd.
- 4. Short, J. R. (2003). The World Through Maps: A History of Cartography. Firefly Books, Richmond Hill.
- 5. Baker, A. (2003). Geography and History: Bridging the Divide. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Weekly teaching load 5 (75) Lectures: 4 **Exercises: 1** 

Crading mathod (maximu 100 points)

### **Methods of Teaching**

Lectures, Illustration and Demonstration, Practical skills

Grading method (maximu 100 points)			
Pre-examination assignments	points	Final examination	points
Activities during lectures	0-5	Written examination	
Activities during exercises	0-5	Oral examination	30-45
Colloquia	20-40		
Seminar paper	0-5		