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

Course title: Medical Geography G210

Teacher: dr Imre Nad

Status: elective ECTS: 6

Requirements: No Learning objectives

Presentation of the Geography of health (medical geography) as a unique discipline, which uses the tools and approaches of Geography to tackle health-related questions. Introduction to importance of health care condition of the certain population, as well as other socio-economic factors that influence public health condition. Providing insight into importance of natural, cyclic and seasonal biological periodicity, which influences human health and life in general. Knowledge on the importance and influence of the most important climatic elements, climate change and meteorological aspects on human organism.

Learning outcomes

Provide students with an explanation about the relation of man and nature, influence of natural factors on human health, health conditions of certain population groups, ethnic communities or global population. Students should comprehend the causality of the influence of socio-economic factors and recreational conditions on improving the quality of human health conditions and life in general.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

Lectures about some of the major elements of medical geography, emphasizing the main topics like: Theoretical background of medical geography (medical geography, geography of health care, health geography); Historical development of MG; the research methodology in MG, factors of health status of population (physical environment; socio-economic impacts on the health status). The complexity of the impact elements of the environment on the health of the population (nutrition, hausing environment, work environment, recreation). Health conditions of the population in the world and in Serbia. Geography of health care in the World and Serbia. Regional aspects of diseases and human health; Some recreational aspects and their influence on human health.

Practical instruction

Introduction to the use of different tools for cluster and spatial analysis of the disease distribution. Analysis of the influence of the system nature-society-man on health conditions. Analysis of the importance and influence of the socioeconomic factors on population health.

Literature:

Meade, M., Michael Emch (2010): Medical Geography, Guilford Pr, New York

Nadj, F. Dujmovic, J. Plavša, T. Lukic (2016): Medincinska geografija DGTH PMF. Novi Sad (manuscript) Johnathan D. M.(1996): The political ecology of disease as one new focus on medical geography. Progress in Human Geography, 441-456.

Weekly teaching load 3 (45) Lectures: 2 Exercises: 1

Methods of Teaching

Lectures

Illustration and Demonstration

Practical skills

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		