

Faculty of International Economics and Administration
Department: Administration and Management
Professional area: Administration and Management
Major: Public Administration and Management – European Administration
Educational-and-qualification Degree: Master

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. Course unit title: Regional Development - Challenges and Perspectives
2. Course unit code: ADM3121
3. Type of course unit: compulsory
4. Level of course unit: Master
5. Year of study: first
6. Semester: first
7. Number of ECTS credits allocated: 3
8. Name of lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Maria Velikova, PhD
9. Learning outcomes of the course unit: As a result of the course postgraduates will acquire:
 - **Theoretical knowledge** related to: connections and relationships between regional development (RD) and regional policy in the EU and Bulgaria, key documents, levels and institutions responsible for regional development and policy; regulation mechanisms, indicators for measuring and evaluation in RD and policy; the new approaches, mechanisms and guidelines for RD and policy after 2013.; the vision and strategic priorities of Bulgaria's Regional Development up to 2020; content and subordination of strategic planning documents for regional development after 2013; the role of local and regional authorities in connection with the implementation of the strategy "Europe 2020" in the context of RD and policy; the opportunities for provision of synergy between sectoral policies and their integrated management through policies for sustainable urban development and integrated urban-regeneration, etc.
 - Specific **practical skills**: to identify problems, highlight RD opportunities and challenges of the Bulgarian municipalities and regions; to identify key characteristics and needs of a specific region/municipality, to point out its competitive advantages and disadvantages by a properly chosen and modern methods for collecting and processing of information; based on documentary analysis to establish "menu" of basic policies, measures and activities for regional/local development of the region/municipality, to systematized thematically priorities and measures for its development; to use a variety of techniques and evaluation methods and analysis through case studies on real situations created by existing regulations, projects and RD programs.
10. Mode of delivery: face-to-face
11. Prerequisites and co-requisites: postgraduates are required to have knowledge in the field of: Economics, Local Governance and Regional Development, Management, Law, EU policies.
12. Course contents: Concepts, principles and approaches in regional development (RD) and policy in the EU and Bulgaria, regulatory provision and institutional infrastructure, regional planning and programming; status and trends. Architecture of regional policy in the next planning period (2014-2020), potential for development. The contribution of regional policy for smart growth within the strategy "Europe 2020". Sustainable urban development. Priorities. Integrated plans for urban reconstruction and development. Urban regeneration.
13. Recommended or required reading:

- Анализ за идентифициране на проблемите и потенциала за развитие в тематичните области на политиките на МРРБ, МРРБ, С., 2010, www.strategy.bg/FileHandler.ashx?fileId=1545
 - **Моллов, Б.** Интегриран подход към устойчиво градско развитие, презентация, 2011, <http://3e-news.net/ustoychivo-razvitiie/item/building.html>.
 - **Великова, М.** Местно самоуправление и управление, регионализация, В., Университетско издателство на ВСУ „Черноризец Храбър”, 2008.
 - Визия на Закона за регионалното развитие за субординация и координация на стратегическите и програмните документи за регионално развитие, МРРБ, София, 2010.
 - Закон за регионално развитие, ДВ. бр. 50/2008, посл. изм., ДВ. бр.93/2009.
 - Методически насоки за разработване и прилагане на интегрирани планове за градско възстановяване и развитие за средните, големите и много големите български градове, МРРБ, С., 2008, http://www.mrrb.government.bg/index.php?lang=bg&do=reg_dev&type=74
 - Национална стратегия за регионално развитие на Република България за периода 2012-2022 г., МРРБ, <http://www.mrrb.government.bg/index.php?do=law&id=221&lang=bg&type=4>
 - **Павлов, П., Л. Павлова и С. Михалева,** Структурни инструменти на ЕС и използването им от България. В., Университетско издателство на ВСУ „Черноризец Храбър”, 2008.
14. Planned learning activities and teaching methods: concept-, problem- and thesis-oriented presentation of the course content; presentations; use of active methods.
 15. Assessment methods and criteria: Assessment during the lectures and seminars, based on pre-set criteria, according to students' individual and team performance in theoretical and practical tasks and their active participation in discussions; final written examination – students write on a topic from a list of examination topics set for self-study in advance; an open-questions test. Students are informed of their grades, as well as of the lecturer's grounds for them during the lectures, the contact hours, immediately after the examination, via e-mail, on the phone. Phone numbers and email addresses are available on the university site.
 16. Language of instruction: Bulgarian
 17. Work placement: none