

DESCRIPTION AND SYLLABUS

Name of the subject in Hungarian:	Regional Studies II.
Name of the subject in English:	Regional Studies II.
Credit value of the subject:	3
The code of the subject in the electronic study system:	BN-REGST2-03-EA
Classification of the subject:	Obligatory
Language of instruction (in case of non-Hungarian courses):	English
Institute or department responsible for the subject:	Institute of Social Sciences and International Studies
Course type and number of contact hours:	Lecture, class per week: 2, class per semester: 0
Mode of study: (Full-time / Part-time):	Full-time training
The semester in which the subject is open for registration:	2022/2023 1st semester
Prerequisite(s):	-

THE PURPOSE OF THE SUBJECT, LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The Visegrad Cooperation celebrated its 30th anniversary of its foundation in 2021. This cooperation, though not an institutional regional integration in a traditional sense, has always meant to be a good platform to find and synergize the common interest of the four countries and to synchronize our efforts on the European and global level. Common decision-making based on a more robust cooperation is inevitable and the students need to understand our region better. The cooperation should be based on common values and interests, common roots, culture, identity, history, and a coherent position inside the EU. With globalization proceeding, today the regional development in many areas may be more convenient, but, on the other hand, it is also experiencing serious problems (disappearing diversity, missing inclusion and solidarity, during the economic downturn, environmental devastation and resource depletion, etc.)

The course deals with Central Europe and the Visegrad Cooperation. The students will understand our region better and their knowledge is broadened by introducing different perspective of the countries in Central Europe.

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT

With globalization proceeding, today the regional development in many areas may be more convenient, but, on the other hand, it is also experiencing serious problems (disappearing diversity, missing inclusion and solidarity, during the economic downturn, environmental devastation and resource depletion, etc.) This raises the need for regional revitalization and development by scientifically studying regions in the comprehensive sense. The goal of this course is to fill this niche and help the future generation better understand our region. The course is a pilot joint course with partner universities in the region and during the course different lecturers from different countries will share their views on the Visegrad cooperation.

STUDENT'S TASKS AND PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

The students need to work individually and in groups when analyzing the recent political, economic and societal developments of Central Europe.

EVALUATION OF THE SUBJECT:

The students need to submit a written assignment during the semester which is connected to a group presentation. The details of the tasks are tailored to the individual interests and needs of the students and will be assigned during the first class.

Offered grade can be given: Yes.

OBLIGATORY READING LIST:

- Peter Stepper (ed.): Central Europe and the Visegrad Cooperation - Historical and Policy Perspectives, AJTK, 2018
- International Visegrad Fund: Inspirational Projects, IVF, 2022,
<https://www.visegradfund.org/explore/inspirational-projects/>