

Course program

Course title: Economic relations of Visegrad countries	Neptun code: GTERG4190A
	Course type: Elective
Name and position of course coordinator: Dr. Dániel Kuttor, ass. professor	
Name(s) and position(s) of teaching assistant(s):	
Suggested semester: Spring	Prerequisite course(s): ---
Weekly lecture+seminar hours: 0+2	Evaluation method: three-scale exam
Credits: 3	Study format: full time and part time
<p>Course objectives: The course aims to provide a comprehensive picture on the economic, social, political situation of East Central European countries. In the frame of the course the economic history of central part of Europe are going to be detailed presented, analyzed and discussed. During the semester further information, data and knowledge will be transferred about the current economic-politic relations of Visegrad Members. A modern, interactive environment is provided in a PC lab of the Institute. Each student will be equipped with an own computer during the lectures for making own analysis. The course wishes to create, form and strengthen the so-called “Central European identity”.</p>	
<p>Course content and structure: Introduction, geographical limitation; Definition and characterization of East Central Europe, The “rebirth of Central Europe”; Overview of Economic History of East Central Europe, with special regard to the period from mid19th Century to 1989; The Euro-Atlantic integration of East Central Europe and its economic-politic effects; Social effects of transition; The current foreign economic relations of V4 countries (trade and capital flows, the role of MNCs and TNCs); Detailed analysis of the Czech Republic; Detailed analysis of Hungary; Detailed analysis of Poland; Detailed analysis of the Slovak Republic; Competitiveness of the region in global and continental comparison, R+D+I; Spatial effect of transition, regional inequalities in ECE; Fields of prospective cooperation (infrastructural development, energy sector, Roma and other minorities, trade cooperation, SMEs); Closure, presentations</p>	
<p>Evaluation method: Regularly visit the seminars and take an active part in them (max. 40 points). Individual research activity; ie. write an essay related to the selected topic which are determined by the student and confirmed by the lecturer for max. 60 points (in extent of maximum 4500 words). During the semester a few personal consultations are strongly recommended.</p>	
<p>Course assignments: The points are aggregated for evaluation (40 + 60 points maximum). Ranking: up to 60 points: fail (1) up to 70 points: sufficient (2) up to 80 points: satisfactory (3) up to 90 points: good (4)</p>	

up to 100 points: excellent (5)

Course point distribution, examination format:

See above the points' distribution. There is no exam within the course.

Required reading:

Blaas, Wolfgang - Foster, John: *Mixed Economies in Europe (an Evolutionary Perspective on their Emergence, Transition and Regulation)*; Edward Elgar Publishing, Hants, 1992.

Paul Robert Magocsi: *Historical Atlas of Central Europe (From the Early Fifth Century to the Present)*; Thames and Hudson, London, 2002.

Robert Bideleux - Ian Jeffries: *History of Eastern Europe: Crisis and Change*

Suggested reading:

Dabrowski, Marek - Slay, Ben-Neneman, Jaroslaw: *Beyond Transition (Development Perspectives and Dilemmas)*; Ashgate, Hants, 2004.

Kocsis Károly: *South Eastern Europe in Maps*; GRI, Hungarian Academy of Science, Budapest, 2007.

World Trade Organisation Reports;

World Investment Reports;

Transition Reports from EBRD;

EUROStat Reports and Press Releases;

Publications of national statistical offices of Visegrad countries.