# Information sheet for the course Regional Economics and Policy

**University:** Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín

**Faculty:** Faculty of Social and Economic Relations

Course unit code: VSP19 Course unit title: Regional Economics and

**Policy** 

**Type of course unit:** compulsory

Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:

Lecture: 2 hours weekly/28 hours per semester of study; face to face Seminar: 2 hours weekly/28 hours per semester of study; face to face

Number of credits: 4

**Recommended semester:** 3. semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (full-time)

5. semester in the  $3^{rd}$  year (part time)

**Degree of study:** *I. (bachelor)* 

**Course prerequisites:** 

**Assessment methods:** Ongoing assessment during the semester according to the essay with a maximum assessment of up to 30 points. On completion of a course the student must complete an oral examination with assessment max. 70 points. For successful completion of a semester a student must obtain a total of at least 60 out of a possible 100 points. Total score will be awarded on the basis of test results, ongoing activities and results of work during the semester.

Learning outcomes of the course unit: Students by completing the course will gain the ability to perceive the social and economic processes and relations as a complex area requiring the coordination by using of regional policy specialized economic tools and programs. Student should be able to define the regional policy determinants. The student should understand the issues of creation and management of municipalities in the context of EU regional policy, as well as aspects of implementation of regional policy into practice. After successful completion of course student should be able to do analysis of the region, its potential, competitiveness and development opportunities of the area.

#### **Course contents:**

- 1. Regionalization of economies.
- 2. Regional Policy of the Slovak Republic. Regional policy instruments.
- 3. National Strategic Reference Framework.
- 4. Regional Operational Program.
- 5. National Reform Program in relation to regional policy.
- 6. EU regional policy. EU cohesion policy.
- 7. Innovative Lisbon Strategy, the EU's competitiveness and its regional dimension.
- 8. Determinants of region competitiveness.
- 9. The development of regional infrastructure.
- 10. The application of regional policy instruments.
- 11. Fiscal policy instruments of the government and regional and cohesion policy.
- 12. Modelling socio economic development of the region.
- 13. Internal and external potential of the region, absorption capacity.

#### **Recommended of required reading:**

Habánik, J. – Koišová, E.: Regionálna ekonomika a politika. Sprint, Bratislava 2011

HabániK, J.: Stratégia sociálno – ekonomického rozvoja, učebný text pre podiplomové štúdium. Trenčín 2005

Ivanička, K. – Ivaničková, A.: Regionálny rozvoj a regionálna politika. VSEMV, Bratislava 2007

Belajová, A. – Fáziková, M.: Regionálna ekonomika. SPU, Nitra 2005

Benčo, J.: Teórie a prax regionálneho rozvoja. TnUAD, Trenčín 2005

Buček, M. a kol.: Regionálny rozvoj novšie teoretické koncepcie.: Ekonóm Bratislava 2006 Skokan, K.: Konkurencieschopnost, inovace a klastry v reg. rozvoji. Repronis, Ostrava 2004

## **Language: Slovak**

**Remarks:** Course is offered in the winter semester of the second year of full-time and in the winter semester of the third year of external studies. The course is mandatory. The number of students in a seminar group ranges from 20 to 25 students.

### **Evaluation history:**

Total number of evaluated students: 45

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