



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
Stadtgeographie (Urban Geography)	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Dovilė Krupickaitė Other(s):	Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences, Institute of Geosciences, Dept. of Geography and Land Management

Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
1st cycle (bachelor)	compulsory

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Auditorium	Spring semester	German

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: none	Co-requisites (if relevant): none

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	130	48	82

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed
The aim of the Urban Geography is to develop these competencies: a) urban geography general basic knowledge, b) the ability to perform geographic analysis of the city, c) textual presentation skills of the made analysis, d) critical thinking and evaluation.

Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Will assimilate general basic knowledge of urban geography: basic concepts, analysis methods of urban space, the main characteristics of cities and urban systems in the world and Lithuania and about processes and patterns in them, will acquire a theoretical basis for further study of social processes.	Problem-oriented teaching, analysis of visual (cartography, graphics) materials, literature analysis.	Examination
Will be able to prepare oral, visual (slide presentation) and in writing form to present geographic analysis of the selected city / urban system.	Research methods (information search, analysis of cartographic materials, statistics, literature), preparation and presentation of the analysis in oral, visual (slide presentation) and in writing form.	Presentation at the practice (geographical analysis of one city or urban system)

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours	Self-study work: time and assignments

	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Exercises	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
Introduction to the course unit. Presentation of the course unit description and readings.	1	1					2	4	
1. CONCEPT OF URBAN GEOGRAPHY	2	1					3	10	
1.1. Definition of Urban Geography. Definition, object, goals and objectives, structure. Position in geography system. Relationship with other disciplines. Methodological peculiarities.	1	0, 5					2, 5	5	literature analysis
1.2. Development and current situation of Urban geography.	1	0, 5					2, 1	5	
2. PHENOMENON OF THE URBANITY	6	3					9	8	
2.1. Problem of the city definition. Definition of the city. Theories of origin of the urbanity. Geographical factors of cities dissemination. Origin of Lithuanian cities.	3	1					4	4	literature analysis, preparation of written report
2.2. Urbanisation. Definition of the urbanisation. Conception of the urbanity. Indicators of the urbanisation. Urbanisation development patterns. Urbanization stages theory. Urbanization, deurbanisation, reurbanisation. Development of the urbanization in the world and in Lithuania.	3	2					5	4	
3. URBAN SYSTEMS	9	5					14	16	
3.1. Factors and patterns of development or urban systems. Definition of urban system, its elements and the relationships between them. Urban systems shaping factors. Christaller central places theory and its significance. Range-size rule. Urban systems types. Urban systems development models. Regional differences of the urban systems. Actual urban systems development trends.	4	2					6	6	literature analysis, preparation of written report
3.2. Typology and classification of the cities. Peculiarities of typology and classification of the cities. Quantitative attributes. Megacities, world city, global city. Urban functions and functional differentiation. Connection between city size and functions. Genetic and cultural-historical types of cities. Image of the city.	4	2					6	6	
3.3. Lithuanian urban system. Lietuvos miestų sistema. Development of Lithuanian urban system Actual situation and future prospects. Peculiarities of classification and typology of Lithuanian urban system.	1	1					2	6	
4. URBAN SPACE	14	6					20	34	
4.1. Differentiation of urban space. Features of the geographical analysis of the urban space. Natural basement of the city. Technogenic elements in the city. Society of the city. The physical structure of the city. Functional zoning of the city. Urban spatial development factors. Urban space development models.	4	2					6	8	literature analysis, preparation of written report
4.2. Functional features of urban areas. City center, subcenter, gentrification. Gated	4	1					5	8	

communities. Industrial and green zones. Infrastructure network.								
4.3. Development of the cities. The first cities in the world and the ancient (slave) cities. Feudal towns. Industrial cities. Post-industrial cities. Spatial features of development of the first Lithuanian cities.	3	1					4	6
4.4. Regional types of the cities. Peculiarities of regional typology of the cities. The main patterns of cities differentiation. "Old World" cities. Cities of the "New world". "Socialist" city. Colonial town.	2	1					3	6
4.5. Lithuanian cities. Features of urban spatial differentiation. Functional differentiation of urban space. Features of land use in urban areas. Actual trends of urban spatial differentiation.	1	1					2	6
5. Preparation and taking the examination.							2	10
Total	32	16					48	82

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Written report.	40	Written report.	Assessed in the system of 10 scores, separately for written report, multiplied by coefficient 0.4; total it makes 40% of the total assessment score. In the written report every student prepare geographical analysis of freely chosen or proposed by the course lecturer greater global city / urban system according to the plan drawn up. Assessment of the written report: - The depth of analysis and comprehension of the problematic (up to 4 points) - Logical consistency and structure of the material (up to 4 points) - Visual distinctness of the report (up to 2 points). Written reports, that do not comply with requirements, approved by Department of Geography and Land Management are not considered.
Examination	60	The summer session	Assessed in the system of 10 scores, multiplied by coefficient 0.6; makes 60% of the total assessment score. Examination is taken in a written form. A student gets 4 open questions on the topics of the course lectures. Answers to each question are assessed independently in the system of 10 scores, then averaged. The assessment criteria: 9-10 – excellent or very good knowledge and skills. Ability to evaluate. 8 – good knowledge and skills, some unessential mistakes may occur. Ability to generalize. 7 – average knowledge and skills, mistakes occur. Ability to analyse. 6 – knowledge and skills bellow average, some essential mistakes and misinterpretations occur. Ability to apply the knowledge. 5 – knowledge and skills satisfy the minimal requirements, many mistakes. Ability to understand. 1-4 – minimal requirements not satisfied.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsary reading				
Jonas, A. E. G., McCann, E., Thomas, M.	2015	Urban Geography: A Critical Introduction		Malden, Oxford, Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell

Knox, P. L., McCarthy, L. M.	2005	Urbanization: An Introduction to Urban Geography		Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education
LeGates, R. T., Stout, F. (ed.)	2003	The City Reader		London, New York: Routledge
Pacione M.	2009	Urban geography: a global perspective		London, New York: Routledge
Optional reading				
Bridge, G., Wattson, S.	2002	A Companion to the City		London: Blackwell
Gottdiener, M. , Budd, L.	2005	Key concepts in urban studies		London: SAGE Publications
Knox, P., Pinch, S.	2006	Urban Social Geography: an introduction		Harlow: Pearson/Prentice Hall
Paddison, R. (ed.)	2001	Handbook of Urban Studies		London-Thousand Oaks-New Delhi: SAGE Publications.