**DOCTORAL SUBJECT SUB-UNIT**

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| Subject name | Field of study (branch) code | Faculty | Department |
| **Archaeology of the Baltic Region: Sources, Theory, and Methodology** | History and Archaeology  H 005 | Faculty of History | Department of |
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| Mode of study | Number of credits ECTS | Mode of study | Number of credits ECTS |
| lectures |  | consultations | 2 |
| individual | 3 | seminars | 2,5 |

**Total 7,5**

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| Subject annotation | | |
| The course is aimed at the study of the sources and the theory and research methodology used in the archaeology of the Baltic region in the Stone, Brass (Bronze), and Iron Ages, as well as in the archaeology of these periods and the region. It focuses on the problems and regional specificities of archaeological research in Lithuania, but also in the Eastern Baltic region and Scandinavia, and on the theory and methods used.  Possible areas of research include the first inhabitants and the settlement of the region, the Neolithisation of the Baltic region in the 5th to 2nd millennium BC, material culture and ethnic and cultural identity of the inhabitants of the Baltic region; raw materials (non-ferrous metals, amber, etc.), production technologies, stylistic influences, ornamentation; spiritual culture (methods of burial: the problems of the emergence, development, and change of burial sites and burial mounds, the phenomenon of the "ducal graves", their worldview, religion, and rituals), population demography, migration, the formation and change of ethnoses, and the formation of tribes. The course examines the development of the Baltic economy (agriculture, animal husbandry, fishing, handicrafts, metallurgy, etc.), types of settlements, and their changes, also settlement development and location of settlements, construction, trade, and cultural links between the Balts, Germanics, Finno-Ugric, and West Slavs, trade routes, treasures, and numismatics. The role of the Vikings in the Baltic region, and the emergence of cities and states are also important. The course pays particular attention to the analysis of chronological systems and concepts.  The subject aims to develop the competencies of independent scientific work in the preparation of a research paper, which could be used as a basis for a Ph.D. student's scientific publication or a conference paper. The role of the supervising lecturers is to help formulate the directions and problems of the research work and to evaluate the doctoral student's progress. | | |
| Key literature | | |
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| Supervising lecturers‘ names and surnames | Academic degree | Major works in the field (branch) published in the recent 5 years |
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| Egidijus Šatavičius | Dr., Associate professor | Šatavičius E. The First Palaeolithic Inhabitants and the Mesolithic in Lithuanian Territory. *A Hundred Years of Archaeological Discoveries in Lithuania*. Vilnius, 2016, p. 8-39.  Bliujienė A., Steponaitis V., Šatavičius E., Grižas G. Concentration of Authority and Power in East Lithuania, Between Tauragnas Lake and the Middle Reaches of the Žeimena River, During the Migration Period. *Estonian Journal of Archaeology*. 2017, Vol. 21.  Baubonis Z., Stončius D., Šatavičius E., Zabiela G. *Lietuvos piliakalniai. Atlasas*. IV tomas. Vilnius, 2017. |
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