

Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe Code....(full-time) / Code....(part-time)					
TITLE OF THE COURSE IN HUNGARIAN Vallás és társadalom Közép-Kelet Európában					
Responsible unit (institute/department) Institute of Economics and Management	Number of lessons per week/semester: Full-time: 2 Part-time:	Credit value: 6		Prerequisites -	Prerequisite for exam: -
Lecturer in charge of the subject: Peter Bedekovics	Type of course: compulsory/ compulsory elective/ elective/ criterion	Recommended semester:	Semester in which the course is offered: Autumn	Language of instruction: Hungarian/ English/ German/ ...	Type of evaluation: exam (colloquium)/ term mark/ basic exam/ comprehensive exam/report/ signature/graded signature
Lecturer(s): Peter Bedekovics					Method of evaluation: written/ oral/ oral and written
Description of professional content and purpose of the course:					
<p>Religion and society have influenced each other throughout all ages of humanity. It is important to understand religion, and the history of religious life and traditions to grasp a better understanding of current society. This course aims to help students broaden their understanding of religions in Central and Eastern Europe, for which Hungary, and especially Budapest is a perfect place. During this course we will learn about the main features of religious traditions and communities in Hungary and the broader region. This includes field visits to Christian churches, a Synagogue and a Mosque.</p>					
Short outline, description of acquired knowledge, skills and competences:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course requirements, topics of the course, study aims • Introduction to religions, religions in Central Europe • The three main branches of Christianity in Central Europe: Orthodoxy, Catholicism and Protestantism - and how they shaped society • Field visit to three Christian church buildings in Budapest • The history and presence of Judaism and Islam in Central Europe • Field visit to a Synagogue and a Mosque • Reflections, learning take aways 					
Requirements during the semester and teaching methods:					
<p>Active participation in class. Taking part in the field visits. A 5 to 7 pages paper written on the topic agreed upon by the lecturer. Submission by the last class of the semester.</p> <p>During the class there will be some lectures followed by active discussion and sessions where we discuss readings. During the field visits we will not only visit the buildings like tourists, but also will have opportunities to hear from the religious leader of the place, and ask questions. There will be space for reflections on these visits.</p> <p>At the end of the course we will reflect on our learning and experience of the course. The final coursework is a 5-7 pages paper on a selected topic. Grading will be according to the final paper.</p>					
Compulsory sources/reading, bibliography, available sources for the acquisition of knowledge, skills and competences:					
<p>Máté-Tóth, András and Rosta, Gergely (eds). 2016. Focus on Religion in Central and Eastern Europe. Berlin/Boston: de Gruyter. https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110228120</p>					

Recommended additional sources/reading:

Kollár, Dávid. 2024. "Social Status and Religiosity in Hungary". Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe 17 (1): 23-35. <https://doi.org/10.20413/rascee.2024.17.1.23-35>

Exam topics and/or questions:

A list of the required professional competences, competence elements (knowledge, skills, etc.), based on point 7 (bachelor) or 8 (master) of the programme and outcome requirements, to which the course typically and substantially contributes:

- a) knowledge
- b) skills
- c) attitude
- d) autonomy and responsibility

Notes (e.g. special device, student number limits):

The classes are not held weekly, but 4 times during the semester.

1st session (introduction) – 90min

2nd session (Christianity) – including field visit in District 1. – 270min

3rd session (Judaism and Islam) – including field visit in District 11. – 270min

4th session (reflections) – 90min

Maximum number of students: 15

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