Information sheet for the course Social Policy Making

University: Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín

Faculty: Faculty of Social and Economic Relations

Course unit code: KSaHV/lz18PVd/10 Course unit title: Social Policy Making

Type of course unit: *compulsory optional*

Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: 2 hours of lectures / 2 hour of seminar per week. In-class format.

Number of credits: 4

Recommended semester: 3. semester in the 2^{nd} year (full-time) 4. semester in the 2^{nd} year (part-time)

Degree of study: *I. (bachelor)*

Course prerequisites: none

Assessment methods:

Continuous assessment: at least 80% attendance at seminars, active creative work on the seminar hours, in the midterm week written test. Assessment A - 30 - 28 points, Assessment B - 27 - 25 points, Assessment C - 24 - 22 points, Assessment D - 21 - 20 points, Assessment E - 19 - 18 points. Credit will not be granted to a student who obtains in seminar for less than 17 points. Final assessment: at the end of the semester exam period: Oral examination. Final evaluation: Achieved average.

Learning outcomes of the course unit:

A student completing the course obtains an overview of the theoretical basis of social policy as a discipline in pursuit of improving living conditions and quality of life of inhabitants. The student will be able to comprehend the problem issue under the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, with emphasis on the labour market, employment policy and social security in the Slovak Republic. The student will understand problem areas and current issues of social policy in the European context and also analyzes of socially and economically suitable solutions. After successful completion of a learning process the student will be ready to continue the follow-up university studies.

Course contents:

1. Introduction to the lectures – content of the course, recommended literature, the conditions for the exam. Basic concepts of social policy.

2. Social policy – definition, outline of development, object, subject, principles, functions, tools, models and objectives.

3. Relations of labour law and labour income

4. Labour market, labour market policy, employment policy. The European Social Fund.

5. Poverty and social exclusion. Material deprivation and a living wage

6. Social welfare.

7. Corporate social policy.

8. Policy of education.

9. Social aspects of housing.

10. Health and health insurance.

11. The third sector and volunteering in social policy.

12. Quality of life and its measurement.

13. Free theme chosen by the students. Consultation.

Recommended of required reading:

Masárová, T. – Sika, P. – Španková, J.: Sociálna politika – aplikačné praktikum. TnUAD, Trenčín 2011

Botek, O.: Sociálna politika pre sociálnych pracovníkov. PN print, s.r.o, Piešťany 2009

Krebs, V. a i.: Sociální politika. Wolters Kluwer, Praha 2010					
Stanek, V. a i.: Sociálna politika. Sprint dva, Bratislava 2011					
Tomeš, I.: Úvod do teórie a metodológie sociální politiky. Portál, Praha 2010					
Časopis FSEV – Sociálno–ekonomická revue					
Stránka Ministerstva práce sociálnych vecí a rodiny www.employment.gov.sk					
Stránka Ústredia práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny www.upsvar.sk					
Správy o sociálnej situácii obyvateľstva					
Language: Slovak					
Remarks:					
Evaluation history: 681					
A	В	С	D	E	FX
8.52	15.42	24.96	20.7	20.85	9.54
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