

Information sheet for the course Strategy of Socio-Economic Development

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Faculty of Social and Economic Relations</i>	
Course unit code: <i>LZP41</i>	Course unit title: <i>Strategy of Socio-Economic Development</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>2 hours of lectures per week / 28 hours of lectures per semester. Full-time.</i>	
Number of credits: <i>4</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>1st</i>	
Degree of study: <i>II (Master)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>During the semester, students may receive a maximum of 100 points in written work: Assessment: A: 93 points, B: 83 points, C: 75 points, D: 67 points, E: 60 points. Students with less than 60 points will not be awarded credits.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>Students passing the course will have basic theoretical and practical knowledge related to economic and social development and strategy, knowledge of economic and social development in the world and its trends. Students will be able to explain the status, importance and identification of the third sector with a focus on the social economy, social entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility. Students will understand the processes and factors that act as incentives and barriers to development in this area in the Slovak Republic. Students will be able to analyse economic and social development and explain the benefits of the social economy and its instruments for society and foreseeable development.</i>	
Course contents: <i>1. Definitions of social policy and its role in the economy (social policy instruments, actors, principles, macroeconomic and macro-social dimension of social policy, social policy effects). 2. The genesis of social policy at international level (stages of development of social policy, typology of welfare state - the state of social services - by differentiating criteria). 3. Inequality in society, justice and efficiency, poverty (social stratification criteria equitable distribution, basic categories and concepts of poverty, poverty measurement methods and approaches to setting an official poverty line, life and subsistence in Slovakia). 4. Main principles and tools for social cooperation in the EU (in the continuity of development of the Treaty of Rome to the present). 5. Social Dimension of the European Employment Strategy, instruments of social dialogue (the objectives and support strategies, coordination mechanisms, tools). 6. A strategy for modernizing social protection in the EU, objectives, tasks and tools for combating poverty and social exclusion in the EU. 7. Regionalization and competitiveness in terms of social economic development. 8. Socio-economic development of the Slovak Republic in ninety years of the 20th century and the development trends in 2020. 9. Approaches to the concept of social protection in EU Member States (protection programs in old age, sickness, unemployment, families with children, of a state of material and social hardship). 10. The purpose, structure and basic characters of social protection - social security in SR (social insurance, health insurance, state social support, assistance in material need, social services).</i>	

11. *Coordination of social security in the EU.*
12. *Socio-economic development in transition countries. The transformation process and the principles of the transformation process.*
13. *Perspectives of economic and social development in the period to 2015. The documents, which reflect the economic and social development in Slovakia. Institutions that ensure the development of strategic documents of economic and social development of Slovakia.*

Recommended of required reading:

- Baldock, J. – Manning, N. – Vicherstaff, S.: Social Policy. Oxford Press, Oxford 2003*
- James, E.: The Nonprofit Sector in International Perspective. Oxford University Press, Oxford 1989*
- Korimová, G.: Predpoklady rozvoja sociálnej ekonomiky. UMB, Banská Bystrica 2007*
- Korimová, G. a kol.: Sociálne podnikanie. Kopernikus, Banská Bystrica 2007*
- Krebs, V. a kol.: Sociální politika. Wolters Kluwer, Praha 2010*
- Mareš, P.: Sociologie nerovnosti a chudoby. Slon, Praha 1999*
- Preston, A. E.: The Nonprofit Worker in a For-Profit World. In: Journal of Labor Economics, Vol. 7, No. 4, 1989*
- Stanek, V a kol.: Sociálna politika. Sprint dva, Bratislava 2011*
- Šanderová, J.: Sociální stratifikace: Nakladatelství Karolinum, Praha 2004*

Language: *Slovak*

Remarks:

The subject is provided in winter semester in the first year of full-time study and in the summer semester in first year of part-time study. Subject is mandatory.

Evaluation history:

Total number of students being assessed: 1003

A	B	C	D	E	FX
29.11	21.24	22.13	13.96	13.36	0.2

Lectures: *Ing. Marcel Kordoš, PhD.*

Last modification:

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