

## Information sheet for the course Socio-economic Geography of the SR

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Faculty of Social and Economic Relations</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>VSPV11</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Socio-economic Geography of the SR</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsory optional</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <b>Form of study:</b> <i>Lecture / Seminar</i> <b>Recommended scale of study ( in hours ):</b> <b>Weekly:</b> 2 / 0 <b>For the study period:</b> 28 / 0 <b>Study method:</b> <i>in-class</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> 3	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>3. semester in the 2<sup>st</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>5. semester in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year (part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assesment methods:</b> <i>At the end of semester during the examination period: Exam</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>Students by completing the course will gain an overview of theoretical basis within the selected spatial aspects of social and economic geography of the Slovak Republic. Student should know the analysis problems of socio-economic factors of geographic sectors, accompanied by synergistic relationships based on regional geography, history and geopolitics offers insight into the economic and social fabric of Slovak Republic - economic relations and patterns of operation of industry, agriculture and services, and tourism, resp. of impacts on the economy of Slovakia in its potting and operations in the European and global structures. The student should understand the issues and understand the economic and social processes in the Slovak Republic territorial (spatial) social and economic contexts, and thus contribute to a deeper understanding of the facts, processes and problems of contemporary Slovak economy and society. The course is an integral part of economic disciplines and provides an overview of the distribution and interactions of economic and social activities of countries and regions of the Slovak Republic. After successful completion of the learning process the student should be able to do the analysis on the assumption of the occurrence, the current status and trends in the population structure and settlements, agriculture, industry, transport, tourism and other economic activities of the population and individual regions of Slovak Republic. The student will thus have a comprehensive view on the Slovak economy by means of sectorial perspective within the foundations of geographic thinking in territorial contexts.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Regionalization, regions and their development: concept, classification, internal structure of the regions, regional hierarchy and taxonomy.</i></li> <li><i>2. Geography and population settlements of SR: Structure of the Population of the Slovak Republic, the Slovak population distribution, natural increase, decrease, migration (trends), the structure of employment in the SR (age, by industry).</i></li> <li><i>3. Mining and quarrying in Slovakia: oil, natural gas, coal, metals.</i></li> <li><i>4. Energy Industry of SR: electrical production structure. Energy, types of plants, localization.</i></li> <li><i>5. Engineering Industry of SR: Structure and development of machinery industry in Slovakia, mechanical engineering industry and its distribution in Slovakia, development and state of the automotive production .</i></li> </ol>	

6. *Metallurgical Industry of the Slovak Republic: structure, development and localization of metallurgical industry in Slovakia and its distribution .*
7. *Chemical Industry of SR: Structure and development of the chemical industry in Slovakia, chemical industries/sectors and their distribution in Slovakia. Consumer goods industry of SR: Industry of textiles, clothing, footwear, glass and ceramics. The structure and evolution, current status, and their distribution sectors in Slovakia.*
8. *Wood Industry of SR: Structure and development of the timber industry in the Slovak Republic, timber Industry (stationer, cellulose, furniture) and its deployment in SR.*
9. *Agriculture of SR: Structure of agricultural land in Slovakia, the structure of agriculture and industry in the Slovak Republic, crop and livestock production, current issues of Slovak agriculture under the EU Common agricultural policy.*
10. *Food Industry of SR: Structure and development of the food industry in Slovakia, food industries and their distribution in Slovakia.*
11. *Transport of SR: SR modes in density, traffic routes in Slovakia, new trends in transport, Slovak Transport Policy.*
12. *Tourism SR: regionalization areas of tourism in Slovakia and brief description of location (natural), selective and feasibility factors of selected regions, mineral and thermal waters and spas in Slovakia, problematic aspects of tourism development in Slovakia.*
13. *Foreign Trade of the Slovak Republic: geographical and commodity structure of exports and imports of SR.*

**Recommended of required reading:**

*Kordoš, M.: Vybrané kapitoly z hospodárskej geografie Slovenskej republiky. TnUAD, FSEV, Trenčín 2008*

*Lopušný, J.: Hospodárska geografia a regionalizácia Slovenska. UMB, Banská Bystrica 2001*

*Mišúnová, – Mocko, – Vlčková: Hospodárska geografia Slovenska. Ekonóm, Bratislava 1994*

*Michaeli, E.: Regionálna geografia Slovenskej republiky. Prešovská univerzita, Prešov 1999*

*Dubcová, A. – Lauko, V.: Geografia Slovenska, Univerzita Konštantína filozofa, Nitra 2008*

*Mazúrek, J.: Fyzická a socioekonomická geografia Slovenska. Univerzita Mateja Bela, Banská Bystrica 2005*

*Internet: stránky jednotlivých samosprávnych krajov, ministerstiev SR, rozvojových a mimovládnych agentúr.*

*Časopis FSEV – Sociálno-ekonomická revue.*

*Odborná časopisecká literatúra: Odporúčané články a štúdie.*

**Language:** Slovak

**Remarks:**

*Course is offered in the winter semester of the second year of full-time studies and in the winter semester of the third year of external studies. The course is elective.*

**Evaluation history:** 30

A	B	C	D	E	FX
3.33	10.0	26.67	20.0	40.0	0.0

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