

**Information sheet for the course
Balkan Studies**

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP16</i>	Course unit title: <i>Balkan Studies</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i> <i>Seminar: none</i>	
Number of credits: <i>3</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>the 4th semester in the 2nd year (full-time)</i> <i>the 6th semester in the 3rd year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>II. (Master's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Assessment of the course is continuous.</i> <i>A student takes part in corresponding lectures, actively joins the discussions and elaborates seminar papers (50 % of total assessment).</i> <i>At the end of a semester, he will hand over the paper assigned by the lecturer on the basis of an agreement with students (50 % of total assessment).</i> <i>Assessments: "A" – 100-93 points; "B" – 92-84 p; "C" – 83-75 p; "D" – 74-65 p; "E" – 64-56 p; "FX" – 55 and less.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>A student is acquainted with the basic theoretical and methodological framework of the Balkan Studies and the corresponding terminology. By completing the course, students are able to orientate themselves in cardinal issues of the West Balkans and identify some fundamental geographical, institutional, cultural, social or political factors influencing development of this region. The adequate room is also devoted to designs of possible variants of next development.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Introduction to the course</i> <i>2. Fundamental ideas in Balkan Studies</i> <i>3. Theoretical and methodological concepts relating to the West Balkans issue</i> <i>4. Brief historic development of the region I.</i> <i>5. Brief historic development of the region II.</i> <i>6. Political geography of the region</i> <i>7. Ethnic communities and religion in the Balkans</i> <i>8. Political development in the West Balkans from the year of 1989</i> <i>9. Dissolution of Yugoslavia</i> <i>10. War in Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> <i>11. Conflict in Kosovo, independence of Kosovo</i> <i>12. Countries of the West Balkans in international system</i> <i>13. Evaluating the course, a final repeating written test</i> 	
Recommended of required reading:	

MALCOLM, N.: *Bosnia: A Short History*. New York: NYU Press, 1996. chp 5, 14.
 BOUGAREL, X. - HELMS, E. - DUIJZINGS, G. (eds): *The New Bosnian Mosaic: Identities, Memories and Moral Claims in a Post-War Society*. Hampshire: Ashgate, 2006.
 PALMBERGER, M. – MATTERS, N.: *Nostalgia for Yugoslavia as Potential Vision for a better Future*. Sociologija No. 4, Oct-Dec. 2008.
 BURIC, F.: “*Dwelling on the Ruins of Socialist Yugoslavia: Being Bosnian by Remembering Tito*,” in *Post-Communist Nostalgia*, Sabrina Ramet and Zsuzsa Gille (eds.), 2010.
 VUKOMANOVIC, M.: “*The Serbian Orthodox Church as a Political Actor in the Aftermath of October 5, 2000*,” *Politics and Religion*, 1, 2008.
 WACHTEL, A. - BENNET, CH: “*The Dissolution of Yugoslavia*,” in Charles Ingraio and Thomas A. Emmert (eds) *Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies: A Scholars’ Initiative*. Washington DC: USIP & Purdue University Press, 2009.
 LEDERACH, J. P.: *Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies*. Washington DC: USIP, 1997. Pp. 3-61, 73-85.

Language: *English, Slovak*

Remarks: *The course is compulsory for all students.*

Evaluation history:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
55,26	26,32	13,16	0	0	5,26

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