Code: 05-2-05

ECONOMIC AND SOCIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ECTS: 5

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No. of hours: 125
Lectures: 10
Seminar: 30
Lab. work: /
Other: 85

2. Entry requirements:
General conditions for enrolment in doctoral studies.

3. Objectives of the course and intended learning outcomes:
(competences)
Educational aims: The aim of the subject is to qualify the student for independent, successful and professional tasks connected with studying socio-economic processes and planning and implementing development programmes in rural areas.
Intended learning outcome: The intended learning outcome is to acquaint the student with and qualify him or her in the use of methods, approaches, techniques and concepts connected with research and management of the multifunctionality of rural areas.

4. Syllabus outline:
Conceptual bases: models of economic development and their application in the development of the countryside; alternative approaches to rural development (exogenic, endogenic); typological articulation of the countryside and its functionality.
Structural changes in the countryside and diversification: dimensions and factors of structural change in agriculture; changing economic and spatial role of the countryside; economic diversification as a response to structural change.
Rural areas in the system of economic development plans: development of rural areas and sectorial policies; development of rural areas and regional development; development of rural areas and local development initiatives; qualitative and quantitative approaches to assessing development policies in rural areas.
Sustainable development and development of rural areas: concept(s) of sustainability, inclusion of the principle of sustainability in the model of a circular economy, environmental aspects of rural development (methods of economic assessment of environmental impact, principle of managing renewable natural resources).
Spatial planning aspects of rural development: principle of spatial planning in the rural space; the countryside as a space of consumption; competition among alternative uses of rural space; regulating farmland from the point of view of multifunctionality of rural space.
Sociological and cultural aspects of rural development: understanding the life of the rural population as a socially constructed reality; concept of social inclusion and
exclusion in rural areas; needs, feelings and interests of participants in rural development on micro-, mezzo- and macro-levels. 
Specific aspects of rural development: Sustainability of touristic and recreational use of the rural space.

5. Literature (in the case of books and monographs, study sources are only selected chapters from them):

6. Teaching methods:
Lectures, seminars, project workshops.

7. Assessment methods:
Project with public presentation, oral examination.

8. References:
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Pintar Marina
2. PINTAR, Marina, GLOBEVNIK, Lidija, BREMEC, Urška. Harmonisation of water management and agricultural policies in Slovenia. J. Water Land Dev., 2007, no. 11, p. 31-44. [COBISS.SI-ID 5425273]

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