

Faculty of International Economics and Administration
Department of Computer Science and Economics
Professional Area: Economics
Major: International Economic Relations
Educational-and-qualification Degree: Bachelor

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. Course unit title: International Relations and Foreign Economic Policy
2. Course unit code: POL 1088
3. Type of course unit: compulsory
4. Level of course unit: Bachelor
5. Year of study: third
6. Semester: sixth
7. Number of credits allocated: 4,5
8. Name of lecturer(s): Assoc. Prof. Stefan Stefanov, PhD , Assoc. Prof. Mladen Tonev, PhD
9. Learning outcomes of the course unit: the course aims at providing students with complex knowledge of: the main international and national factors determining the content and variety of foreign economic policy and the instruments for its implementation; trends in the evolution of EU's common trade policy and the possibilities for accelerated convergence of Bulgarian economy into EU's single market and the world market.
10. Mode of delivery: face-to-face
11. Prerequisites and co-requisites: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and International Economics.
12. Course contents: the course includes: introduction to foreign economic policy – principles, goals and concepts characterizing the regulation of international trade and investment; competences and functions of the multilateral international organizations in the sphere of trade and finance; regional integration agreements; types of foreign trade policy – essence and differentiation criteria; EU common trade policy – nature, stages, purposes, range; key elements of EU common trade policy – common tariffs, common import regime and instruments for trade protection; common export regime; implementation of EU common trade policy in Bulgaria – foreign trade regime; tariffs, standards and technical norms; evaluation of product compliance; Bulgarian export policy – state, tendencies, challenges.
13. Recommended or required reading:
 1. .
 2. .
 3. , . “ ”, , 2009 .
 4. ;
 5. (1994); (1947)
 6. – .
 7. Bulgaria Foreign Policy and Government Guide Aug 8, 2008 by Ibp Usa
 8. Bulgaria and Europe: Shifting Identities (Anthem Series on Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies) Jun 15, 2010 by Stefanos Katsikas
14. Planned learning activities and teaching methods: lectures and presentations
15. Assessment methods and criteria: test and project assignment
16. Language of instruction: Bulgarian
17. Work placement(s): none