

Faculty of International Economics and Administration

Department: Administration and Management

Professional area: Administration and Management

Major: Public Administration and Management – Management of Projects Financed by EU Funds

Educational-and-qualification degree: Master

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. Course unit title: **Local Self-governance and Regional Development**
2. Course unit code: ADM 1028
3. Type of course unit: equational
4. Level of course unit: Master
5. Year of study: second
6. Semester: third
7. Number of ECTS credits allocated: 4,5
8. Name of lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Maria Velikova, PhD
9. Learning outcomes of the course unit: The course aims to provide students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the field of local self-government and government, local power and regional development.
10. Mode of delivery: face-to-face/distance learning
11. Prerequisites and co-requisites: Students need to have knowledge acquired during the first year of their studies.
12. Course contents: Theoretical and methodological basis of Local Self-governance and Regional Development (LSGRD); administrative and territorial structure in the context of LSGRD; the concept of 'good governance' and its implementation at a local level; the main spheres of implementation and limiters of LSGRD; European experience and Bulgaria's practice in the field of LSGRD; relationships, cooperation and partnerships in LSGRD; regional development and regional policy, regional dimensions of the reform in local self-governance and regional development.
13. Recommended or required reading:
 - Актуализирана Стратегия за децентрализация (2006-2015), С., 2010, <http://www.namrb.org/?act=news&id=1175>
 - **Великова, М.** Местно самоуправление и управление, регионализация. УИ на ВСУ „Черноризец Храбър”, В., 2008.
 - Годишен доклад за изпълнение на Стратегията за децентрализация и Програмата за изпълнение на Стратегията за децентрализация през 2010 г., http://www.self.government.bg/decentralization_counsel/annual_report/?id=423
 - Визия на Закона за регионалното развитие за субординация и координация на стратегическите и програмните документи за регионално развитие, МРРБ, С., 2010.
 - Местната и регионална демокрация в България, Конгрес на местните и регионалните власти в Европа, Мониторингов доклад, 21.11.2011 г., <http://www.self.government.bg/decentralization/?id=433&ssid=8&cid=600047>
14. Planned learning activities and teaching methods: concept-, problem- and thesis-oriented presentation of the course content; presentations; use of active methods.
15. Assessment methods and criteria: Assessment during the lectures and seminars, based on pre-set criteria, according to students' individual and team performance in theoretical and practical tasks and their active participation in discussions; final written examination – students write on a topic from a list of examination topics set for self-study in advance; an open-questions test. Students are informed of their grades, as well as of the lecturer's grounds for them during the lectures, the contact hours, immediately after the examination, via e-mail, on the phone. Phone numbers and email addresses are available on the university site.

16. Language of instruction: Bulgarian

17. Work placement: Work placement and pre-graduation internship at municipal and deconcentrated administrations, as planned in the major's curriculum.