Academic course description

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| MASTER ‘S PROGRAMME**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS**2nd YEAR OF STUDY, 2nd SEMESTER |

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| **Course title** | **MINORITIES AND GEOPOLITICS IN THE BALKANS – THE 20TH CENTURY** |
| Course code | 31050010005SM1312401 |
| Course type | full attendance / tutorial |
| Course level | 2nd cycle (master’s degree) |
| Year of study, semester | 2nd year of study, 2nd semester |
| Number of ECTS credits | 6 |
| Number of hours per week | 3 (1 lecture hour + 2 seminar hours) |
| Name of lecture holder | Associate Professor PhD Ionuţ Nistor |
| Name of seminar holder | Associate Professor PhD Ionuţ Nistor |
| Prerequisites | Advanced level of English |
| A | **General and course-specific competences** |
|  | **General competences**:* Effective, timely, and rigorous accomplishment of professional tasks, respecting the ethical principles of scientific activity, rigorous application of citation rules, and rejection of plagiarism.
* Searching, identification, and use of effective learning methods; raising awareness of the motivations for lifelong learning.
* Developing the habit of argumentative debate and the logical construction of the discourse.

**Course-specific competences**:* Adequate use of specialized language of the history of international relations, technical terms, and core concepts in the field.
* Establishing historical facts based on information from primary sources and their interpretation.
* Use of modern methods of historical research and interpretation.
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| B | **Learning outcomes** |
|  | The lecture addresses the relations between the Balkan states and national minorities during the 20th century, in a diachronic and synchronic analysis. It also aims to offer a comparative perspective for processes and phenomena relatively similar to the reference space:- analysis of international documents regarding the protection of national minorities;- explaining the terms of *national minority*, *individual rights*, *collective rights*;- comparative analysis of the protection systems of national minorities in various Balkan states;- analysis of the system of protection of minorities in Romania. |
| C | **Lecture content** |
|  | - “Minority” – a concept in progress.- The proctection system of miniorities in the interwar period.- Policies regarding the minorities during the Second World War.- Minorities in the Balkans from 1945 until 1989.- Balkan states and national minorities after 1989.- The activity of press agencies.- News and war correspondence.- The media war. Radio and television. |
| D | **Recommended reading for lectures** |
|  | Andreescu Gabriel, *Naţiuni şi minorităţi*, Iaşi, 2004.Attila, Demeter M., *Naţionalism, multiculturalism, minorităţi naţionale*, Cluj-Napoca, 2012.Attila, Gidó, Horváth István, Pál Judit, *140 de ani de legislaţie minoritară în Europa Centrală şi de Est*, Cluj-Napoca, 2010.Chiriac Marian, *Provocările diversităţii: politici publice privind minorităţile naţionale şi religioase în România*, Cluj Napoca, 2005.Comisia internaţională pentru studierea Holocaustului în România, *Raport final*, Bucureşti, 2005.Taras, Ray (coord.), *National identities and ethnic minorities in Eastern Europe: selected papers from the Fifth World Congress of Central and East European Studies*, Warsaw, 1995.Tănăsescu, Tudor, *Protecţia drepturilor identitare ale minorităţilor naţionale în tratatele României cu ţările vecine*, Bucureşti, 2006. |
| E | **Seminar content** |
|  | - text analysis;- accomplishing individual and group projects having as a starting point the general theme of the lecture. |
| F | **Recommended reading for seminars** |
|  | Iancu, Carol, *Emanciparea evreilor din România: (1913-1919): de la inegalitatea civică la drepturile de minoritate: originalitatea unei lupte începând cu războaiele balcanice şi până la Conferinţa de Pace de la Paris*, Bucureşti, 1998.Ivan, Adrian, *Stat, majoritate şi minoritate naţională în România (1919-1930). Cazul maghiarilor şi germanilor din Transilvania*, Cluj-Napoca, 2010.Marinescu, C. Gh., *Diplomaţia României şi tratatele internaţionale privind minorităţile naţionale*, 2000.Tănăsescu, Tudor, *Minorităţile: repere instituţionale şi legislative*, Bucureşti, 2006Toth, Szilard, *Partidul Maghiar şi problema minorităţii maghiare în Parlamentul României în perioada interbelică*, Cluj-Napoca, 2008. |
| G | **Education style** |
| learning and teaching methods | **Lecture:**- lecture- conversation**Seminar:**- debate- conversation- demonstration |
| assessment methods | - Written exam (50%)- Seminar activity (50%) |
| Language of instruction | English |