

Rural Development and Landscape Management

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Subject code: RDL

Academic 2.

Lectures: 20

Seminar work: 30

ECTS: 5

Aims of the course:

The aim of the course is to provide students with the basic knowledge of understanding the functioning of the countryside as a multifunctional space focusing on identification of individual activities in the area.

The students will:

- understand the basic laws of the functioning and specifics of the Slovenian countryside,
- identify regional and local differences in development, development issues and potentials,
- understand the significance of sustainable land use,
- understand a multifunctional role of agriculture in the countryside,
- be able to integrate, analyse and synthesise the knowledge of different professional fields,
- understand the need for an interdisciplinary approach to resolving conflicts among individual activities in space, and to preparation of measures for a sustainable development of the countryside.

Subject content:

- characteristics of the countryside and its definition;
- a short historic review of the dominant processes in the Slovenian countryside;
- defining functions or features of the countryside (rural areas are considered as a multi-functional space);
- typologies of rural areas;
- spatial differences, fundamental development problems, development potentials and specifics of rural areas in Slovenia (along with foreign cases);
- pillars of the economic activity in the countryside and their effects on the natural environment;
- learning about adequate applicable legislation and strategic documents influencing rural development;
- regional, local development, development strategies and their goals (the case of a municipality);
- presentation of the selected cases in terms of the effects of human activities on the countryside and its population;
- the basic principles of the sustainable development in the countryside and resolving conflicts between individual activities and the environment emphasising the conflicts arising from the activities in the agricultural land;

- the design of development programmes, field work, drawing up a development programme for a selected area within the seminar work.

Teaching methods:

Lectures, seminar work involving field work

Student's obligations:

Participation and cooperation of students during the seminar work, participation in field work, completed seminar /project work, oral examination.

Literature:

- Lecture notes
- Additional material for lectures
- Klemenčič, M., M., Lampič, B., Potočnik Slavič, I., 2008. Življenjska (ne)moč obrobni podruželskih območij v Sloveniji. GeograFF3. Scientific publisher FF. Ljubljana.
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