| **1. Course title:** Urban Geography | | | | |
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| **2. Code:** | | **3. Type (lecture, seminar, laboratory):** lecture | | |
| **4. Total of contact hours:** 52 hours | | **5. Number of credits (ECTS):** 6 | | |
| **6. Prerequisites (max. 3):** none | | | | |
| **7. Announced:** ☒ autumn semester, ☐ spring semester, ☐ both semesters | | | | |
| **8. Limit for participants:** no | | | | |
| **10. Instructor-in-charge (faculty, institute and department):**  Gábor PIRISI, PhD (FS, Institute of Geography, Department of Human Geography and Urban Studies) | | | | |
| **11. Instructor(s) and percentage:** | | Gábor PIRISI | | 60% |
| Éva MÁTÉ | | 40% |
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| **12. Language:** English | | | | |
| **13. Course objectives and learning outcomes:**  *The aim of the course is to give an introduction of the fundamental terms, concepts and models regarding the spatiality of human settlements. Students will have an overlook about the differences and similarities in the urbanisation of the different regions around the globe. In the seminars supporting the course students will improve their skills in the field of spatial analysis. They will be able to recognise analyse and interpret the spatial processes, patterns of functions, morphology and social groups in urban and in rural space. They will be able to use databases to support these analysis, classify and evaluate settlements. During the course the students’ skills in individual reading and interpreting scientific papers will be improved, and also their abilities in team-based problem solving, presentation and scientific writing. The curricular goal of the course is to lay down fundamentals to the course of “Urban planning and development”* | | | | |
| **14. Course outline / Milestones**  **Lecture**    Week 1 Introduction to urban geography: object, goals, role and international research trends.  Week 2 Basic terms and concepts in urban geography. The settlement, the types and classifications of settlements, cities, towns and villages. Basic and central functions of settlements. Walter Christaller’s model of the urban network. Haggett’s model and the role of urban settlements in the space production.  Week 3 The geographical space and the settlements: role of the physical environment.  Week 4 Connections between settlements: networks, hierarchy, catchment area, agglomeration. Urban and rural – dichotomy or continuum?  Week 5 Settlements in rural space. Functional and morphological types of rural settlements.  Week 6 Living in rural: social and economic problems of rural space. Rural restructuring and the post-rural space.  Week 7 The temporality of urbanisation: before and after the industrial revolution.  Week 8 Overall trends of the postmodern urbanisation in 21st century. Suburbanisation and consequences. Counter urbanisation, urban sprawl, post-suburbanisation.  Week 9 The inner structure of the urban space. Functions and social groups in urban space. Segregation, gentrification, spatial conflicts. Models of urban space.  Week 10 Regional differences of the urbanisation. The different models of the urban development and urban space use in the American, European, Latin-American, Asian and African cities.  Week 11 The socialist and post-socialist urbanisation.  Week 12 Cities and globalisation. Cities as the fundaments of the 21st spatial structure. Competitiveness and success of cities.  Week 13 Challenges of the present and the near future: shrinking, sustainability, resilience.    **Seminar**    Week 1 Introduction, tasks and evaluation of the semester.  Week 2 Urban or rural? Formal and functional urbanisation in practice.  Week 3 Practical task: the physical environment and settlement development.  Week 4 Recognising and enclose catchment areas with statistical analysis.  Week 5 Development and functional types of villages: classification with statistical methods.  Week 6 Rural areas rural habitus around the globe: individual processing of written sources.  Week 7 Rural areas rural habitus around the globe: individual processing of written sources II.  Week 8 Preparation for field work: group and individual work with written and map sources.  Week 9 Preparation for field work: group and individual work with written and map sources. II.  Week 10 Global differences in urbanisation: elaboration of video sources.  Week 11 Global differences in urbanisation: elaboration of video sources II.  Week 12 The socialist city: written sources.  Week 13 Evaluation of the fieldwork.    **Field work**  Planned on the week 10-11th (regarding the weather conditions), two times four hours program. 4 hours guided geographical tour in one of the representative districts of Pécs (socialist and post-socialist urbanisation, segregation, gentrification), focusing on the spatial appearance of some topics related in lectures and seminars. in the second half an individual survey task will be given to the students. This will be presented and evaluated during the seminars. Both element (tour and survey) will be prepared in the seminars. | | | | |
| **15. Mid-semester works**  Week 1 –  Week 2 statistical analysis (urbanisation) – seminar task  Week 3 analysing environmental factors – team work  Week 4 enclosing catchment areas – team work  Week 5 classification of villages – seminar task  Week 6 individual reading and report  Week 7 Team work, source analysis, history of a city’s development  Week 8 –  Week 9 –  Week 10 Individual reading and report  Week 11 Team work: evaluating global rank & position of given cities  Week 12 –  Week 13 Presentations about the field work | | | | |
| **16. Summative assessment, formative assessment**  Evaluation is based on the individual performance in the seminar and in the final oral exam. The components are weighted with 40% (seminar) and 60% (oral exam). The seminary work will be evaluated as following:  individual and team work in seminars: 30%  field work 30%  essay 40%    During the semester an essay need to be written by each student individually with a length of 15-18,000 characters. The topic is one problem related with urban or rural development (listed by the instructors), and how it is appears in a specific settlement (can be chosen individually). Essay need to prepared by full regards of the formal prescriptions of a scientific paper, including structure, citations and references, data and illustrations. The evaluation of the content of the essay is an element of the oral exam.  The final mark for the course will be given by the instructor on the oral exam, regarding all the performances listed above. The students cannot be evaluated, if:  · does not takes part in seminary and on field work / misses more occasion as allowed by the regulations  · he/she does not takes part in team works, his/her contribution is irrelevant, extremely poor  · does not upload her/his essay in time and/or it is invaluable in formal reasons  · His/her seminar performance does not reach 40%  In last two cases one occasion for correction will be ensured. | | | | |
| **17. Reading assignments:**   1. Pacione, M. 2009: Urban Geography: A Global Perspective. Routledge, 744 p. | | | | |
| **18. Recommended texts:**  [1] Hall, T. 2012: Urban geography. Routledge contemporary human geography series ; 7. Vol. 366 p.  [2] Griffith, T. 2009: Urban geography : a study of site, evolution, pattern and classification in villages, towns and cities. London ; New York : Routledge 439 p.  [3] Knox, P. 2000: Urban social geography : An introduction. Prentice Hall : Pearson Education, 479 p. | | | | |
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