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SYLLABUS

SUBJECT: “BULGARIAN AND BALKAN CULTURE”;

DEGREE PROGRAMME: „INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS“; BACHELOR’S DEGREE

YEAR OF STUDY: 2; SEMESTER: 3;

TOTAL STUDENT WORKLOAD: 120 h.; incl. curricular 60 h.

CREDITS: 4

DISTRIBUTION OF WORKLOAD ACCORDING TO THE CURRICULUM

<i>TYPE OF STUDY HOURSE</i>	WORKLOAD , h.	TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK, h
CURRICULAR: incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LECTURES• SEMINARS (lab. exercises)	30 30	2 2
EXTRACURRICULAR	60	-

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I. ANOTATION

The discipline is aimed at providing a basic insight into history and development of material and spiritual culture of ethnic groups and civilizations on the Balkans and nowadays lands of Bulgaria. The material is represented chronologically with accent on the main concepts, trends and examples of artefacts, which reveal the variety and unity of Balkan civilization through the ages from the dawn of history to present days. Te thematic content is projected to attract the interest of foreign students to the historical achievements of Balkan population and to render an overall idea about the merits and problems of past and present societies in the region.

II. THEMATIC CONTENT

No.	TITLE OF THE THEMES AND SUBTOPICS	NUMBER OF HOURS		
		L	S	L.E.
1. PREHISTORIC SOCIETIES ON THE BALKANS		2	2	
1.	The definition of prehistoric periods, artifacts, culture, civilization			
2.	The paleolithic and mezolithic ages on the Balkans			
3.	Development of material environment in the Neolithic and Eneolithic period			
2. THE TRANZITION TO BRONZE		2	2	
1.	Civilization of Varna			
2.	The eneolithic necropolis of Varna			
3.	Means of survival, technology, housing and everyday life			
4.	Development of technology and social stratification			
3. THE BRONZE AGE		2	2	
1.	The bronze age population of the Balkans - origins and variety			
2.	The Thracians - social life and structure			
3.	Evolution of Thracian society, contacts with neighbors			
4.	Thracian settlements and cities			
4. THE MATERIAL CULTURE OF THE THRACIANS		2	2	
1.	Pottery, housing			
2.	Metal processing, golden treasures			
3.	Weaponry and ammunitions			
4.	Clothing and decoration			
5. THE SPIRITUAL CULTUTRE OF THE THRACIANS		2	2	
1.	Religion, the pantheon of Thracian gods			
2.	Temples, sanctuaries and burial tombs			
3.	Orpheus and the monotheistic religion of XII c. B.C.			
4.	Major spiritual artefacts			
6. THE HELLENISTIC PERIOD ON THE BALKANS		2	2	
1.	Origins of Hellenistic civilization on the Balkans			
2.	Evolution of the state structure and society			
3.	Periods in Ancient Greek culture			
4.	The religious cults in Ancient Greece			

7. MATERIAL CULTURE OF ANCIENT GREECE		2	2	
1.	Ceramics and pottery, styles of decoration and esthetics			
2.	Architecture orders and types of buildings			
3.	The Acropolis			
4.	Ancient Greek cities in Bulgaria, traders and invaders			
5.	Major artefacts from the Greek period in Bulgaria			
8. THE ROMAN CONQUEST		2	2	
1.	Rome and the Roman idea of supremacy			
2.	History of Roman conquests on the Balkans			
3.	Major Roman cities in Bulgaria			
4.	The split of the Empire and the fate of the Balkans			
9. BYZANTINE AND THE SETUP OF CHRISTIANITY		2	2	
1.	Emperor Constantine the Great and his reforms			
2.	Territorial consolidation of the Byzantine empire			
3.	The Great Migration of people to the Balkans			
4.	Evolution of Christianity and the Christian heritage			
10. FOUNDATION OF THE FIRST BULGARIAN STATE		2	2	
1.	Origin of Slavs and Bulgarians			
2.	Major history events during First Bulgarian Kingdom			
3.	Byzantine and the Balkan population - cooperation and rivalry			
4.	Material culture of First Bulgarian Kingdom			
11. SECOND BULGARIAN KINGDOM		2	2	
1.	Territorial redistributions on the Balkans in the XII-XIV c.			
2.	Material culture of Second Bulgarian Kingdom - cities, holy places, everyday life, folklore and cuisine			
3.	Trade relations between the Balkan territories			
4.	The Ottoman conquest of the Balkans			
12. THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE		2	2	
1.	The origins of Islam and features of Islamic Culture			
2.	The Balkan lands under Ottoman rule			
3.	The relics of Ottoman and Islamic culture on the Balkans			
4.	The Liberation movements and the European superpowers			
13. THE XIX. CENTURY ON THE BALKANS		2	2	
1.	Territorial redistribution and peace treaties on the Balkans			
2.	Economic development of new independent countries			
3.	Pro- and anti-Russian policy on the Balkans, alliances			
4.	The economic fate of the Balkans in the European distribution of labour			
14. THE WORLD WARS AND THE BALKAN TERRITORIAL DISPUTES		2	2	
1.	The Balkan wars and the origins of territorial disputes			
2.	The outset of the Turkish Republic and its impact on the Balkan policy			

3.	The relations between the Balkan states			
4.	World War II. and its consequences			
15. POST WAR RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE BALKANS		2	2	
1.	The Cold War and hostilities on the Balkans			
2.	Political relations between Balkan countries			
3.	The European future of the Balkans			
4.	Common features and differences in national cultures on the Balkans, the Balkan phenomenon today.			

III. FORMS OF CONTROL:

No. by row	TYPE AND FORM OF CONTROL	№	extracurricular, h.
1.	Midterm control		
1.1.	Project work – on a predefined theme	1	50
1.2.	Written assignments on a given topic		
1.3.	Test (mixed type questions)	1	30
Total midterm control:		2	80
2.	Final term control		
2.1.	Examination (test)	1	40
Total final term control:		1	40
Total for all types of control:		3	120

IV. COMPULSARY LITERATURE:

1. Ocharov N., The Shortest History of Bulgaria, Letera, Sofia, 2009.
2. <http://www.omda.bg/engl/common/history.htm>

V. RECOMMENDATORY LITERATURE:

1. Dimitrov, Bojidar, Bulgaria Crossroads of Civilizations, Borina Publisher Sofia 1999,
2. Dimitrov, Bojidar, Bulgarians - Civilizers of the Slavs, Borina Publisher Sofia 2001,
3. <http://www.miovarna.com/>