

STUDY SUBJECTS' PROGRAMMES

Subject code	Subject group	Credits	Subject certified	Subject certification valid until	Reg. No.
BRS5001	D	3	2011 06 01	2013 06 01	

Course type (compulsory or optional)	compulsory
Course level (study cycle)	Master
Semester the course is delivered	Autumn
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Title

REGIONINĖS STUDIJOS IR AKADEMINIS RAŠYMAS

Title in English

REGIONAL STUDIES AND ACADEMIC WRITING

Subject annotation in English

The course consists of two parts. Firstly, students learn the main regions of the world, what helps them to develop the skills of area studies, to achieve the basic knowledge of the relevant issues in particular regions. The second part of this course helps students to improve their skills in academic writing with a special focus on the requirements set for research papers in the area of regional studies. Students are offered a guided process-writing course in the most common academic text types in their subject field. The course teaches them to construct an argumentative text at an advanced level by taking into account genre differences; in addition, students learn special strategies of persuasion and hedging.

Necessary background knowledge for the study of the subject

Background of International relations and Political sciences

Study outcomes

After completing the course, students will be able:

1. to understand the discipline of area studies;
2. to know the relevant political, economical and cultural issues in different regions of the world;
3. to compare different regions;
4. to write and revise academic texts of different academic genres;
5. to describe theoretical, empirical and methodological issues according to the requirements set for the disciplines related to regional studies;
6. to apply different quality criteria set for academic texts when writing their own research papers;
7. to use different strategies of persuasion and argumentation.

Subject contents

1. The notion of region, classification, regionalization, the notion of area studies; 2. Europe as region; the borders of Europe, European identity. 3. Northern Eurasia, Russia, North America as region.; 4 Islamic world; 5. South and Southeast Asia; 6. Central and East Asia; 7. Latin America, Africa and Oceania; 8. Academic genres and their types: important features and principles of constructing academic texts. 9. Quality criteria in academic writing. 10. Ways of describing theoretical perspectives and principles of interpreting empirical results in the field of regional studies. 11. Argumentative texts and special strategies used for persuasion

Study hours

Lectures 30 hours, team work 15 hours, individual work 75 hours.

Evaluation of study results

Midterm 30 %, homework 20 %, exam 50 %.

Literature

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2. Tachimoto N.M. Global Area Studies and Fieldwork. Nagoya, Graduate School of Global Humanics, 2004.
3. Kopstein, J., Lichbach M. Comparative politics: interests, identities, and institutions in a changing global order. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.
4. Rienecker, Lotte, Jørgensen Peter Stray. Kaip rašyti mokslinį darbą. Vilnius: Aidai, 2003.
5. Björk, Lennart & Christine Räisänen. Academic Writing: A University Writing Course. Lund: Studentlitteratur, 1997.

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