

## COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
BRS6010	C	6	04 04 2013	04 06 2015	

Course type (compulsory or optional)	Compulsory
Course level (study cycle)	Second (Graduate)
Semester the course is delivered	1st
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

### Course Title in Lithuanian

MAŽUMOS IR PILIETINĖ VISUOMENĖ BALTIJOS REGIONE

### Course Title in English

MINORITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE BALTIC REGION

### Short course annotation in Lithuanian

Gilinantį XIX–XXI a. politinius, socialinius ir kultūrinius reiškinius Baltijos regione šiuo kursu siekiama įvertinti XIX–XXI a. regiono mažumų įsitvirtinimo/asimiliacijos/tapatumo išsaugojimo/kalbinę padėtį ir pilietinės visuomenės formavimosi procesus. Idėjų raiškos būdų, formos ir turinio analizė, paremta naujausiais XXI a. tyrimais, įgalins atskleisti mažumų ir pilietinės visuomenės praeities ir dabarties sąveiką. Tikslas siekiama derinant paskaitos ir individualaus studentų darbo formas, akcentuojant studentų savarankiško darbo svarbą. Kursas dėstomas anglų kalba.

### Short course annotation in English

Considering intercultural context in the fields of history and social sciences this course seeks to discuss and analyze the situation of ethnic minorities in the Baltic region, its historical development and the complexity of political and cultural transformation of societies in the Baltic region. Students will be introduced to the key aspects, definitions and explanation of minorities. The class will explore national, ethnic, religious minorities around the Baltic Sea and its participation in the formation of civil societies. Also the attention will be oriented towards State's participation in the formation of civil society and its minority's policy.

### Prerequisites for entering the course

BA diploma

### Course aim

The aim of the course is to present the role of the state in dealing with the problems of various national minorities and in creating civil society in the Baltic region; to analyse ethnicity and reasons for ethnic discrimination in the modern society; to give sufficient competence to explain the development of ethnic compositions in the Baltic region.

## Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
1. Awareness of historical settings: knowledge of the general diachronic framework and the ability to locate sociolinguistic research and debate in general and European and Baltic-Sea region research and debate in particular in the (socio-) historical settings of, e.g., colonisation, national awakening, totalitarianism, growth of Nordic democracies, urbanisation, modernisation, Europeanisation and globalization, and to see connections between present-day issues and the past.	1.1. To analyse the situation of ethnic minorities in the Baltic region;	1.1.1. Analysed the situation of ethnic minorities in the Baltic region
	1.2. To evaluate complexity of political, cultural transformations of societies' in the Baltic Region;	1.2.1. Evaluated complexity of political, cultural transformations of societies' in the Baltic Region
	1.3. To define and explain traditional features of historical minorities and their existence in modern State;	1.3.1. Defined and explained traditional features of historical minorities and their existence in modern State
2. Awareness of present societal, cultural and linguistic settings: knowledge of the contemporary Nordic and Baltic societies, the state and status of multilingualism and challenges posed by it.	2.1. To define State's participation constructing civil society and analysing issues of minorities;	2.1.1. Defined State's participation constructing civil society and analysing issues of minorities
	2.2. To interpret political processes in the Baltic Region;	2.2.1. Interpreted political processes in the Baltic Region

## Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
1.1. To analyse the situation of ethnic minorities in the Baltic region	Towards Civil Society in the Baltic Region Baltic Region and Minorities: theoretical guidelines Baltic Region and neighbouring Russia and Belarus
1.2. To evaluate complexity of political, cultural transformations of societies' in the Baltic Region	Formation of Modern Identity and Civil Society the end of 20th century- 21st century Education and ethnic minorities: law and implementation Sociolinguistic Case of Ethnic Minorities
1.3. To define and explain traditional features of historical minorities and their existence in modern State	Formation of Modern Identity and Civil Society 19th century-first half of 20th century Formation of Modern Identity in mid-20th century

2.1. To define State's participation constructing civil society and analysing issues of minorities	National Policy of Poland Towards Minorities National Policy of Baltic States Towards Minorities I part National Policy of Baltic States Towards Minorities II part Politics of Finland and Sweden Towards Minorities
2.2. To interpret political processes in the Baltic Region	Russian National Minority in the Baltic States Participation of Minorities in Political Processes in the Baltic Region

### Study (teaching and learning) methods

Discussions, presentations, work in groups, individual work, seminars.

### Methods of learning achievement assessment

Research, Midterm, Exam.

### Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)

<b>Lectures</b>	30 hours
<b>Seminars</b>	15 hours
<b>Group work</b>	15 hours
<b>Individual students work</b>	102 hours
<b>Total:</b>	162 hours

### Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Midterm – 20 %, research – 30 %, exam – 50 % of final grade.

### Recommended reference materials

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
<i>Basic materials</i>						
1.	2003	S. Spiliopoulou (eds.). International obligations and National debates: Minorities around the Baltic Sea.	The Åland Islands Peace Institute.			
2.	2004	Michael Edwards. Civil society/	Cambridge: Polity Press .	1		
3.	2005	Eric P. Kaufmann (ed.). Rethinking Ethnicity: Majority groups and dominant minorities.	Taylor & Francis e-Library.			
4.	2008	Marc Weller, Denika Blacklock and Katherine Nobbs (eds.). The Protection of Minorities in the Wider Europe.	Palgrave Macmillan.			

5.	2009	Bernd Rechel (ed.). Minority rights in Central and Eastern Europe.	Routledge.			
<b><i>Supplementary materials</i></b>						
1.	2010	V. Volkov (ed.). Russian Minorities in the Baltic States/ Ethnicity.	Daugavpils			
2.	2003	Fariman Daftary and François Grin (eds.). Nation-building, ethnicity and language politics in transition countries.	Budapest: Local Government and Public Service Initiative; Open Society Institute	1		
3.	1997.	Rogers Brubaker. Nationalism reframed: nationhood and the national question in the New Europe.	Cambridge: Cambridge University Press	1		

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