

Course title: Ethnic problems of the Czech Republic	Course No: KSG/NAROD	Semester: Winter/Summer
Course type: Independent supervised study	Hours/Week: 1	Number of credits: 4
Recommended for: Bachelor and Master level students		

Lecturer (Academics):

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Status of the course in the study program:

Compulsory in the programme of Political and cultural geography, voluntary in the programme of Geography and regional development.

Course description:

The base of ethnic questions is the topic of this course. Ethnic theory and main terms are presented in the first part. The difference between approaches to these questions in the Western and Eastern Europe is the main part of it. Second part presents history of development of ethnic structure in Czechia. Topic of third part of the course is contemporary ethnic situation in Czechia including regional identities: Moravian and Silesian. Fourth part contains Czech legal regulations with emphasis to difference between minorities and foreigners in the Czech law. The fifth part of the course describes situation of foreign immigrants in Czechia. The last part contains prognosis of the ethnic question in Czechia and compare with some other countries.

Aims and objectives of the course:

Introducing to ethnic theory and the practice of Czech Republic.

Improving of knowledge of the field of ethnic questions.

Forming of a skill to implement this knowledge in administration of ethnic questions at the national and local level.

Teaching method:

Lecture and seminar

Prerequisite:

Basic knowledge of ethnic structure of the world and chosen European countries, basic geography of central Europe.

Teaching aids & literature:

Häufner, V. (1973) *The ethnographic map of the Czech Lands, 1880-1970*. Prague: Academia
Mareš, M. – Strmiska, M. (2006) *Political participation by ethnic minorities in the Czech Republic*. In: Sirovátka, T. (2006) *The Challenge of Social Inclusion: Minorities and Marginalised Groups in Czech Society*. Brno: Barrister & Principal
Taras, R. (1998) *National Identities and Ethnic Minorities in Eastern Europe*. New York: St. Martin's Press

Vermeersch, P. (2003) *EU Enlargement and Minority Policies in Central Europe: Explaining Political Shifts in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland*. *Journal of Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe*, 2003/1

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Examination method:

presentation of seminar work, closing written test

Requirements for examination:

Presentation 50% and written test 50%

Grades according the scale:

80% and more.....A

70% - 80%.....B

60% - 70%.....C

50% - 60%.....D

Registration for examination: electronic registration