

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

**Code:** 1IESP/ZASPO/15**Course title:** Fundamentals of Social Policy**Field of study:****Guarantor:** PhDr. Veronika Kmetóny Gazdová, PhD.**Lectured by:** Institute of Educology and Social Work

Mgr. Anna Jašková, PhD.

**Semester:****Contact lessons:** Lecture, Seminar**Number  
of  
ECTS  
credits:**

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**Recommended course load (in lessons):****Weekly:** 2/1**Per course:**

26,13

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**Course assessment and completion:** Exam**Continuous assessment:**

During the semester a student works out and presents up at seminar meeting some work to the agenda, he/she delivers the work; the semester finishes by test.

**Final assessment:**

During the exam time a student passes an oral exam from the themes of the subject. Final evaluation presents an average of evaluation of seminar work, final test and oral exam as a summarisation of the whole his/her semester work. Scaling: A - 100,00 – 90,00 %, B - 89,99 – 80,00 %, C - 79,99 – 70,00 %, D - 69,99 – 60,00 %, E - 59,99 – 50,00 %, FX - 49,99 and less %.

**Course objective:**

The graduate of the subject is able:

- To define and interpret general terms in area of social policy of state and other social subjects and to understand them in a wider societal context,
- To identify differences in theoretical and practical approaches how to solve various social problems, events,
- To present how social policy works in model European countries,
- To classify basic types of social events in a context of transformation of social security into three pillars,
- To analyse and discuss about current developments in pillars of social insurance, state social support and social assistance.

**Course content:**

General characteristics and nature of social policy, general terms. Developmental stages of social policy. Object and subject of social policy. Basic principles of social policy (solidarity, subsidiarity, justice, merit, universalism, participation), functions of social policy (protective, preventative, curative, stimulation, homogenisation, redistribution...). Social state. Social policy models. Areas of social policy – welfare and poverty in social policy, employment policy, social security, health care policy, family policy, housing policy, education policy. New types of social risks (e.g. working poor, care dependency, youth unemployment). General characteristics of EU social policy, its developmental stages and dimensions. European framework of social rights. Social assurance, social insurance and social assistance in the EU. Social rights at different levels. International documents in social area. Social policy in selected EU countries. Social policy in Slovakia after 1989. Development and perspectives of social state in Slovakia. Living, social and existential minimum in Slovakia (comparison with EU countries). Pension, invalidity, accident and sickness insurance in Slovakia. Other areas of social policy: health care policy, family policy, housing policy, employment policy and education policy. Non-governmental sector.

**Textbooks and references:**

BEBLAVÝ, M., 2009. Sociálna politika. Bratislava: ADIN, s.r.o. ISBN 978-80-89244-47-8.

KREBS, V., 2007. Sociální politika. Praha: Aleko. ISBN 80-735-7276-1.

MACKOVÁ, Z., 2009. Právo sociálneho zabezpečenia. Všeobecná časť. Šamorín: Heuréka. ISBN 978-80-89122-53-0.

STANEK, V. a kol., 2008. Sociálna politika. Bratislava: Sprint dva. ISBN 978-80-89393-02-2.

TOMEŠ, I., 1996. Sociální politika - teorie a mezinárodní zkušenost. Praha: Socioklub. ISBN 80-864-8400-9.

TOMEŠ, I. et al., 2009. Sociální správa. 2. vyd. Praha: Portál. ISBN 978-80-7367-483-0.

TOMEŠ, I., 2011. Obory sociální politiky. Praha: Portál. ISBN 978-80-7367-868-5.

Stratégia Európa 2020

Národný program reforiem (a jeho akčné plány)

Programové vyhlásenie vlády SR 2012-2016

Operačný program ľudské zdroje

**Language of instruction:**

**Guarantor's signature and the date of  
course description's last modification:**  
01.09.2020