Course Information Sheet

University: *University of Prešov*

Faculty: Faculty of humanities and natural sciences

Code: 2EKO/FYGEO/22 Title of Course: Physical Geography

Form of Study: lecture, practical seminar

Number of contact hours:

per week: 1 hour of lecture/1 hour of practical seminar

per level/semester: 13/13

10 hours of lectures, 10 hours of practical seminars, 60 hours of self-study, 10 hours of learning about physical and geographical spheres in the field,

Number of credits: 3

Semester: 1st year of study, summer semester

Degree/Level: 1
Prerequisities: -

Grading Policy (Assessment/Evaluation):

The evaluation of the student's study results within the study subject will take place:

a) two continuous tests during the teaching part of the semester (40%)

(b) final exam (60%)

The criteria for successful completion of the course (percentage expression of results in the evaluation of the exam from the subject) are

for the following grades:

a) A - 100.00 - 90.00%

b) B - 89.99 - 80.00%

c) C - 79.99 - 70.00%

d) D - 69.99 - 60.00%

e) E - 59.99 - 50.00%

f) FX - 49.99 and less%

Aims and Objectives:

By completing the course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

- name and characterize individual physical-geographical spheres of the Earth,
- describe the composition of the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and the processes that take place in them,
- name and characterize geological eras, describe and map geological zones in Slovakia,
- interpret the laws of soil distribution on Earth and characterize the pedological conditions of Slovakia,
- describe the horizontal and vertical division of the biosphere.

Syllabus/Indicative Content:

- 1. Physical geography as the science definition, history, subject, physico-geographical spheres, Earth movement.
- 2. Litosphere composition, planetary composition, tectonic faults, volcanism
- 3. Litosphere georelief, processes and forms of relief.
- 4. Geological eras, geological zones in Slovakia
- 5. Pedosphere characteristics, physical and chemical soil properties, soil composition, soil formation factors, pedogenic process.
- 6. Pedosphere soil classification system, the principle of land zoning, land of Slovakia.
- 7. Biosphere characteristics, functions and status of organisms in the land biosphere horizontal division, vertical division of the biosphere.
- 8. Biosphere fytogeographical and zoogeographical division in Slovakia

- 9. Hydrosphere land surface water, origin and development of river network, measurable characteristics of watercourses, the type of drainage basins, the creation and distribution of lakes.
- 10. Hydrosphere ocean, physical and chemical properties of sea water, movements of sea water, tidal phenomena
- 11. Atmosphere composition, climatic features, atmospheric processes, air stream.
- 12. Atmosphere main climatic zones on the Earth, meteorological features of the weather, weather forecast, climatic characteristics of Slovakia.

Suggested readings:

Ettwein, V., Maslin. M. Physical geography: Fundamentals of the physical environment. 2011

Language of Instruction: english

Other course information:

Grading history

A	В	С	D	Е	FX
a	b	c	d	e	f

Uvádza sa percentuálny podiel hodnotených študentov, ktorí získali po zapísaní predmetu hodnotenie A, B, ... FX. Celkový súčet a, b, c, d, e, f je 100. Ak študent v jednom roku získal FX a po ďalšom zapísaní predmetu hodnotenie D, zohľadnia sa obe jeho hodnotenia.

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Approved by: