

<b>Course</b>	<b>Local Governance, Finance and Regulation</b>			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
	Elective	2	5	
<b>Lecturers Assistant</b>				
<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<p>The course is designed to provide an understanding of basic concepts of local governance, regulation and finance. The courses focus on local government administration, decentralization, powers, authority and regulation. A great attention in the course is also placed on local government policies in health, education, environment, youth and social welfare. The second part of the course focuses on local government finance, taxation and budgeting. Reality of governance in the different local government units shall be explored to identify and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of their inherent and limited powers. Students shall utilize political concepts and theories in the analysis of concepts and cases to be studied.</p>			
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>By the end of the course students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have extensive knowledge of political perspectives in approaching local government administration, regulation and finance,</li> <li>- Acquire knowledge and analytical skills on local government in Kosovo and other countries, understand local government dynamics in healthcare, education, environment and social welfare,</li> <li>- relate the concepts of local government to central government administration and public policy making,</li> <li>- be able to use the existing knowledge to explore further issues in local government regulation and finance including towards own independent research.</li> </ul>			
<b>Course Content</b>	<b>Weekly Plan</b>			<b>Week</b>
	Introduction and presentation of course and syllabus			1
	Organizational development in local government			2
	Local government and politics			3
	Fiscal policy			4/5
	Human resources and capacity building			6/7
	The public services of local government			
	Urban and rural development			8
	Management of natural resources			9
	Community inclusion			10
	Legislation			11
	Culture and Leadership			12
	Case studies: Prishtina, Prizren, Gjilan and Mitrovica			12/13/14/15
<b>Teaching/Learning Methods</b>	<b>Activity</b>			<b>Weight (%)</b>
	1.	Lectures		%
	2.	Seminars		
	3.	Case studies		%
	4.	Role play		
	5.	Problem-based learning		

<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<b>Evaluation activity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
	1. Attendance and activity in lectures			10%
	2. Individual and Group Presentation & Assignment			20%
	3. Midterm Exam			30%
	4. Research Project			40%
<b>Course resources and tools</b>	<b>Tools</b>			<b>Number</b>
	1. Course Literature			Multiple
	2. Moodle			Multiple
	3. Projector			1
<b>ECTS Workload and Activities</b>	<b>Type of Activity</b>		<b>Weekly Hours</b>	<b>Total Weight</b>
	1. Lectures		2	30
	2. Seminars/Presentations		1	15
	3. Research Project		2	30
	4. Homework, homework review and final essay		3	50
<b>Literature/References</b>	Charldean Newell, ed., <i>The Effective Local Government Manager</i> . (3rd ed.), Blackwell Publishing, 2009;			
	Agni Aliu dhe Esat Stavileci <i>Qeverisja Lokale 2009 Tetovë, Prishtinë</i>			
	Carl Steinberg and Susan Austin, eds., <i>Managing Local Government Services</i> , Norton, 2010			
	Peter John, <i>Local Governance in Western Europe</i> , Sage, 2011.			
	Da Cruz, N. F., and R. C. Marques (2012) <i>Mixed Companies and Local Governance: No Man Can Serve Two Masters</i> , <i>Public Administration</i> , 90 (3), 737–758.			
	Hulst, R., and A. Van Montfort (2012) <i>Institutional Features of Inter-Municipal Cooperation: Cooperative Arrangements and Their National Contexts</i> , <i>Public Policy and Administration</i> 27 (2), 121–144.			
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