

Sample Course Description

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Faculty: Faculty of Economy

Study program: Scientific master's degree in Sustainable Tourism Management

Course Title: Natural Heritage and Environment in Tourism

Course Credits: 7

Language of Instruction: Albanian/English

Course Description:

The course builds on a broad definition of nature as a cultural environment created through the interaction between man and nature. Environments are spatially connected and central perspectives on this course cover questions of the use and reuse of the environment as a resource in destination development in different fields, but with a focus on gardens and urban and rural landscapes. The course gives proficiency in using interdisciplinary perspectives on how relations between man and the environment influence sustainability, understood and achieved with a focus on current tourism and destination development. Also the course describes the protected areas and the role of the community in the management of protected areas, wastes and integrated waste management, types of environmental pollution and renewable energy and tourism.

Course Goals: The course gives an introduction to perspectives from the human sciences on the use of nature, landscape and natural heritage as a resource for destination development.

Having completed the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- Reflexively position him/herself in relation to an anthropocentric conception of nature and relate it to the use of nature, landscape and natural heritage in destination development.
- Strategically reflect on how nature and natural heritage are used as a resource in developing a destination, and how such use can both positively promote and challenge sustainability in the long term.

Course Requirements:

Attending lectures by the student is optional

Attending the seminars is mandatory at the rate of 75%.

Grading: The final grade is composed by:

Participation and activation 10%

Coursework 20%

Partial control 5%

Final exam 65%

The exam is combined (written and oral). Oral exam has 10 points. The oral exam has 55 points

Course Schedule: The course takes place in the second semester of the first year and lasts 15 weeks. 3 lectures and 2 seminars per week.