

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. GENERAL

SCHOOL	OF ENVIRONMENT GEOGRAPHY AND APPLIED ECONOMICS		
DEPARTMENT	GEOGRAPHY		
LEVEL OF COURSE	Undergraduate		
COURSE CODE		SEMESTER	
COURSE TITLE	SPECIFIC TOPICS IN GEOGRAPHY		
STRUCTURE OF TEACHING ACTIVITIES		TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK	NUMBER OF CREDITS ALLOCATED (ECTS)
Lectures and Laboratory Classes		3	5
TYPE OF COURSE	Compulsory FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS		
PREREQUISITES	-		
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	ENGLISH		
COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	Y		
(URL)			

2. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning outcomes

Describe the objectives of the course as well as the expected learning outcomes

The course aims to provide an introduction to Erasmus students that come to Harokopio University about different aspects of Greek and Athenian geography. Having completed this course the students should be able:

- To have an understanding of different geographical issues in Greece
- Able to better understand the country and the city that the Erasmus students find themselves in.
- The course paves the way and it is a process of learning about the natural and manmade environment of the country, characteristic spaces, landscapes and places, planning policies as well as causal forces and generating dynamics.

3. COURSE CONTENTS

The module is based on the idea that geography is an interdisciplinary subject that brings together natural and social sciences, multiple temporal and spatial scales of consideration, positivistic and non-positivistic epistemological traditions. In this sense, geography, more than other disciplines, offers many different lenses for viewing the world. The course is structured around a wide variety of lectures, where

each one draws on a specific geographical field, and extends over a sequence of scales from the micro to the macro level. However, the main conceptual thread that holds these lectures together is that the course apart of the geographical knowledge that it produces (and/ or re-produces), it functions also as a source of knowledge about the hosting country (Greece) to all incoming Erasmus students. In particular, the course provides the students with abundant information and data on many facets and features of the country, at the national, regional, urban, district, neighborhood levels in both mainland Greece and island areas. In this sense, apart from a solid academic module, this course is also an introduction to the Greece's physical environment, society, economics, politics, demography, urban and regional planning, mapping material, history, geological setting, atmospheric and climate systems, environmental protection and climate change policies, etc. This course should be taken by all incoming Erasmus students of our department and its successful completion should lead to the acquisition of 5 ECTS units.

4. TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

TYPE OF LECTURES	In class lectures Laboratory Lectures and Practice		
ICT USE	ICT use, Internet use and e-class		
TEACHING STRUCTURE	Activity	Hours per semester	
	Lectures	26	
	Laboratory	13	
	Weekly assignments	18	
	Project	55	
	Studying	20	
	TOTAL	132	
ASSESSMENT METHODS	Assessment Language: Greek/ English Assessment Methods The final rate of the course is computed by two parts as follows: Final written exams (70%) Weekly assignments and project (30%)		

5. RECOMMENDED READING

Kaplan R.D. (2012) *The Revenge of Geography*. Random House: New York.
 Nye J. (2011) *The Future of Power*. Public Affairs: New York.