



## Syllabus

**Term:** 2026/27/1 **Subject name:** Human Geography of Europe **Subject code:** ONFOL1-2401

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**Unit (Unit code)** Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences (FOLDRAJZ)

**Lecturer responsible for the course:** Dr. REMÉNYI Péter

**Requirement:** Exam

**Classes per week :** 2/0/2

**Classes per term:** 26/0/26

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### Purpose of education:

A versatile analysis of the regions and countries of Europe is one of the most unique tasks in geography. The aim of the course is to give a thorough understanding on what is Europe. Its evolving concept, its political context, population characteristics, economic structures, ethno-national and cultural variety etc. The lectures are problem oriented and follow an up-to-date analysis of current issues besides the investigation of the deeply embedded regional characteristics. Seminars are attached to the lectures, which focus on oral and written presentations as well as readings and tests based on the material of the lectures and other sources. The students successfully completing the course: know the basic concepts of regional geography of Europe, possess the basic professional vocabulary in the field; are able to make data collection and analysis with the background knowledge of regional human geographical processes of Europe; are open to get to know the cultures of the difference nations of Europe and possesses basic information for this. The competence areas to be developed during the seminar: The student should possess such a complex point of view which involves the physical, social, cultural and economic environment and the aspects of the local, regional and global geographical and environmental thinking.

### Contents:

Lecture: Week 1: The concept of Europe Week 2: Political Europe Week 3: People & settlement structures Week 4: Economy at a glance Week 5: Transport Week 6: Western Europe: the British Islands Week 7: France & Low Countries Week 8: Central Europe: The German-Speaking & Low Countries Week 9: Northern Europe: Scandinavia and the Baltic states Week 10: The Western Mediterranean states Week 11: The Eastern Mediterranean countries and the Balkans Week 12: Transformation countries in Central Europe Week 13: Russia and other Post-Soviet states in Eastern Europe Week 14: The European integration: historic milestones and possible futures Seminar: Week 1: Introducing to the requirements, readings and tasks Week 2: Human geography of the United Kingdom Week 3: Human geography of France Week 4: Human geography of the BENELUX states Week 5: Human geography of Northern Europe Week 6: Human geography of Germany Week 7: Human geography of the countries of the Alps Week 8: Human geography of Spain and Portugal Week 9: Human geography of Italy Week 10: Human geography of Poland Week 11: Human geography of the Czech Republic and Slovakia Week 12: Human geography of Bulgaria and Romania Week 13: Human geography of the former Yugoslav states Week 14: evaluation

### System of examining and valuation:

The lecture is closed with a written exam based on the following order: 0–49% inadequate – 1 50–59% satisfactory – 2 60–69% average – 3 75–84% good – 4 85–100% excellent – 5 The evaluation of the seminar will be determined by the cumulative mark of the presentation (50%), and the written exams (50%). Every student has to present at least once during the semester and both written exams need to be passed successfully.



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### Bibliography:

Tózsza István 2010 Regional geography and economy of the European countries Nagle, Garrett A geography European Union : A regional and economic perspective / 1996 Kocsis K. (Ed.) (2007). South Eastern Europe in Maps: 2nd, Revised and Expanded Edition. Budapest: Geographical Research Institute of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 2007. 136 p.

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