

**EC1.08**
THEORY AND PRACTICE OF AREA
STUDIES

COURSE INFO	
Title	Theory and Practice of Area Studies
Code	EC1.08
Field of study	054 Sociology
Degree level	master
Study program	Sociology (language of instruction - English)
Type	elective
Semester	3
ECTS credits	5.00
Language of instruction	English
Final control	exam
Instructor	Dr. Yulian Braichevskyi
SUMMARY	
The course is aimed at the development of knowledge about area studies as a research field and skills of area analysis. This knowledge will help to deepen the understanding of the laws of socio-economic development at the global and regional levels and expand the tools of sociological analysis of specific geographically localized social systems.	
PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE	
1. Have basic knowledge of social and economic geography of the world at the level of the secondary school curriculum 2. Proficiency in English at a level sufficient for work with professional literature and for academic communication 3. Possession of critical thinking skills	
COMPETENCES	
SC02	Ability to identify, probe, and interpret social problems of Ukrainian society and international community
SC05	Ability to discuss findings of sociological research and projects in Ukrainian and foreign languages
COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	
1.1	Know the theoretical foundations of area studies as a science
1.2	Know the specifics of the development of individual countries in different geographical macro-regions of the world.



COURSE GUIDE



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2.1	Be able to apply world-systems and civilizational methodological approaches in area studies
4.1	Be able to independently perform professional research projects in area studies

EVALUATION

10 points	Participation in class discussions	
30 points	Six practical assignments	
20 points	Two midterm tests	
40 points	Final exam (multiple-choice test and two practical assignments) Admission to exam threshold: 36 points	
Grade explication	90-100	Excellent
	75-89	Good
	60-74	Satisfactory
	0-59	Fail

COURSE STRUCTURE

CHAPTERS	WORKLOAD (in hours)		
	lectures	seminars	self-study
1. Theoretical foundations of area studies	4	4	26
2. Overview of the world's macro-regions from the area studies standpoint	4	4	30
3. Overview of selected countries from the area studies standpoint	6	22	50

READINGS

Required

- Boyle, Mark. *Human Geography: An Essential Introduction*. John Wiley & Sons, 2021.
- Entrikin, J. Nicholas, ed. *Regions: Critical essays in human geography*. Routledge, 2017.
- Kasala, Karol, and Miroslav Šifta. "The region as a concept: Traditional and constructivist view." *AUC Geographica* 52.2 (2017): 208-218.
- Haynes, Jeffrey. *From Huntington to Trump: Thirty years of the clash of civilizations*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2019.
- Shannon, Thomas R. *An introduction to the world-system perspective*. Routledge, 2018.
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8. Wilkinson, David. "Cores, peripheries, and civilizations." *Core/Periphery Relations in Precapitalist Worlds*. Routledge, 2019. 113-166.

Additional

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2. Bowman, Isaiah. *The new world: problems in political geography*. World Book Company, 1921.
3. Hartshorne, Richard. "The nature of geography: A critical survey of current thought in the light of the past." *Annals of the Association of American geographers* 29.3 (1939): 173-412.
4. Haynes, Jeffrey. "Introduction: The "clash of civilizations" and relations between the West and the Muslim world." (2019): 1-10.
5. Huntington, Samuel P. *The clash of civilizations?*. Routledge, 2014.
6. Lessmann, Christian, and Arne Steinkraus. "The geography of natural resources, ethnic inequality and civil conflicts." *European Journal of Political Economy* 59 (2019): 33-51.
7. Mitton, Todd. "The wealth of subnations: Geography, institutions, and within-country development." *Journal of Development Economics* 118 (2016): 88-111.

Other sources

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3. <https://www.electoralgeography.com/new/en/>
4. <https://www.loc.gov/collections/country-studies/index/location/>