

<b>Course unit title</b>	<b>Local Culture and Language</b>
<b>Course unit code</b>	
<b>Type of course unit</b>	Compulsory
<b>Semester</b>	1
<b>Number of ECTS credits allocated</b>	2
<b>Name of lecturer(s)</b>	Karin Grafström-Axelsson (LTU); Stanislava Kasíková (CTU); Lecturer (UC); Lecturer (UNINA); Lecturer (UPT); Lecturer (ULg); Lecturer(Associate 1); Lecturer (Associate2).
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit</b>	<p>The course is an introduction to the Host country's society and the political and social system governing the country. After completing the course, the student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- describe significant aspects of the Host country's society from a geographical, social and historical perspective.</li> <li>- carry out comparative studies between Host country's society and the conditions in the student's home countries.</li> <li>- have a basic knowledge of the Host country's speech and writing, to be able to communicate in "everyday" situations.</li> <li>- perform and present written reports within given instructions and time frames</li> </ul>
<b>Mode of delivery</b>	Lectures which introduces the Host country's society and the political system, its historical development and present organization. There will also be study visits to local sites of interest. The students will also do a project work and present that at a seminar.
<b>Prerequisites and co-requisites</b>	none

<b>Course contents</b>	<p>The course consists of three parts. The first part introduces the Host country's society and the political system, its historical development and present organization. The emphasis is on the distinguishing features of the country's system. What is characteristic for the Host country's way of living and its governance system?</p> <p>The second part consists of providing the students basic skills for communicating in the language of the Host country.</p> <p>The third part of the course consists of project work. The aim of the project is to pursue a comparative analysis of some aspect of the Host country's system and the conditions in the student's home country. What are the differences and similarities between the two countries? The work result in a written report presented and discussed at a seminar.</p>
<b>Recommended or required reading</b>	<p>Information and reports from official websites. Handouts</p>
	<p>The teaching will take the form of lectures and seminars. Study visits to local sites of interests.</p>
<b>Assessment methods and criteria</b>	<p>The course aim is examined through a report that is presented and discussed at a seminar. ECTS grading table will be used.</p>
<b>Language of instruction</b>	<p>English</p>