

Course unit code	BE 113
Course unit title	Croatian Economy

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Study program	Undergraduate study program: Business Economics	Year	3.
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Course status	X	Mandatory	Elective
Credits allocated and type of lectures			
		Winter semester	Summer semester
ECTS students workload		6	
Number of hours per semester		60 (30L + 30E)	

Course objectives, teaching and learning methods and learning outcomes

This course provides an overview of the Croatian economy. The aims of the course are to enable students to understand the characteristics and dynamics of the Croatian economy and to analyze its development path and the challenges of its future sustainable development.

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Teaching and learning methods:

Different methods (workshops, essays, critical review, discussions, written exam) will be adopted for each student. Students will be stimulated to active learning, critical thinking and active participation in the teaching process.

Learning outcomes:

Students will be enabled to analyse the processes of growth and development of Croatian economy (factual knowledge), to understand theoretical models of national economy development and their implementation in the Croatian economy (theoretical knowledge), to implement the acquired methods in order to resolve different development problems, test them and suggest final solutions (cognition skills), to estimate, accept or reject different solutions in team work (social skills), research the stated topic independently (independence) and take responsibility for their own contribution to resolving problems.

Requirements, correspondence and correlativity

- The course is in tune and comparable to all similar courses taught at various universities: "National Economy", Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, Finland
- "National Economy", Faculty of Economics, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland
- "Spanish Economy", Faculty of Economics and Entrepreneurship, University of Barcelona, Spain
- "Slovenian Economy", Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- "Introduction to the Scandinavian Economy", Aalborg University, Denmark
- "National Economics of Ireland", University College Dublin, Department of Economics, Ireland

Course content (list of topics)

Long-term features of Croatian economy. Factors of economic development (demographic changes, natural resources, production capital, technology, entrepreneurship). Institutional changes from social to market economy (the transition and post-transition period). Economic policy in Croatia. FDI role in

Croatian economy. Competitiveness of Croatian economy compared to other EU countries. Regional policy, regional development and regional competitiveness. Analysis of selected Croatian economic activities: agriculture, manufacturing industry, tourism, etc. Long-term trends in external trade. Economic aspects of the EU membership.

Modes of instruction and acquiring knowledge (mark in bold)

Lectures	Seminars and workshops	Exercises	Individual tasks	Multimedia and internet
Distance learning	Counseling	Laboratory	Tutorial	Fieldwork

Student requirements

- Class attendance
- Preparation for discussion on seminars
- Write an essay
- Written exam

Assessment and evaluation of students (mark in bold)

Attendance	Class participation	Seminar paper	Experimental work
Written exam	Oral exam	Essay	Research
Project	Continuous assessment	Report	Practical work

Assessment breakdown within the *European credit transfer system*

REQUIREMENTS	HOURS (estimation)	LEARNING OUTCOMES	SHARE IN ECTS	SHARE IN GRADE
Activity in class	60	1 – 6	1	17%
Seminar (presentation)	20	1 – 6	2	33%
Essay	20	1 – 6	1	17%
Written exam	30	1-3, 5-6	2	33%

Bibliography

Mandatory bibliography

Družić, I. (2005): A Journey through Transition Time: with special reference to Croatia, Politička kultura, Zagreb.

Lectures - presentations

Selected peer-reviewed papers

Additional bibliography

Selected journals (e.g. Economic Research, Croatian Economic Survey) and statistical publications from different national and international institutions (etc. Croatian Chamber of Economy, Croatian National Bank, Croatian Bureau of Statistics, Eurostat, World Bank, IMF, OECD publications, etc.)

Additional information on the course