

UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS - VARNA
FACULTY OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING
DEPARTMENT „GENERAL ECONOMIC THEORY“

ACCEPTED BY:

Rector:

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SYLLABUS

SUBJECT: “COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC SYSTEMS”;

DEGREE PROGRAMME: „ Accounting”; BACHELOR’S DEGREE

YEAR OF STUDY: 3; SEMESTER: 5;

TOTAL STUDENT WORKLOAD: 180 h.; incl. curricular 60 h.

CREDITS: 6

DISTRIBUTION OF WORKLOAD ACCORDING TO THE CURRICULUM

<i>TYPE OF STUDY HOURSE</i>	WORKLOAD, h.	TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK, h
CURRICULAR:		
incl.		
• LECTURES	30	2
• SEMINARS (lab. exercises)	30	2
EXTRACURRICULAR	120	-

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I. ANNOTATION

The course belongs to the interdisciplinary type of courses, lectured to the students in their third or fourth year of studies. Its contents includes two main parts – theoretical and a practical one, which are both strongly interrelated and interdependent.

The theoretical part focuses on the socioeconomic method on the bases of which are analysed issues like the key concept – market economic system (definition, structure and elements), the chosen criteria, according to which the classification of economic systems is possible, the difference between market models on chosen five economic and four noneconomic factors.

The practical part of the course is devoted to the examination of 6 varieties of well developed market models and the emerging Bulgarian model. On the basis of statistical data for the last 50 years of economic development some important conclusions are made in relation to the strong and weak sides of national market models varieties and their international competitiveness.

The course is easy to comprehend and to follow if the main logic is understood as it is the same and it follows the two parts of the discipline. It gives a broad and inner comprehension of the contemporary market variety in the world and it helps a lot to explain the different nation's behavior or a national and a regional level.

II. THEMATIC CONTENT

No.	TITLE OF UNIT AND SUBTOPICS	NUMBER OF HOURS		
		L	S	L.E.
1.	Theoretical basis of understanding the comparative studies in the contemporary world.	6	6	
1.1.	Definition and classification of the economic market systems.			
1.2.	Economic criteria and their influence on market development.			
1.3.	Noneconomic criteria and their influence on market development.			
1.4.	Scientific approach and instrumentarium of comparative analysis			
1.5.	Factors and their importance to national production function.			
1.6.	Property rights – private and state sector in the economy.			
1.7.	Market and non market regulation of the economic processes.			
2.	Anglo-saxon market model	6	6	
2.1.	American market model and its economic and noneconomic analysis			
2.2.	British market model and its peculiarities.			
2.3.	USA and Great Britain in the global indexes ranking			
2.4.	Noneconomic features of anglo-saxon market behavior			
3.	Regulated market model and its main varieties	10	10	
3.1.	French Indicative market model as an example of the Latin market development			
3.2.	German market model - Social market economy and social security			
3.3.	Swedish (Scandinavian) model of welfare state			
3.4.	European market model – regional characteristics			
3.5.	Asian Market Development – regional characteristics			
3.6.	Japan market development and its leading role in the “Flying Geese Paradigm”			
3.7.	Chinese market model and its potential			
3.8.	Latin-american market model			

	BRIC model			
4.	East European Market model and its varieties	4	4	
4.1.	Main characteristics and regional peculiarities			
4.2.	Different varieties and approaches to world success			
5.	Bulgarian Market Development	4	4	
5.1.	Historical Inheritance and social and cultural traditions			
5.2.	Economic analysis of the Bulgarian economy during the last 25 years			
	Total:	30	30	

III. FORMS OF CONTROL:

No. by row	TYPE AND FORM OF CONTROL	№	extra-curricular, h.
1.	Midterm control		
1.1.	Course Work	1	40
1.2.	Midterm electronic test	1	20
Total midterm control:		2	60
2.	Final term control		
2.1.	Written examination – three types of questions	1	60
Total final term control:		1	60
Total for all types of control:		3	120

IV. LITERATURE

REQUIRED (BASIC) LITERATURE:

1. Якимова, Ивона, Пазарен универсализъм и пазарно разнообразие, Варна, Изд. СТЕНО, 2007

RECOMMENDED (ADDITIONAL) LITERATURE:

1. Gregory, Paul, R., Stuart, Robert, C., Comparative Economic Systems, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2011
2. Kennet, David, A New View of Comparative Economic Systems, Harcourt College Publishers, 2012
3. Porter, Michael, The Comparative Advantages of Nations, Macmillan, 1998.