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Basic Information:

Course Title: **Trade and Exchange Routes in Thrace and the White Sea VII-XIII c.**

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Total Teaching Hours: 30 academic hours

Annotation

The course Routes of trade and exchange in Thrace and the White Sea in the 7th-13th centuries examines the main trade and exchange routes in present-day Southern Bulgaria and the White Sea from the kr. on VII to the beginning in the 13th century as a means of integrating the Bulgarian lands into the Mediterranean world. Through an innovative approach based on the latest achievements of complex disciplines such as the history of communications and road arteries, urban history, economic history, the key areas of contact, trade and exchange between Bulgarians, Roma and Latins during the Middle Ages are explored.

Chronologically, the course is aimed at the first stage of the integration of medieval Bulgaria into the civilization of the Mediterranean world, including and the inclusion of the Bulgarian lands in the Mediterranean trade and communications. This stage coincides with the process of restoring the main land and water routes of medium and long-distance travel and trade, not only in the Mediterranean, but also in the territories that make up its periphery. In this way, already with the foundation of the Bulgarian state and thanks to its subsequent territorial expansion, the Bulgarian lands began to participate in the revival of trade exchange and travel in the so-called Greater Mediterranean, after many of the lines of communication had been broken in the previous period, during the migration periods (early 4th - mid 7th c.).

Course content

Topic / Module 1: Political History of Balkans

Topic / Module 2: Society and everyday life in Middle Ages

Topic / Module 3: Medieval Trade and Economy



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Teaching and assessment methods

Independent project and interview

Competencies acquired as a result of training

Basic historical knowledge

Understanding of medieval society and power models

Overview of medieval culture and daily life

Literature:

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