



## Syllabus

**Term:** 2026/27/1 **Subject name:** Introduction to Geography **Subject code:** ONFOL1-2501

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**Unit (Unit code)** Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences (FOLDRAJZ)

**Lecturer responsible for the course:** Dr. MÁTÉ Éva

**Requirement:** Exam

**Classes per week :** 2/1/0

**Classes per term:**

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### Purpose of education:

The aim of this course is to prepare first grade students for their university studies in geography. For this reason, during the course they learn the basic definitions, proper nomenclature and important topographical phrases of geography, ensuring their successful progress during their studies. At the end of the semester, students are able to understand the university level geography theories, compare and evaluate the basics of physical and human geography. They are also aware of the most important geographical knowledge based on cartography and maps. The course has two components: the lectures and the seminars. With the lectures, students learn basic geographical theories, at seminars they practice and implement their basic knowledge.

### Contents:

Lecture programme: Week 1 Introducing the course, tasks and evaluation of the course. Semester structure  
Week 2 What is geography? Place, importance and task within sciences  
Week 3 Physical geography: the origins of Earth, material structure and geospheres  
Week 4 Dynamics underneath the surface: endogen powers and their effect on Earth surface  
Week 5 Structure of the atmosphere, components and materials, climate and weather  
Week 6 Hydrogeography: water on the Earth  
Week 7 Basics of geomorphology: exogenous powers and their effects on surface  
Week 8 Evolution of Earth: the historical development of geo-, atmo- and biospheres  
Week 9 Main concepts and basic definitions in human geography  
Week 10 Population geography: global processes of population dynamics  
Week 11 Urban geography: types of settlements and the concept of urbanisation  
Week 12 Economic geography and globalization  
Week 13 Global issues and sustainable development, the importance of green solutions in human spheres  
Seminar programme: Week 1 Introducing the role of the seminars and the evaluation.  
Week 2 Written test about definitions – Structure of Earth and the geospheres  
Week 3 Evaluation of tests, practicing  
Week 4 Written test about definitions – Atmosphere, climate and weather  
Week 5 Evaluation of tests, practicing  
Week 6 Written test about definitions – Geomorphological processes  
Week 7 Evaluation of tests, practicing  
Week 8 Written test about definitions – Summarizing test of physical geography  
Week 9 Evaluation of tests, practicing, defining tasks in the second part of semester  
Week 10 Written test – Human geography and population geography, topographical phrases – Global sense  
Week 11 Evaluation of tests, practicing  
Week 12 Written test – Urban geography and economic geography, topographical phrases – Global cities  
Week 13 Evaluation of tests, evaluating the semester

### System of examing and valuation:

Evaluation is based on the individual performance in the seminar and in the final exam. The students have to pass successfully all written tests during the semester, which is a precondition for the final, oral exam. All the tests should reach at least 50% According to the average rate of written tests and a successful oral presentation at the end of the semester students reach their grades.



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