



## Syllabus

**Term:** 2026/27/1

**Subject name:** History and Schools of the Geographical Science

**Subject code:** MNGEOA15

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

**Lecturer responsible for the course:** Dr. PAP Norbert

**Requirement:** Exam

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

**Classes per term:** 8/0/0

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### Purpose of education:

Objectives:

1. To provide an understanding of the development of the geographical principles.
2. To provide a qualitative discussion of historical processes.

Knowledge:

On successful completion of this course students are expected to be familiar with the changing approach to space and environment through history.

### Contents:

1. Geography as a concept. The geographical thought.
2. Geography in the ancient period (Plato, Aristotle, Strabon).
3. Geographical discoveries. The great travellers.
4. The classical period of geography (the I. part of 19th century).
5. The branches of geography (second part of 19th century).
6. The formation of Human geography.
7. The formation of Physical geography.
8. Midterm exam.
9. The roots of the Hungarian geography
10. The institutionalisation of Hungarian geography (Hunfalvy, Lóczy, Czirbusz)
11. The Hungarian geography between the two world wars.
12. Works of Teleki, Cholnoky, Mendöl, Fodor, Bulla, Rónai.
13. Schools and trends in the modern Hungarian geography.



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### System of examining and valuation:

Week 8 Midterm exam

Homework exercises

Evaluation is based on homework points, one midterm exam on week 8 and one final written exam at the end of the semester. Exams: theory. Grading percentages may vary according to the position of the Gauss curve, but the approximate ranges are the followings:

just less than 50% = 1

50 to 65% = 2

65 to 75% = 3

75 to 85% = 4

85+% = 5

Attendance at all activities will be monitored. Students who fail to attend the activities, or to complete the summative or formative assessment specified above, will not gain the credit for the course.

### Bibliography:

1. Holt-Jensen, A. 1999: Geography. History and Concepts. – SAGE Publications, London – Thousand Oaks – New Delhi.
2. Hajdú, Zoltán - Dövényi, Zoltán (2000): Evolution of human geographical thought in Hungary in the 20th century. In: Zoltán Kovács (ed.) *Hungary Towards the 21st Century - the Human Geography of Transition*. Budapest: Geographical Research Institute HAS, pp. 29-48. (Studies in Geography in Hungary, 31.).

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