

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course code	Volume in ECTS credits	Institution	Faculty	Department
MIS8024	7	VMU	Forest sciences and ecology	Institute of forest management and wood science

Course title in Lithuanian

Tarptautinė miškų politika

Course title in English

International Forest Policy

Study methods	Volume in ECTS credits
Lectures	2
Consultations	1
Seminars	-
Individual work	4

Short course annotation in Lithuanian (up to 500 characters)

Kursas skirtas ugdyti miškų politikos, kaip sistemos, suvokimą, pagilinti žinias apie nacionalines, regionines bei globalias prielaidas bei ypatumus, turinčius įtakos miškų politikos formavimui, pagrindines nacionalines bei tarptautines institucijas, organizacijas ir susitarimus bei jų vaidmenį miško politikos formavime bei įgyvendinime.

Short course annotation in English (up to 500 characters)

The course is designed to improve understanding of forest policy as a system, provide knowledge about national, regional and global assumptions and peculiarities influencing formation of forest policy, the main national and international institutions, organisations and agreements as well as their role in formation and implementation of forest policy.

Relevance of the course

As the ecological, social and economic role of forests in Lithuania, Europe and the world grows, it is necessary to understand the context of forest policy environment and the essence of forest policy formulation and implementation, to be able to formulate forest policy models and tasks, to analyze factors affecting forest policy.

Course aims

To provide knowledge about the use and improvement of forests to meet societal needs in the world and in the European Union.

Content (topics) and methods

1. Concept of forest policy as system, subject, specificity, directions, process of formulation.
2. Characteristics of EU forest policy.
3. Characteristics of European forests, forest concept in international forest statistics, European forests in a global context.
4. The political context of European forestry and the characteristic changes in forest policy.
5. Forms of forest ownership, their advantages and disadvantages.
6. Problems of small-scale private forestry and measures to solve them.
7. International forest policy agreements.
8. Ministerial Conference on Forest Protection in Europe (MCPFE).
9. Public participation in forest policy decisions.
10. Concept, criteria and indicators of sustainable forestry.
11. National forestry programs.
12. Forest certification.

13. EU forestry strategy.
14. Forest legal acts, administration, financing and taxation models.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Individual assignment - 30%; final exam - 70 %

Compulsory reference materials

No.	Authors of publication, title, publishing house, year of publication.
1.	The European Forest Sector Outlook Study II. 2010-2030. UNECE, FAO, Geneva, 2011. F. Schmithuesen, F. Hirsch. Private Forest Ownership in Europe. Geneva Timber and Forest Study Paper. ECE/TIM/SP/26. Geneva, 2010.
2.	European Forest Sector Outlook Study: 1960-2000-2020 Main Report. Geneva Timber and Forest Study Paper 20. -UNECE, Geneva, 2005. 235 p.
3.	The EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011. EC, 2006.
4.	People, Forests and Sustainability. Social Elements of Sustainable Forest Management in Europe. ILO, Geneva, 1997
5.	Public Participation in Forestry in Europe and North America. ILO. WP.163. Geneva, 2000. MCPFE. Vienna Declaration and Vienna Resolutions. Vienna, 2003.
6.	I. Tikkanen, B. Pajari. Future Forest Policies in Europe – Balancing Economic and Ecological Demands. EFI Proceedings No. 22. Joensuu, 1998.
7.	Krott M. Forest Policy Analysis. - 2010. 323 p.

Supplementary reference materials

No.	Authors of publication, title, publishing house, year of publication.
1.	P.V. Ellefson. Forest Resources Policy. Process, Participants and Programs. NY, 1992.
2.	European Forest Sector Outlook Study: 1960-2000-2020 Main Report. Geneva Timber and Forest Study Paper 20. -UNECE, Geneva, 2005.
3.	Thoro C., Peck T., Corredor H.G. and Schmithüsen F. The Policy Context of the European Forest Sector. Geneva Timber and Forest Discussion Paper 34. -UNECE, Geneva, 2006.
4.	Sustainable Forestry and the European Union: Initiatives of the European Commission. - Luxembourg, 2003.
5.	Forestry and our cultural heritage. Proceedings of the seminar, 13-15 June, 2005, Sunne, Sweden. Warsaw, 2006.

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