Annex No. 3		First Cycle Studies Course Programme			
1.	Course Title	**Economics of the Welfare State**			
2.	Code	ECN 230			
3.	Study programme	Economics			
4.	Organizer of the study programme (university unit i.e. institute, chair, department)	Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje Faculty of Economics - Skopje Chair of Economics			
5.	Level (first, second, third cycle)	First cycle			
6.	Academic year / semester	Second year / Fourth (summer) semester	7.	Number of ECTS credits	7.5
8.	Professor	Prof. Biljana Tashevska, PhD			
9.	Preconditions for enrolment	None			
10.	**Course Objectives (Competencies):** The aim of the course is to falmiliarise students with the concept of the welfare state and its role in providing and enhancing the wellbeing of citizens. The course provides an economic perspective on the need, design, and effects of government welfare programs (on income, well-being and individual behaviour, and on public finance). After taking this course, students should be able to: 1. Define and explain wellbeing/welfare and the welfare state; 2. Analyse and discuss the basic principles of measuring wellbeing, inequality poverty, and social exclusion; 3. Use economics arguments for government intervention in different segments of the welfare state; 4. Understand the basic options for welfare financing; 5. Recognise different welfare state regimes; 6. Understand the effects of social/welfare programmes on individual behavior and well-being and their social consequences; 7. Understand the problems and challenges faced by modern welfare states (population ageing, migration, globalization, the issue of sustainability) and discuss solutions to them; 8. Apply their knowledge to analyse real-life problems and welfare state programs in our country and abroad; 9. Understand the concept of social entrepreneurship and use their knowledge for creative solutions of real problems.				
11.	Course content: 1. Definition of the welfare state, its goal and function; 2. Arguments for government intervention (efficiency vs. equity, social justice); 3. Problems of defining and measuring well-being, poverty, inequality and social exclusion; 4. Financing the welfare state; 5. Welfare state policies (social insurance, income inequality, poverty, unemployment, pensions, health care etc.); 6. Development and role of social entrepreneurship; 7. Size and scope of modern welfare states; 8. Welfare state regimes; 9. Welfare policies and measures in the Republic of North Macedonia; 10. Trends and challenges for modern welfare state that arise from globalisation, digitalisation, demographic trends: the question of sustainability.				
12.	Learning methods: Lectures with presentations, video materials, interactive lectures, teamwork, guest lecturer, case studies, project assignments				
13.	Total hours		7.5 ECTS x 30 classes = 225 classes		

14.	Allocation of hours per activity	60+30+30+15+90= 225 classes		
15.	Types of teaching activates	15.1.	Lectures	60 classes
		15.2.	Exercises (Seminars)	30 classes
16.	Other types of activities	16.1.	Seminar paper / Project / Presentation	30 classes
		16.2.	Independent assignments	15 classes
		16.3	Home studying	90 classes
17.			Grading method: 80+10+10=100 points	
	17.1.	Tests (Domain, Essay, Multiple choice exam, Case)		80%
	17.2.	Individual work / project (presentation)		10 %
	17.3.	Attendance and class participations		10 %
18.	Grading scale		less than 50 points	5 (five) (F)
			from 51 to 60 points	6 (six) (E)
			from 61 to 70 points	7 (seven) (D)
			from 71 to 80 points	8 (eight) (C)
			from 81 to 90 points	9 (nine) (B)
			from 91 to 100 points	10 (ten) (A)
19.	Preconditions for taking the final exam		Realized activities from points 15 and 16	
20.	Language		Macedonian (or English)	
21.	Evaluation method		Internal evaluation and survey	

22.	Literature					
		Compulsory literature				
		No.	Author	Title	Publisher	Year
	22.1.	1.	Barr, N.	*Economics of the welfare state*	Oxford University Press	2020
		2.	Le Grand, J., Propper, C. and S. Smith	*The Economics of Social Problems*	Oxford University Press	2008
		3.	Разин, А., Садка, Е. и Нам, Ч.В.	*Пропаѓањето на социјалната држава – Демографија и Глобализација* (превод)	Ars Lamina	2010
		Additional literature				
		No.	Author	Title	Publisher	Year
	22.2.	1.	Béland, D., Morgan, K.J., Obinger H., Pierson C (eds.)	*The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State*, Second edition	Oxford University Press	2021

		2.	Христов, Р.	*Политика на социјалниот развој*	Економски факултет – Скопје	2004
		3.	Stiglitz, J.E. and Rosengard, J.K.	*Economics of the public sector,* 4th ed., international student edition	W.W. Norton	2015