

<b>Annex No. 3</b>		<b>Second Cycle Studies Course Programme</b>			
1.	Course Title	<b>Welfare Economics and Social Policies</b>			
2.	Code	EDIF 570			
3.	Study programme	Economic Development and International Finance			
4.	Organizer of the study programme (university unit i.e. institute, chair, department)	Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje Faculty of Economics - Skopje			
5.	Level (first, second, third cycle)	Second cycle			
6.	Academic year / semester	First year / Second (spring) semester	7.	Number of ECTS credits	6
8.	Professor	Prof. Biljana Tashevaska, PhD			
9.	Preconditions for enrolment	Completed first cycle studies with at least 240 ECTS credits			
10.	<p><b>Course Objectives (Competencies):</b> The course <i>Welfare economics and social policies</i> is intended to provide students with knowledge of the basic principles of welfare economics and their implementation in designing welfare policies and more precisely in financing and conducting social/welfare programmes in health, education, social protection etc. A key element is the welfare state and its role. Applied policies are analyzed through the lens of efficiency and equity, in order to understand the effects of government interventions on individual behaviour and on society. After taking this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use economic arguments for the government intervention on the market and for providing various social programmes;</li> <li>2. Analyse the basic principles of measuring well-being, inequality, poverty;</li> <li>3. Describe the role, scope and challenges of modern welfare states;</li> <li>4. Estimate and compare different ways of financing welfare;</li> <li>5. Differentiate, evaluate and compare different models of the welfare state;</li> <li>6. Assess social policies and programmes and their implication on the individual behaviour and on society;</li> <li>7. Implement their knowledge on real social and societal problems in the country and to formulate adequate recommendations.</li> </ol>				
11.	<p>Course content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welfare economics – theoretical overview and historical development;</li> <li>2. Definition and measurement of well-being, inequality and poverty;</li> <li>3. Arguments for government intervention (efficiency vs equality, market failure, social justice);</li> <li>4. Social choice and public choice;</li> <li>5. Definition and development of the welfare state;</li> <li>6. Social policies in selected areas: health, education, unemployment, pensions, social protection etc.;</li> <li>7. Financing social policies;</li> <li>8. Welfare state regimes;</li> <li>9. Effects of social policies on individual behaviour and on society;</li> <li>10. Contemporary challenges for social policies from ageing society and globalisation and their role in time of crisis.</li> </ol>				
12.	Learning methods: interactive lectures, quizzes, projects, films, supported with LCS and PowerPoint.				
13.	Total hours	6 ECTS x 25 classes = 150 classes			

14.	Allocation of hours per activity	40+10+25+30+45=150 classes				
15.	Types of teaching activates	15.1.	Lectures	40 classes		
		15.2.	Exercises (Seminars)	10 classes		
16.	Other types of activities	16.1.	Project assignments	25 classes		
		16.2.	Individual assignments	30 classes		
		16.3	Home study	45 classes		
17.	Grading method: 60+30+10=100 points					
	17.1.	Tests (Domain, Essay, Multiple choice exam, Case)	60%			
	17.2.	Individual assignment / project (presentation)	30%			
	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					
	22.1.	Compulsory literature				
		No.	Author	Title	Publisher	Year
		1.	Barr, N.	<i>Economics of the welfare state, 5<sup>th</sup> edition</i>	Oxford University Press	2012
		2.	Le Grand, J., Propper, C. and S. Smith	<i>The economics of social problems, 4th edition</i>	Palgrave Macmillan	2008
		3.	Луис Каплов	<i>Теорија за оданочувување и јавна економија (Macedonian translation of Louis Kaplow: The Theory of Taxation and Public Economics)</i>	Арс Ламина	2011
	4.	Castles, F.G, Leibfried,S., Lewis, J., Obinger, H. and Pierson, C. (ed.)	<i>The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State</i>	Oxford University Press	2010	
	22.2.	Additional literature				
		No.	Author	Title	Publisher	Year

		1.	McCain, R.	<i>Welfare economics – An interpretive history</i>	Routledge	2019
		2.	Garland, D.	<i>The Welfare State: A Very Short Introduction</i>	Oxford University Press	2016
		3.		Selected articles and case studies		