

Study Programme: 21SF - Serbian Language and Literature
Course Unit Title: Early Christianity in the Balkans
Course Unit Code: 21SF096
Name of Lecturer(s): Associate Professor Aleksandra Smirnov-Brkić, PhD
Type and Level of Studies: Bachelor Academic Degree
Course Status (compulsory/elective): Elective
Semester (winter/summer): Winter
Language of instruction: English or Serbian
Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face
Number of ECTS Allocated: 3
Prerequisites: None
Course Aims: To provide insight into the earliest history of Christianity in the Balkans of the pre-Slavic period; the development of the cults of Christian martyrs and the Christian literary tradition that would have influence on the church history of later periods.
Learning Outcomes: The student is able to name sources and literature relevant to the course content; elaborates on key events and figures in the early Christian history of the Balkans; recognizes the ways of dissemination of the early Christian cult and literary tradition and notes its heritological significance.
Syllabus: <i>Theory</i> Sources and literature on early Christianity in the Balkans. Directions and modes Christianisation in the Balkans in the pre-Slavic era. The development of martyr cults in the area of Roman Illyricum and the creation of a Christian literary tradition. Key figures and events in the early Christian history of the Balkans. Dissemination of the early Christian tradition of the Balkans in later Christian culture. <i>Practice</i> Reading and analysis of selected sources and literature.
Required Reading: 1. Зелер, Ж. 2005. <i>Почеци хришћанства на Балкану</i> . Подгорица. 2. Tamas, H. 2022. <i>Hagiography, the Cult of Martyrs, and the Formation of Christian Identity in Late Antique Pannonia</i> . Cluj-Napoca: Presa Universitară Clujeană. 3. Детелић, М. (ур.). 2001. <i>Култ светих на Балкану</i> . Крагујевац. 4. Познановић, Д. (ур.) 2004. <i>Sirmium и на небу и на земљи (1700 година од страдања хришћанских мученика)</i> . Сремска Митровица. 5. Смирнов-Бркић, А. 2011. <i>In hoc signo vinces. Милански едикт и победа хришћанства</i> . Београд: Завод за уџбенике и наставна средства. 6. Popović, I. 2011. Pagan Cults and Christianity in Sirmium from the 3rd to the Middle of the 5th Century in <i>Religion in Public and Private Sphere. Acta of the 4th International Colloquium "The Autonomous Towns of Noricum and Pannonia"</i> / Ed. by Irena Lazar. Koper. Pp. 235–249. 7. Tóth, P. 2010. Sirmian Martyrs in Exile. Pannonian case-studies and a Re-evaluation of the St.

Weekly Contact Hours: **Lectures: 2** **Practical work: 1**

Teaching Methods: Dialogue, frontal lectures with descriptive tools (audio-visual teaching tools); individual and team work; student presentations on selected topics relevant for the course

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class participation	20	written exam	-
Practical work	10	oral exam	60
Preliminary exam(s)	-	
Seminar(s)	10		

The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam, project presentation, seminars, etc.