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Detailed Course Syllabus

Academic year:

2025/2026

Semester:

Winter semester

Study programme:

Psihologija (R) (elective)

Year of study:

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I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

Name: Psychology of Human-Animal Bond

Abbreviation: IZBD240

ECTS: 4

Code: 249422

Prerequisites: No

Total Course Workload

Teaching Mode

Total Hours

Lecture

30

Seminar

15

Class Time and Place: HKS - according to the published schedule

II. TEACHING STAFF

Course Holder

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III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

Teaching Language: English

Course Description

Textbooks and Materials

Required

Supplementary

Examination and Grading

To Be Passed DA

Exclusively Continuous Assessment NE

Included in Average Grade DA

**Prerequisites to Obtain
Signature and Take Final
Exam**

Examination Manner

Grading Manner

Detailed Overview of Grading within ECTS

IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

[Predavanja]

#	Topic
1	History of Human Animal Bond
2	Psychology Behind Keeping Pets
3	Human attachment to a pet, human-animal bond, Anthropomorphism of a pet
4	Psychological and Physical Well-being of pet owners
5	Value of pets through human lifespan (childhood, adolescence, adulthood and parenthood, old/er age)
6	Importance of a pet in personal and global crises
7	Providing psychological training and support for professionals (e.g. pet trainers, veterinarians, police officers)
8	Animal welfare: pet abuse, neglect, the ethics of human relationships with (companion) animals
9	Animal cognition
10	Animal Emotions

[Seminari]

#	Topic
1	Acquiring a pet (making decision, choosing a pet, adapting to a life with a pet)
2	Aging, illness and death of a pet (dealing with pet's illness and pet's death)
3	Work and therapeutic animals (care for an animal and her owner)
4	Training a pet, disorders in pet's behavior, prevention, recognition and dealing with abnormal pet behavior
5	Communication with pet's owners (aimed to psychologists, veterinarians)