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# Detailed Course Syllabus

**Academic year:**

2025/2026

**Semester:**

Winter semester

**Study Program:**

Psihologija (R) (elective)

Povijest (R) (elective)

Sestrinstvo (R) (elective)

Sestrinstvo (I) (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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**Office Hours:** According to the published schedule

*Course Assistant*

## III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

**Teaching Language:** Hrvatski

**Course Description**

*Textbooks and Materials*

**Required**

**Supplementary**

<i>Examination and Grading</i>		
<b>To Be Passed DA</b>	<b>Exclusively Continuous Assessment NE</b>	<b>Included in Average Grade DA</b>
<b>Prerequisites to Obtain Signature and Take Final Exam</b>		
<b>Examination Manner</b>		
<b>Grading Manner</b>		
<b>Detailed Overview of Grading within ECTS</b>		
<b>Midterm exam dates:</b>		
<b>Exam period dates:</b>		
<b>IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE</b>		
<i>[Predavanja]</i>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
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	
<i>[Seminari]</i>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
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)	