

Detailed Course Syllabus

Academic year: 2025/2026	Semester: Summer semester	
Study programme: Povijest (R) (elective)	Year of study: 1	

I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

Name: The Alka of Sinj				
Abbreviation: IZBP255				
Status: Compulsory	ECTS: 5	Code: 278810		
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				
Name and Surname: Žižić Jakov				
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Office Hours: According to the published schedule				
Course Assistant				

III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

Teaching Language: English

Course Description	The Alka of Sinj is a unique chivalric game that was founded in 1715 and has been performed regularly since the beginning of the 19th century. It originated from the miraculous and heroic defense of Sinj from the Ottoman invaders in 1715. The Alka is primarly tradition of the local population, and it is supposed to be held only in Sinj and with participants only from the Sinj region. The local population embraced Alka as a medium for preserving memory of the heroism and faith of their ancestors. Alka has transcended the boundaries of local festivity and become culturally and politically relevant manifestation at the national level. This course will acquaint students with the historical context of the foundation of Alka and its rules, participants and symbolics. It will explain the ties of Alka and Miraculous Lady of Sinj, cultural influences that shaped Alka and its role in legitimizing different polities.		
Educational Outcomes	 Master basic historiographical origins of the Alka of Sinj. Recognize fundamental processes that contributed to the existence of the Alka of Sinj. Distinguish processes of the cultural influences that shaped the Alka of Sinj. Write a clear and structured paper. Use modern information and communication technologies to evaluate proposals for innovations in Alka structure and Alka management. 		
Textbooks and Materials			
Required	Bobot, R. (ed.) (1987) <i>The Alka Tournament of Sinj</i> . Belgrade: Jugoslovenska revija. Žižić, J. (2023) <i>The Alka of Sinj</i> . Sinj: Viteško alkarsko društvo i Turistička zajednica Grada Sinja		
Supplementary	 Erözden, M. O. (2013) "The practical limits of inventing traditions: the failed reinvention of the Sinjska Alka", <i>Nations and Nationalism</i>, 19(3), 475-492. Vlašić, A., Kovač, J. (2015) Elements of Ottoman legacy in the Alka of Sinj (Croatia). In: Temizer, A., Özcan, U. (eds.) <i>Balkanlar'da Osmanlı Mirası Ve Defter-i Hâkânî</i> (507-528). Istanbul: Libra. Schauble, M. (2019) "Living history? Reenacting the past and promoting "tradition" in the Dalmatian hinterland", <i>Nationalities Papers</i>, 47(2), 198–216. 		
Examination and Grading			
To Be Passed DA	Exclusively Continuous Assessment NE	Included in Average Grade DA	
Prerequisites to Obtain Signature and Take Final Exam	 Regular attendance at classes – attendance of at least 7(Fully completed seminar obligations - prepared and su independent work. Obtaining a minimum success rate of 35 % during class cumulatively.) % of classes according to the study program. bmitted presentation, active participation, and ses within the assigned teaching activities - achieved	

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Examination Manner	Grade Scale: insufficient (1) – 0 to 49.9% sufficient (2) – 50–64.9% good (3) – 65–79.9% very good (4) – 80–89.9% excellent (5) – 90% and above. a) Teaching activities: a) Seminar obligations – 30 % of the grade b) Midterm exam 1 – 20 % of the grade c) Midterm exam 2 – 20 % of the grade b) Final exam: a) Final exam: a) Final exam – 30 % of the grade (to pass, it is necessary to solve at least 50% of the exam) Oral exam – 30 %		
Grading Manner	1. Teaching activities (continuous knowledge assessment, midterm exams, seminar). 2. Final exam (oral).		
Detailed Overview of Gr	ading within ECTS		
Class Attendance	1,2 0		
Seminar Presentation	0,57 15		
Seminar Paper	0,57 15		
Colloquium-intermedia	te examination 0,76 20		
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Total in Class	3,86 70		
Final Exam	1,14 30		
TOTAL ECTS			
(Classes + Final Exam)	5 100		
Midterm exam dates:			
Exam period dates:			
IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE			