Detailed Course Syllabus

Academic year: 2026/2027	**Semester:** Summer semester
Year of study: 1	**Study Program:** Komunikologija (R) (elective) (Prijediplomski) Sociologija (R) (elective) (Prijediplomski)

I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

Name: The Alka of Sinj	
Abbreviation: IZBP255	
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	
Academic Degree:	**Professional Title:** docent
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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	1. Identify the origins of the Alka of Sinj 2. Distinguish processes that contributed to the existence of the Alka of Sinj 3. Assess the influences that shaped the Alka of Sinj 4. Analyse the role of the Alka of Sinj in legitimizing different polities 5. Evaluate proposalas for innovations in the Alka structure and the Alka management
Textbooks and Materials	
Required	Bobot, R. (ed.) (1987) *The Alka Tournament of Sinj*. Belgrade: Jugoslovenska revija. Žižić, J. (2023) *The Alka of Sinj*. 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", *Nations and Nationalism*, 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.) *Balkanlar'da Osmanlı Mirası Ve Defter-i Hâkânî* (507-528). Istanbul: Libra. Schauble, M. (2019) "Living history? Reenacting the past and promoting "tradition" in the Dalmatian hinterland", *Nationalities Papers*, 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	1. Regular attendance at classes – attendance of at least 70 % of classes according to the study program. 2. Fully completed seminar obligations - prepared and submitted presentation, active participation, and independent work. 3. Obtaining a minimum success rate of 35 % during classes within the assigned teaching activities - achieved cumulatively.

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 – 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 Grading within ECTS

Class Attendance	1,2	0
Seminar Presentation	0,57	15
Seminar Paper	0,57	15
Colloquium-intermediate 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

IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE