**Course Abstract, Б.Пр.Б.8, Local Government**

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| **1. Course number, title, and ECTS** | **Б.Пр.Б.8, Local Government, 5 ECTS**Core CourseLectures – 28Seminars & Practical Classes – 42Contact Hours – 70Self-study Hours – 120 |
| **2. Course instructors during Self-Evaluation year and site visit year** | Mr. Simon Kordonsky, Tenured Professor, PhD in Philosophical SciencesMr. Jury Plusnin, Professor, PhD in Philosophical SciencesMrs. Elena Shomina, Professor, PhD in Political SciencesMs. Olga Molyarenko, Lecturer |
| **3. Prerequisites for the course** | Б.О.5. SociologyБ.Пр.Б.4. Law-1 |
| **4. Course objectives in relation to total curriculum** | The course has the following main objectives:* to show local self-government (LSG) as one of the levels of public authority;
* to give the theoretical, geographical and economic basis of LSG;
* to analyze key issues and problems at the municipal level;
* to demonstrate the organizational structure of local government;
* to introduce the history of local government in Europe and in Russia.
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| **5. Learning outcomes** | By the end of the course, students should be able to:* know the regional peculiarities of organization of local life;
* know the specificity of life of the provincial population;
* know the basic development principles of functioning of civil society institutions;
* collect, analyze and process data, necessary for solving tasks at the level of municipal area, district or settlement;
* have the organization skills of managerial influence with respect to socio-psychological characteristics and cultural-historical conditions of existence of local companies.
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| **6. Course description** | The aim of the course "Local Self-Government" is to show municipal authorities (LSG) as one of the levels of public administration, including general questions of formation and functioning of local self-government authorities of a special kind — the municipal government that is created by the community for solutions to the current problems. Local self-government is possible only on the basis of self-organization of the residents.  |
| **7. Learning and teaching methods** | During the course the following techniques are used:* Lectures
* Seminars
* Case studies
* Field seminars (exits)
* Abstract
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| **8. Major topics covered** | The main topics of this course are the following: 1. The concept and principles of local government 1.1. Local government: concepts and definitions 1.2. Local society and local government. The organization of the local society 1.3. The factors of self-organization of local society as a condition for local government 1.4. Organizational fundamentals of local self-government. Socio-political preconditions for the development of self-government 1.5. The constitutional basis of local government. Federal Russian legislation of local self-government 1.6. The essence and principles of local government 2. The organization of local self-government 2.1. The territorial organization of the LSG 2.2. Lower levels of administrative-territorial division in retrospect 2.3. The organization of local administration. Administrative power scope in the municipalities 2.4. Functions of local authorities 2.5. Infrastructure of local government 2.6. Territorial public self-government and the neighborhood communities 2.7. Economy of local government 2.8. The activities of local authorities in housing sphere 3. History of local government 3.1. The development of local government in Europe 3.2. The development of self-government in Russia before the 16th century 3.3. Self-government in the period of absolutist monarchy 3.4. The development of local government in the XIX - XXI centuries. 3.5. Problems and prospects of development of local self-government |
| **9. Prescribed books and readings** | The key literature and readings of this course are the following:1. Федеральный закон от 6 октября 2003 г. N 131-ФЗ "Об общих принципах организации местного самоуправления в Российской Федерации". Глава 1. Общие положения.2. Бабун Р.В., Мальковец Н.В. Самая близкая к народу власть (о местном самоуправлении для всех). Пособие для населения и общественных организаций. – М.: МОНФ, 2001. С. 7 – 28; 38 - 63.3. Замотаев А. А. Местное самоуправление: основные понятия и термины. - М.: РИЦ "Муниципальная власть", 1999. С. 12-104 (выборочно, определения основных понятий в разделе 1. 1.4. Пределы использования терминов, определенных в Федеральном законе “Об общих принципах организации местного самоуправления в Российской Федерации”. 1.5. О содержании отдельных широко употребляемых служебных терминов. А. Термины “муниципальный” и “местный”).4. Королев С.В. Теория муниципального управления. - М. ВИНИТИ, 1999. - 144 с. Познакомиться со всем текстом.5. Основные теории местного самоуправления: происхождение и развитие: Сб. обзоров. М.: ИНИОН, 1996.6. Основы Европейской хартии местного самоуправления http://www.ln.mid.ru/dip\_vest.nsf/ или http://rels.obninsk.com/Rels/Limited/ml/intdocs/eurohart/hartiy.htm Раздел 3. Принципы местного самоуправления в Хартии. Понятие местного самоуправления.7. Система муниципального управления. Под редакцией В.Б.Зотова М. Олма-пресс, 2006, Глава 1. стр.12-29, 46-58, 104-109.8. Широков А.Н., Юркова С.Н. Местное самоуправление в Российской Федерации: основные понятия, термины и положения федерального законодательства. Справочное пособие для депутатов, должностных лиц и служащих органов местного самоуправления. – М., 2004. – 122 с. (выборочно отдельные разделы).9. Широков А.Н. Основы местного самоуправления в Российской Федерации (Введение в муниципальное управление). - М.: РИЦ "Муниципальная власть", 2000. - 304 с. |

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| **10. Way of examining** | The assessment criteria and grade system are the following:

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| *Mark’s components* | *Weight in the final mark* |
| Participation in field research (outdoor seminars) | 0.1 |
| Seminars work, presentations and tests | 0.5 |
| Essay | 0.1 |
| Exam | 0.3 |

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