



Department of History

General information		
Name of the course	Croatian Early Medieval History	
Course instructor	Assist. prof. Goran Bilogrivić	
Study programme	Undergraduate study programme in History	
Status of the course	Elective	
Year of study	2022-2023	
Language	English	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	3
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	30+0+0

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION
1.1. Course objectives
The basic aim is to familiarise students with Croatia's earliest history within the context of the European Early Middle Ages. Therefore various problems will be considered and interpreted – from the question of migration and formation of ethnic identities, baptism and Christianisation, formation of the Croatian Dukedom, its transformation into a Kingdom, and other political processes, as well as questions of early medieval society and social relations, economy, culture, and art. Critical interpretation of the preserved sources and historiography will be encouraged.
1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course
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1.3. Expected course learning outcomes
Having passed the course the students will be capable of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- identifying, defining, and explaining basic terminology and problems of Croatian early medieval history- extracting and distinguishing preserved source information from later interpretations- critically interpreting various Early Medieval topics- argument-based conclusions about the past in general
1.4. Course content
Some of the course's topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- introduction to the Croatian Early Middle Ages – space, time, sources- Avars, Slavs, and Croats – questions of migration and ethnogenesis- Eastern Adriatic coast and Byzantium in the 7th and 8th centuries- Franks and Istria, Dalmatia, and Pannonia- formation of the Croatian Dukedom- baptism and Christianisation; church organisation in the 9th century- duke Branimir and the end of Frankish overlordship

- the "dark" 10th century; kings and a queen
- dynastic strife, Venice and the question of dominance in the Eastern Adriatic
- Krešimir IV and the 11th-century church reforms
- Zvonimir, the Hungarians and the change of the ruling dynasty
- society, social changes and development; beginnings of feudal relations; everyday life
- culture and art, architecture, literacy
- early medieval Croatia in the context of neighbouring countries and wider Europe

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Individual assignments
- ✓ Other: consultations