

Archaeology in Central Moravia region

5 ECTS

This course surveys the principal cultural processes in the prehistory, protohistory and medieval period in Czech Republic, viewed from the point of view of a regional archaeological research. It provides students with some basic knowledge of the most important archaeological sites in Central Moravia put in the social, historical and cultural contexts. Recommended readings contain a supplementary material enlightening either the subsidiary topics or the material that may be more difficult to comprehend. A study trip will be a complementary part of the lectures. The course is designed particularly for foreign students of history and archaeology coming in the frame of the Erasmus+ programme.

Course programme:

1. Introduction of the issues. Definition of the region. The natural environment in the past and nowadays. Reconstruction of historical communications.
2. The history of research in the region. Regional bibliography.
3. Paleolithic and Mesolithic age.
4. Neolithic age.
5. Endolithic age.
6. Study trip.
7. Early and Middle Bronze Age.
8. The period Lusatian Urn fields.
9. La Tène age.
10. Roman period and the Migration period.
11. Archaeology of Early Medieval Central Moravia.
12. Archaeology of high and late Middle Ages and Modern Age in Central Moravia.
13. Study trip.

Methods: Lecturing, self-study, field trip.

Bibliography:

Jiráň, L. – Venclová, N. (eds.): Prehistory of Bohemia. Vol. 1–8. Praha 2013.

Bém, M. red.: Archeologické zrcadlení/Archaeological Reflections. Olomouc 2001.

Peška, J. – Vránová, V. a kol. 2016: Věda rýče promluvila/Spade science spoke. Olomouc 2016.

The list of the recommended readings will be distributed to students in the beginning of the course.