Detailed Course Syllabus

Academic Year	2025/2026		**Semester**	Winter	
Study Program	University Undergraduate Program	**Speciali zation / Major in**	History, Sociology, Communication Sciences	**Year of Study**	1-3

I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

Name	Catholic Church and Croatian Politics in 20th Century		
Abbreviation	IZBP258	**Code**	278813
Status	Elective	**ECTS**	4
Prerequisites	None		
Total Course Workload			
Teaching Mode	**Total Hours**	**Teaching Mode**	**Total Hours**
Lectures	30	Seminars	15
Class Time and Place	CUC according to published timetable		

II. TEACHING STAFF

Course Holder			
Name and Surname	Ivica Miškulin		
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Office Hours	According to published timetable	Office	309

III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

Teaching Language	English
Course Description	The course deals with the activities of the Catholic Church in Croatia and the Croatian lands during the 20th century. The above implies the state, activity and position of the church hierarchy and believers during the existence of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, the Independent State of Croatia, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Croatia. International aspects of the activities of the Catholic Church in Croatia and Croatian countries during the mentioned period will also be considered. The central emphasis of the course will be on political and social phenomena and occurrences.

Expected Educational Outcomes	1. Master basic concepts from history of Catholic Church in Croatia during 20th Century; 2. Recognize fundamental processes and role of Catholic Church in political and social events during 20th Century; 3. Recognize the hierarchy of historical factors and explain the causality of historical processes; 4. Critically analyze and interpret sources and literature; 6. Write a clear and structured paper.
Textbooks and Materials	
Required	M. Akmadža, *The Catholic Church in Croatia 1945 – 1980*, Zagreb - Slavonski Brod, 2013.; J. Krišto, *Century of the People and the Church. History of the Catholic Church in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 20th century*, Zagreb, 2019 (selected chapters).
Supplementary	
Examination and Grading	

To Be Passed	Yes	**Exclusively Continuous Assessment**	No	**Included in Average Grade**	Yes

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 assignments (seminar paper). 3. **Obtaining a minimum success rate of 35 % during classes within the assigned teaching activities** - achieved cumulatively.
Examination Manner	9. **Teaching activities** (continuous knowledge assessment, midterm exams, seminar). 10. **Final exam** (oral).

Grading 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:

m) Seminar obligations – 20 % of the grade
n) Midterm exam 1 – 25 % of the grade
o) Midterm exam 2 – 25 % of the grade

b) Final exam:

e) Final exam – oral: 30 % of the grade (*to pass, it is necessary to solve at least 50% of the exam*)

Detailed Overview of Grading within ECTS	**ACTIVITY TYPE**	**ECTS Student Workload Coefficient**	**GRADE PERCENTAGE (%)**
	Class Attendance	1,2	0

Seminar Presentation	0,56	20
Midterm Exam	0,70	25
Midterm Exam	0,70	25
Total in Class	**3,16**	**70**
Final Exam	0,84	30
TOTAL ECTS (Classes + Final Exam)	**4**	**100**

Midterm Exam Dates	Midterm Exam 1: 7th class; Midterm Exam 2: 13th class
Final Exam Dates	According to published timetable.

IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

Lectures

Week	Topic
1.	Introductory lecture: explanation of the description and objective of the course.
2.	Catholic Church and monarchist Yugoslavia 1 (1918 - 1929): political aspects
3.	Catholic Church and monarchist Yugoslavia 2 (1918 - 1929): ideologies, programs and movements
4.	Catholic Church and monarchist Yugoslavia 3 (1929 - 1941): in a dictatorship
5.	Catholic Church and Second World War (1941 - 1945): world perspectives
6.	Catholic Church and Second World War (1941 -1945): Croatian statehood
7.	Midterm Exam 1
8.	Catholic Church and Second World War (1941 -1945): Serbs, communists, Germans, Jews and Croats
9.	Between Scylla and Charybdis: Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac
10.	Catholic Church and communist Yugoslavia (1945 - 1990): repression
11.	Catholic Church and communist Yugoslavia (1945 - 1990): coexistence
12.	Catholic Church and communist Yugoslavia (1945 - 1990): revenge
13.	Midterm Exam 2
14.	Catholic Church and the Homeland War
15.	Catholic Church and democracy in Croatia

Seminars

Week	Topic
1.	Introductory lecture: explanation of the description and objective of the course.
2.	Catholic Church and Yugoslavism

3.	In political life
4.	Society next door
5.	Catholicism and nationalism
6.	War hardships
7.	Midterm Exam 1
8.	Racism and Croatian Catholic bishops
9.	Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac and Croatian chauvinism
10.	Crimes in the name of revolution
11.	Eastern views
12.	In the opposition
13.	Midterm Exam 2
14.	How to be better
15.	Adjustment problems