

**Review of master's degree program "History and Archaeology"
of the Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education**

The master's degree program titled "*History and Archaeology*" offered by the Department of History and Social Sciences of the Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College meets modern academic and professional standards and demonstrates clear alignment with both national and international expectations in higher education. The program's concept is built upon a solid foundation of theoretical and methodological instruction and includes practical training in both archival and archaeological research.

One of the program's key strengths lies in its regional focus. It takes into account the unique ethnocultural and historical specificities of Transcarpathia a multicultural and multilingual region with exceptional archaeological and archival heritage. This local orientation is harmoniously integrated with the academic pursuit of historical and archaeological knowledge, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared for both research and professional work in educational, scientific, and cultural institutions.

The program places strong emphasis on research-based learning. Students engage in 42 ECTS credits' worth of research-related training, which includes both theoretical and applied components. Among the core courses are modules dedicated to the methodology of historical research, historiography, oral history, and the study of historical memory. The structure of the program provides adequate opportunities for the development of academic writing, professional communication in multiple languages (Ukrainian, Hungarian, English), and interdisciplinary competence.

The curriculum is both balanced and diverse, offering a well-designed sequence of mandatory and elective components. Its structure ensures the development of general and subject-specific competences required in the field of history and archaeology. The program prepares students not only for academic research but also for expert roles in museums, archives, and heritage protection, in line with the National Classifier of Professions of Ukraine.

Moreover, the implementation of quality assurance mechanisms and the institutional commitment to academic integrity (e.g., the use of plagiarism detection systems, transparent assessment criteria) further enhances the credibility and effectiveness of the program. The availability of rich library resources, digital repositories, and modern information technologies provides strong infrastructural support.

In conclusion, the educational and research program "*History and Archaeology*" is academically rigorous, professionally relevant, and regionally responsive. It offers an excellent platform for the training of highly qualified specialists who are capable of engaging with the historical and cultural complexity of their environment while also integrating into the broader European academic space.



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