

Review of the masters degree program “History and Archeology” of the Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education

The Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education has been educating historians for twenty-five years now. In recent decades, I have had the opportunity to participate in building positive professional relationships with the institution based in Berehove, both personally and on behalf of the J. Selye University. The graduates of the College, in my opinion, have successfully acquired the foundations of the historical profession.

The reviewed master degree program "History and Archaeology" provides scientific education with the aim of preparing professionals for the education and research network of Ukraine and the wider East-Central European region. The structure of the program allows students to gain theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of history and archaeology and prepare for a professional career.

The MA program in History and Archaeology at the Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian Institute offers a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to higher education. This program is designed to cultivate highly qualified professionals with a robust foundation in history and archaeology, coupled with strong analytical skills and adaptability to the rapidly evolving global intellectual landscape.

The program aims to prepare students for the challenges of the professional world by providing fundamental and professionally oriented knowledge and skills in history and archaeology. The goal is to produce competitive graduates capable of solving complex professional tasks and adapting to new challenges in a multicultural and multilingual environment. The curriculum emphasizes the humanization of education and the modernization of the educational process to meet contemporary demands

The primary objectives include:

- Equipping students with the ability to identify and solve specialized and practical problems in the field of history and archaeology.
- Preparing students for teaching roles and scientific work, emphasizing the use of information technology and bilingual (Ukrainian and Hungarian) communication in professional activities

The teaching methods involve lectures, seminars, practical classes, independent work with consultations, and scientific research. The program incorporates interactive, project-based, and self-developing learning technologies. Students are trained to work both autonomously and

in teams. Assessment is based on a national four-point scale, a pass/fail system, and a 100-point ECTS scale, ensuring transparency and academic integrity

The program focuses on the historical and civilizational development of world populations, considering ethnonational, migratory, state-building processes, and socio-political and economic transformations. It prepares students for careers in academia, state institutions, and non-governmental organizations by encouraging the development of new ideas and continuous learning

The MA program stands out for its interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary training approach, combining theoretical and practical aspects of history and archaeology. Students engage in both academic courses and practical training at partner institutions, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience

The Master's program in History and Archaeology at the Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian Institute is a well-structured and forward-thinking program designed to produce proficient and adaptable professionals. Its comprehensive curriculum, bilingual instruction, and emphasis on both theoretical and practical knowledge make it a standout choice for students pursuing advanced studies in history and archaeology.

For the future, I propose to modify the content of the training programme in such a way that it would help to better master current trends in social history, for example, the theoretical and methodological knowledge of the history of memory policies.

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