

# Landscape and Rural Development

## Course description

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**Institute:** University of Sopron, Faculty of Forestry, Institute of Forest Economy and Rural Development

**Course code:**

**Credit points:** 3

**Evaluation:** oral exam / written exam / mid-term grade

**Instruction hours/week (lecture + practice):** 2 + 0

**Language:** English

## Course content

The aim of the lectures is obtain knowledge on the development of rural development and to give an overview on rural functions in the National Rural Strategy. Besides, current problems, territorial levels and new possibilities and tasks of the topic.

The concept of landscape and rurality/rural areas. Delineation of rural areas. Relationships between landscape potential, land use, landscape/rural functions and rural development. Rural function and the National Rural Strategy. Production functions and elements in NRS. Settlement, Recreation functions and elements in NRS. Physical, physiological and environmental regulation - Protection / Regulatory elements in NRS. Psychological function, Information function and elements in NVS. Presentation of case studies, participatory rural development.

## Required and recommended reading

Tirászi Á.-Konkoly-Gyuró É. 2018. Landscape and rural development knowledge. Educational material (annually up-to-date)

Rural development in Europe [https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020\\_hu](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020_hu)

National Rural Strategy <http://videkstrategia.kormany.hu/>

National Landscape Strategy

[http://www.kormany.hu/download/f/8f/11000/Hungarian%20National%20Landscape%20Strategy\\_2017-2026\\_webre.pdf](http://www.kormany.hu/download/f/8f/11000/Hungarian%20National%20Landscape%20Strategy_2017-2026_webre.pdf)