

Subject name:/code:	<b>Elective 1. Archeological Research into Medieval Fortresses and Castles</b> <b>BTR-DK-713A</b>	
Subject coordinator:	Doktori programvezető	
Lecturer(s) of the subject:	Dr. Major, Balázs	
Credit number:	10	
Class type	lecture	
Brief subject description:	This course examines the emergence, development, and socio-political functions of medieval castle architecture in Europe between the 10th and 16th centuries. The course adopts an interdisciplinary approach, combining perspectives from architectural history, archaeology, military history, land use, and cultural representation. Particular attention is given to castle construction technologies, structural systems, principles of spatial organization, as well as issues concerning the relationship between representation and power. The course compares classical functionalist interpretations with the latest trends in castle and fortress research, which analyze castles as social, symbolic, and cultural spaces. The methodological possibilities of modern digital heritage research (LiDAR, 3D reconstructions, GIS-based analyses) are also part of the course.	
Theoretical knowledge to be acquired:	Students in the course will master the main theoretical cornerstones of the development of medieval castle architecture and become familiar with the most important examples related to it.	
Practical knowledge to be acquired:	Students in the course will learn about practical examples of the development of medieval castle architecture, its research history, and modern research opportunities.	
List of the most important required literature (2–4 pieces) with bibliographical details (author, title, edition or specific pages, ISBN)	<p>Crusader Landscapes in the Medieval Levant: The Archaeology and History of the Latin East. Major Balázs (szerk.) University of Wales Press, 2016. ISBN: 978-1783169245</p> <p>Castles and Fortified Cities of Medieval Europe: An Illustrated History McFarland, 2002. ISBN: 978-0786410989.</p> <p>Medieval Rural Settlements in the Syrian Coastal Region (12th and 13th Centuries) Archaeopress Archaeology, 2016. ISBN: 978-178491204</p>	
List of the most important recommended literature (2–4 pieces) with bibliographical details (author, title, edition or specific pages, ISBN)	<p>Gerő László: Várépítészetünk. Budapest, 1975. ISBN 9631008614.</p> <p>Bóna István: Az Árpádok korai váraitól: 11–12. századi ispáni várak és határvárak. Debrecen, 1993. ISBN, 9634720048</p> <p>Horváth László (szerk.): Várak a 13. században. Gyöngyös, 1990. ISBN: 0866112X</p> <p>Juan Cabello (szerk.): Várak a késő középkorban. Budapest, 1992. ISBN 2050000043420</p>	
Theory to practice ratio	<b>Number of theory lessons: 2</b>	<b>Number of practical lessons:</b>
Applied teaching methods:	The class consists of richly illustrated lectures and a joint discussion of certain questions.	
Form of evaluation:	<b>three-level evaluation</b>	
Evaluation criteria:	The evaluation is based on an exam based on the course material and the assigned literature, and the students' class activity is also an important aspect.	

<p>Contribution of the subject to the acquisition of competence elements as defined in the Training and Outcome Requirements</p> <p>Elaborate on how competence elements specified in the Training and Outcome Requirements are/may be achieved (<i>Note: do not simply copy the competence elements from the Training and Outcome Requirements</i>)</p>	<p>In addition to expanding students' lexical knowledge, this course develops their ability to analyze archaeological materials and their analytical mindset, while also fostering complex thinking and the integrated application of methodologies from various historical and archaeological source traditions in the study of castle architecture. The research methods and comprehensive perspective acquired here can also be applied in other fields.</p>
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