

## **Transformation and modernization of Eastern and Central European nations**

The credit module focuses on peculiarities of transformation and modernization of Eastern and Central European societies.

The course “Transformation and modernization of Eastern and Central European nations” deals with comparative analysis of modernities in the region, it elucidates social processes in societies in question, applies methods of historical sociology and identifies individual cases of social and political dynamics of the region.

Knowledge gained by PhD students during the course will help them better understand / grasp and analyze social preconditions and implications of changes in the region, forecast the trends of transformation, modernization and democratization of societies located in the region, including Ukraine.

Having mastered the course, PhD students are supposed to exhibit the following knowledge: methodology of comparative analysis in sociology; theories of modernity / modernities and modernization / modernizations; theories of democratic transition / transformation of societies; typology of social forces driving modernization of political regimes in Eastern and Central Europe.

PhD students will obtain the following skills: they will be to apply sociological methodologies / concepts for cross-national and cross-cultural analysis; employ methodology of multi-dimensional sociological analysis of Eastern European societies; forecast trends in development of East and Central region.