



**BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME
URBAN CULTURE AT THE BALKANS:
HISTORICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES**

INFORMATION:

Organizer: Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia, Bulgaria

Name of the Blended Intensive Program (BIP): Urban culture at the Balkans: Historical and Anthropological perspectives

When: 23-27 February 2026 (+ 2 days for travel)

Where: Sofia, Bulgaria

DESCRIPTION OF THE BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM:

During the program, students will work on the following topics in international teams:

- From ancient Roman city to modern capital: challenges of preserving ancient heritage in a modern urban environment. Global and local aspects;
- Archaeological and cultural heritage in an urban environment as common human values. International interdisciplinary partnerships for the study and preservation of archaeological and cultural heritage in the future;
- Team interdisciplinary work for comprehensive documentation and work with cultural heritage assets;
- Capacity building of the participants through on-site skill development lectures and interactive laboratory sessions;
- Research on theoretical and field approaches in an urban environment;
- The importance and role of local communities in preserving cultural heritage;

The programme includes a lecture course, training workshops, presentations, group work, and field trips.

Number of credits to be earned upon successful completion of the course: 4 ECTS

Language of instruction: English

Study fields: Archeology, Ethnology, History, Tourism

Target group: students (BA, MA, PhD) and staff


TIMETABLE

Date/Period	Activity
03 rd February 2026, 10:00-12:00 h. (East Europe Time)	Virtual component Online class by: Iliana Borisova-Kazarova (Sofia University) Topic: Immovable cultural heritage in Sofia. Conservation issues.
22.02.2026	Travel day (from home country to Sofia)
23 – 27.02.2026	Physical mobility in Sofia, Bulgaria
28.02.2026	Travel day (from Sofia to home country)

WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME:

- You will deepen your knowledge of the course topic;
- You will gain intercultural experience, experience working in an international team, and acquaintances among students and faculty from the participating universities;
- You will receive 4 ECTS.