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Course objectives:

- To provide the basic knowledge necessary to deal with geographical names at BSc level

Course structure:

- National framework: the course sequence follows the names 'production' process: collection, processing, standardizing, visualization and communication
- International framework: different languages, scripts, conversion systems and attitudes are dealt with
- Institutional aspects: the experience of both the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) as well as national names bureaux has been applied here
- Changes in focus are reflected: from the original focus on national gazetteers towards the current focus on names data bases and cultural aspects of one's toponymical heritage
- The course consists of 20 modules, each of which are subdivided in a number of chapters. Each module has separate exercise and documentation pages

Whom is this course intended for?

- Topographers that collect geographical names
- Staff of geographical names branches
- Cartographers that have to select names for their maps
- Map and atlas editors

Credits:

- This toponymy course is part of a webcourse in cartography developed by the Commission on Education and Training (CET) of the International Cartographic Association
- It was originally hosted on the CET website by Dr Laszlo Zentai at ELTE University, Budapest
- Material has been provided by Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie (BKG), ITC (Twente Technical University), Noordhoff Atlas Productions, Utrecht University (UU), and Natural Resources Canada (NRC)
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