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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **RYSD14, Russian: Russian Literature after the Fall of the Soviet Union, 7.5 credits**

*Ryska: Den ryska litteraturen efter Sovjetunionens fall, 7,5  
högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2017-10-09 and was last revised on 2019-10-08. The revised syllabus applies from 2020-01-01, spring semester 2020.

### **General Information**

Subject: Russian

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

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*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for the role of literature and, partly, film for the creation of memory and identity in post-Soviet Russia
- discuss the literary works studied in the course with regard to present-day currents of ideas and in the light of Russia's historically complex relationship to the West

### **Competence and skills**

- apply their knowledge of post-Soviet currents of ideas, including the issue of memory and identity, to the analysis of at least six post-Soviet novels and at least one post-Soviet film
- analyse in speech and writing the texts studied in the course by applying the theories and methods addressed during the course

### **Judgement and approach**

- scrutinise the specific values of post-Soviet literature in relation to a general humanistic approach
- take a position based on a personal set of values on different interpretations of post-Soviet literature

### **Course content**

The course provides students with basic knowledge of Russian literature from the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 to the present, partly in relation to Russian contemporary film, but also of the prevailing cultural and social circumstances, focusing especially on memory and identity, in post-Soviet Russia. Students are also introduced to different theories of interpretation and, by regular practice of analytical skills on primarily literature but also film, they acquire specialised knowledge of post-Soviet literature and the most prominent currents of ideas during this period.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars (of which 4-6 is compulsory). The course is offered as a distance learning course and makes use of interactive information technology. Students are required to participate under these conditions, and to have access to a computer with an internet connection. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on 4-6 written assignments, 4-6 peer review assignments and a take-home exam.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

### **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for all assessed components. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade for all assessed components.

## **Entry requirements**

General and courses corresponding to the following Swedish Upper Secondary School Programs: History 1 and Social Studies 1 or History A and Social Studies A

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. It overlaps and is taught in parallel with RYSB14.
3. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in RYSD14, Russian: Russian Literature after the Fall of the Soviet Union

Applies from V20

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Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction