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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SASH62, Communism in East and Central Europe: Present, Past, and Future Perspectives, 7.5 credits

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First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-11-06 to be valid from 2012-11-06, spring semester 2013.

General Information

Subject: Central and Eastern European Studies

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

Language of instruction: English

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 student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give a basic account of current problems in Central and Eastern European societies that can be related to the development of communism during the Cold War, especially problems that can be linked to issues of identity, memory, values and the use of history
- be able to describe in overview the social, political and cultural development of the Soviet Union and the rest of Central and Eastern Europe during the Cold War and until the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991

- be able to describe in overview the differences and similarities in the various Eastern European communist regimes prior to 1989 and different forms of "post-communist communism" in the region after 1989
- be able to describe in overview the power structure that led to the terror and crimes of Soviet communism
- be able to describe in overview the development of communist parties in Central and Eastern Europe after the fall of communism and the Soviet Union

Competence and skills

- be able to understand and explain the historical context and key changes of the development of communist states in Europe during the twentieth century
- be able to place the internal development of the communist states in the context of the global development, especially during the Cold War
- be able to analyse and assess social and cultural issues concerning the communist states of Europe during the second half of the twentieth century

Judgement and approach

- be able to judge and assess the differences between parliamentary democracies worldwide and the communist dictatorships that challenged pluralistic parliamentarianism
- be able to judge and assess how a lack of independent democratic institutions enables the growth of non-democratic political systems.

Course content

The course addresses the development of communism after World War II, focusing on the situation in Central and Eastern Europe. The aim is to study the development of communism during the Cold War, from the Yalta conference in 1945 to the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, and its consequences in the 1990s and early twenty-first century. The subject is addressed from both genetic and genealogical perspectives.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Active attendance at the seminars (3-4) is compulsory.

Assessment

The assessment is based on written assignments in the form of memoranda or reports.

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

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The course replaces course ÖCKB08 Sovjetkommunismen och det kalla kriget.
2. 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.
3. The course is offered at the Division of Central and Eastern European Studies, Centre for Languages and Literature.

Subcourses in SASH62, Communism in East and Central Europe: Present,
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Applies from H12

1201 Communism in East & Central Europe, 7,5 hp
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