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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ÖCKB04, Central and Eastern European Studies: Politics and Society in the Successor States of the Soviet Union, 15 credits

Öst- och centraleuropakunskap: Politik och samhällsliv i de postsovjetiska staterna, 15 högskolepoäng

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 2007-06-18 to be valid from 2007-06-18, autumn semester 2007.

General Information

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Central and Eastern European Studies

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 demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of the development of the successor states of the Soviet Union with regard to political, social and identity politics, as well as the historical background of the Soviet period
- be able to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical approaches relevant to the subject, particularly theories of democracy and research into identity construction
- be able to demonstrate basic knowledge of the structure and development of the Soviet economy, the Russian policies for economic reform during the 1990's and the Russian economic development under Putin

Competence and skills

- be able to write a short essay autonomously and defend it orally at a seminar
- be able to discuss and give constructive criticism on the work of another student

Judgement and approach

- be able to reflect on and discuss general political-philosophical issues regarding the exercise of power, civil influence, identity and political legitimacy in Soviet and post-Soviet social development.

Course content

The course discusses key issues in the development of the successor states of the Soviet Union beginning with the history of the Soviet Union. Particular attention is paid to the policy areas concerning the building of nations and construction of identity, and the relationship, and its background, between state and society. The course focuses on Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, but literature and lectures cover the entire post-Soviet region. Russian policies for economic reform during the 1990's and Russian economic development under Putin are also discussed against a background of the structure and development of the economy of the Soviet Union.

The course consists of the following sub-courses:

1. Politics and Society, 9 credits,
2. Economics, 6 credits.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars of which some may be obligatory and assessed.

Assessment

Examinations take the following forms: Written and/or oral examination, written assignments, essays and obligatory, assessed seminars.

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.

To be awarded a Pass on the whole course the student shall have the grade of Pass on all sub-courses. To be awarded Pass with Distinction on the whole course the student shall have the grade of Pass with Distinction on at least 9 of the credits on the course, and a grade of Pass on all remaining credits.

Entry requirements

General requirements and studies equivalent of the courses History 1b or 1a1+1a2 and Social Studies 1b or 1a1+1a2 from Swedish Upper Secondary School.

Further information

1. The course replaces ÖCK606.
2. This course is also a sub-course of ÖCKA01.
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.
4. The sub-course names in Swedish:
 1. Politik och samhällsliv,
 2. Ekonomi.

Subcourses in ÖCKB04, Central and Eastern European Studies: Politics and Society in the Successor States of the Soviet Union

Applies from H07

- 0701 Examination, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0702 Examination, 3,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0703 Examination, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction