

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ÖCKB06, Nationalism and Communism in Central Europe (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary), 7.5 credits

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Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the prodean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-11-06 to be valid from 2008-11-06, spring semester 2009.

General Information

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

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studiesDepth of study relative to the degree
requirementsCentral and Eastern European StudiesG1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary
level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate knowledge of and be able to discuss the concepts of nationalism and communism theoretically
- demonstrate specific knowledge of the concrete manifestations of nationalism and communism in the political, social and cultural life of Central Europe

Competence and skills

- be able to carry out information searches related to the subject
- be able to discuss the history and present-day heritage of nationalism and communism in Central Europe
- be able to produce a written assignment comprising a comparative analysis of policies of nationalism and communism in Central Europe

Judgement and approach

• be able to critically assess the impact of nationalism and communism on the societal development of Central Europe.

Course content

The course starts with a theoretical review of the concepts of nationalism and communism – the predominant ideological concepts of twentieth-century Central Europe, i.e. Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. This is followed by study of the origins, development and present-day heritage of nationalism and communism in the region. The topics described and problematised include concrete manifestations of nationalism and communism in Central Europe, such as the creation of new nation states after World War I, the introduction of communist regimes after 1945 and the impact of these regimes on political, economic, social and cultural development. The course is concluded with a general discussion of the heritage and consequences of nationalism and communism in present-day Central Europe.

Course design

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

Assessment

The assessment is normally based on written assignments and oral presentations, but alternative forms of examination may be decided in agreement with the students.

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.

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

This course is also a module of ÖCKA01. The credits can only be accredited once towards a degree.

Subcourses in ÖCKB06, Nationalism and Communism in Central Europe (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary)

Applies from V09

0801 Examination, 7,5 hp Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction