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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ÖCKB07, Central and Eastern European Studies: Central Europe since the Fall of the Berlin Wall, 7.5 credits

Öst- och centraleuropakunskap: Centraleuropa efter järnridåns fall (Polen, Tjeckien, Slovakien, Ungern), 7,5 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 2012-11-14 to be valid from 2012-11-14, spring semester 2013.

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: Swedish

The course can be taught in English if an agreement is reached by both the teacher and the students. Such an agreement would depend on both the lecturer and the students having a good knowledge of 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 account for the main traits of the development of Central European societies from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the present
- be able to account for the post-communist democratisation process and the transition to market economy
- be able to reflect on and account for the "heritage" of nationalism and communism in the region

- be able to account for social, cultural and religious development trends in the region in relation to the expansion eastwards of the European Union

Competence and skills

- be able to describe in speech and writing the modern development of societies in the region and relate it to the relevant historical background
- be able to write a brief assignment dealing with a specific social problem of relevance to countries in present-day Central Europe in a comparative manner
- be able to carry out information searches related to the subject

Judgement and approach

- be able to take a position on and discuss issues with a bearing on the post-communist transformation and the integration of Central Europe in international structures such as the EU and NATO from several perspectives
- be able to take a position on and problematise current social phenomena in Central Europe, such as xenophobia, migration processes and security policy problems, from several theoretical perspectives.

Course content

The course provides an overview of the post-communist development of the societies of Central Europe, i.e. Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic. The key political and cultural tendencies permeating Central Europe after the fall of the Berlin Wall are problematised and discussed, as is the question of the region's role as a potential bridge between East and West and North and South. A specialised component addresses the entry and development of the Central European states in the EU. The states are studied comparatively at the same time as common lines of development are highlighted.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory and assessed seminars.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a take-home exam, 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

1. This course is also a module of ÖCKA01.
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 Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

Subcourses in ÖCKB07, Central and Eastern European Studies: Central Europe since the Fall of the Berlin Wall

Applies from V23

2301 Central Europe since the Fall of the Berlin Wall, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

Applies from V09

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