



**LUND**  
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **ÖCKR02, History, Culture and Society of Central, East and Southeast Europe, 15 credits**

*History, Culture and Society of Central, East and Southeast Europe,  
15 högskolepoäng  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå*

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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 2022-05-09 to be valid from 2022-05-09, autumn semester 2022.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a part of the Master's programme in East and Central European Studies.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Central and Eastern European Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

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

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- describe East and Central Europe's historical development and the distinctive cultural features and normative positions that are considered to be specific for this area
- discuss the concept of identity and how ethnic, regional and national identities at different levels are formed and manifested in present-day East and Central Europe

### **Competence and skills**

- formulate a scientifically relevant issue
- summarise, interpret and critically review research literature about different cultures, values and identities connected to the given region
- identify and use relevant primary and secondary sources and relate analytically to the sources
- formulate in writing an independent analysis of chosen historical, cultural or society-oriented issues with a focus on social, political, historical or cultural relations in East and Central Europe.

### **Judgement and approach**

- critically review different types of sources from East and Central Europe
- use a critical and scientific approach to the distinctive cultural features and values that are noted as being specifically East and Central European and place them in a broader European context.

### **Course content**

The course covers historical, political and cultural development in East and Central Europe with a focus on the formation of democracy and civil society, as well as the problems associated with this process in the 20th and 21st centuries. The course provides insight into issues connected with the creation of different identities and values, as well as the historical processes that have driven nationalism's growth, internationalisation, Europeanisation and globalisation.

The course is divided into different components that cover the East and Central European region as a whole, as well as selected problems from different parts of the region. Based on both theory and empiricism, studies focus on the similarities and differences, as well as continuity and discontinuity, in the development of Eastern and Central Europe as a whole and as different smaller regional units and nation states.

The course examines the extent to which the historical, political and cultural development in the region can be regarded as different from the rest of Europe, as well as distinctive cultural features and normative positions that are considered to be specific to the region. The course also addresses the issue of why East and Central Europe's democratisation processes have become more complicated and problematic in recent decades.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures and 3-5 compulsory seminars, some of which include oral presentations.

Non-attendance at these seminars is compensated for by supplementary assignments in the form of written answers to questions that are discussed during the seminars.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on a final 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.

## **Entry requirements**

Admission to the course requires a Bachelor's degree (Bachelor of Arts or equivalent) in the humanities or political science or equivalent.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University, in collaboration with the University of Copenhagen.
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.

## Subcourses in ÖCKR02, History, Culture and Society of Central, East and Southeast Europe

Applies from H22

2201 History, Culture and Society, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction