Stockholm University

Department of Slavic and Baltic Studies, Finnish, Dutch and German

Syllabus

for course at first level

Course in Russian Social Studies (Politics and Economy) Ryskt samhällsliv, politik och ekonomi 7.5 Higher Education Credits 7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:SLRSPEValid from:Autumn 2007Date of approval:2007-06-15

Department Department of Slavic and Baltic Studies Finnish Dutch and German

Subject Country Knowledge/Country Studies

Specialisation: G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Board of the Slavic Department on June 15, 2007.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Basic eligibility.

Course structure

Examination codeNameHigher Education Credits1000Russian Society, Politics and Economy7.5

Course content

A survey of Russian social life, politics and economy is given in the course as well as a deeper analysis of certain problems. Questions about Russia's position in the international community as well as the Soviet background to the current situation are.

The course is useful for all those interested in the development in Russia, for journalists, teachers, lawyers, economists, librarians and researchers in other fields.

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student is expected to;

- be very familiar with Russian social life, politics and economy.
- be somewhat familiar with the history and politics of the Ukraine and Belarus.

Education

Instruction is given in the form lectures and seminars. The form and extent of the training may be adjusted according to the number of students in the course as well as to the economic situation of the Department.

Forms of examination

- a. Assessment is based on compulsory attendance at lectures/written assignments/exams alternatively takehome exam.
- b. Grades are given according to a criterion referenced seven-point scale: A=Excellent, B=Very Good, C=Good, D=Satisfactory, E=Adequate, Fx=Insufficient, F=Fail
- c. The assessment criteria for the course will be distributed at the beginning of the course.
- d. In order to obtain at least a grade of E, a student who has received an F or Fx has the right to an additional four tests provided the course is not discontinued. A student who has received a grade of E or higher may not

take the test again in order to get a higher grade.

A student who has received the grade of Fx or F twice on a given test and by the same examiner can, on application, be granted a new examiner, unless there are specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the Board of the department.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content, for example the unit "Russian society, 5 credits" within "Russian III" or "Russian, Bachelor's course"

Required reading

Sakwa, R. Russian Politics and Society, 3rd ed. Routledge, London, 2002 Additional material as instructed by the teacher.