

Course title	Post-Soviet Studies
Course code	Vēst1139
Credit points	2
ECTS credit points	3
Total contact hours	32
<i>Lectures</i>	16
<i>Seminars</i>	16

Course developer (s)
Mg. philol., lekt., Andris Kazjukevičs

Prior knowledge (title of the course, part of the program where the course to learn)
No

Course abstract:
The course is intended for the students of the professional master study program "Intercultural Relations". The course aims to familiarize students with the post-Soviet studies properties. The course presents ideas about the post-Soviet process in historical, social and cultural aspects.

Course plan:
Course structure: Lectures - 16 hrs., Seminars - 16 hours.

Learning outcomes:
Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Demonstrates an understanding of the specificities of the development of post-Soviet states and their models of development ■ able to evaluate, identify and analyze processes that take place in the post-Soviet space ■ knows and understands scientific literature on the specifics of the development of post-Soviet states; ■ deepens the students' professional competence by identifying topical trends in the culture of post-Soviet countries.

Course content:
The USSR as a Social and Cultural Phenomenon Contemporary Russia as a Social and Cultural Phenomenon Post-Soviet Space as a Conflict between Western and Eastern Civilizations Culture and Art in the Post-Soviet Space The Strategy of Development of the Post-Soviet Space Integration Processes in the Post-Soviet Space

Lecture topics:

1. Soviet Union as a Social and Cultural Phenomenon in the 20th Century
2. Post-Soviet Space: Terminology Questions
3. Modern Russian Civilization
4. East and West in Politics and Culture of Post-Soviet Countries
5. Social Processes and Culture in the Post-Soviet Space: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova
6. Social Processes and Culture in the Post-Soviet Space: In the Transcaucasian Countries
7. Social Processes and Culture in the Post-Soviet Space: Central Asia Region
8. Integration and Disintegration Processes in the Post-Soviet space

Seminar topics:

1. The Collapse of the USSR and its Impact on Public and Cultural Life
2. Russia and Post-Soviet Space
3. Caucasus in Russian Culture. Caucasus in the Post-Soviet Russian Space.
4. Slavic Culture in Post-Soviet space. Belarus
5. Slavic Culture in Post-Soviet Space. Ukraine
6. Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Space: their Causes and Nature
7. Religious Factor in the Social and Cultural Life of the Post-Soviet Countries
8. The Touristic Potential of the Post-Soviet countries

Students' independent work: Presentations:

USSR as a System

Contemporary Russian Culture

Modern Ukrainian Culture

The Current Social and Cultural Situation in Moldova.

The Culture of Contemporary Transcaucasia

Cultural Peculiarities of Modern Central Asian Countries.

Press, Radio and TV in the Modern Media System in the Post-Soviet Space

Social Networks as a New Communication System in the Post-Soviet Space

Public and Cultural Organizations in the Post-Soviet Space

Art in the Post-Soviet Countries

Soviet People as a Phenomenon in the Post-Soviet Space

Requirements for awarding credit points:

Regular attendance and active work - 20%, presentation - 20%, final test - 60%.

Compulsory reading:

Chomsky N. et al. The Cold War and the University. N.Y.: New Press., 1997
Кантор В. К. Русский европеец как явление культуры (философскоисторический анализ). Москва, 2001
Тишков В.А., Шабаев Ю.П. Этнополитология- политические функции этничности. Москва, 2011 <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/cultural-undercurrents-the-post-soviet-space>
https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/bitstream/handle/2142/26204/Kabanova_Daria.pdf
https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1006&context=russian_culture

Further reading:

Veinberga Sandra. *Publiskās attiecības – teorija un prakse*. Rīga, 2007.
Chernetsky V. Mapping Postcommunist Cultures: Russia and Ukraine in the Context of Globalization. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press., 2007 Fukuyama F. The End of History and the Last Man. N.Y.: Free Press., 1992 Харченко И. В. Социум в коммуникативном измерении. Москва, 2005. Шарков Ф. И. Основы теории коммуникации. Москва, 2002

Periodicals and other sources

<http://intersectionproject.eu/ru/article/russia-world/strany-postsovetkogoprostranstva-25-let-porozn>
Бобков И. Этика пограничья. Транскультурность как белорусский опыт // Перекрестки. № 3-4. С. 127–136., 2005
<http://carnegie.ru/2013/03/28/ru-pub-51482> www.currenttime.tv www.tvrain.ru
www.echomsk.ru
www.euronews.com