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| Study Course Title | <i>Traditional cultures (Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Belarus)</i> |
| Study Course Code | Vēst5007 |
| Credits | 2 |
| European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System Credits | 3 |
| Total Number of Contact Hours | 32 |
| Number of Lecture Hours | 16 |
| Number of hours for seminars | 16 |

Course Developer

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There is no prerequisite knowledge required for this course

Study Course Abstract

The course gives an insight into the traditional and cultural development of Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Belarus and Poland, trends, specificity, similarities and differences in their way of life are revealed. The course aims to introduce students to the Eastern European everyday life and norms of behavior, celebrations and rituals, costumes, food and house life.

Course Plan

Course structure: Lectures - 16 hours. Seminars - 16 hours.

Lecture topics:

1. Mythology, folklore and traditional culture in the Eastern Europe
2. Christianity and traditional culture in the Eastern Europe
3. Eastern Europe traditional culture of the Eastern Europe during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance period:
 - Everyday life and norms of behavior;
 - Festivals and rituals;
 - Costumes, food and household.
4. Eastern Europe of the XVIII century. Traditional Culture:
 - Everyday life and norms of behavior;
5. Eastern Europe of the XIX century (1st half). Traditional culture:
 - Everyday life and norms of behavior;
 - Festivals and rituals;
 - Costumes, food and household.
6. Eastern Europe of the XIX century (2nd half). Traditional culture:
 - Everyday life and norms of behavior;
 - Festivals and rituals;
 - Costumes, food and housing.
7. Eastern Europe of the XX- XXI centuries. Traditional culture.

Seminar topics:

1. Eastern European's traditional environment: home, garden, nature, seasons.
2. "Cultural revolution" and the traditional culture of the XVIIIth century Europe.
3. Eastern Europe traditional culture and the processes of globalization.
4. Traditional culture, every day life and Eastern ethnopsychology: stereotypes.

Students' independent work:

1. Latvian national costume (report)
2. Lithuanian national costume (report)
3. Belarusian national costume (report)
4. Russian national costume (report)
5. Polish national costume (report)
6. Baltic food (report)
7. Slavic food (report)
8. Kinship and family of the contemporary Eastern Europe.

Learning Outcomes

Students are able to:

- understand the peculiarities of the Eastern traditional culture, its development, dynamics and any particular phenomena;
- understand the social life and relationships in different societies;
- compare the traditional Eastern culture different phenomena; - understand the matter of social importance and value of symbolic meaning.

Requirements for Awarding Credits

Regular attendance and active participation - 20%, independent work (reports and practical classes) - 40%, final examination - 40%.

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Compulsory Reading List

- Latviešu senā un tradicionālā kultūrā www.pavelsjurs.lv/wp-content/.../10-1-latviesu-sena-un-tradic-kult.pps
 Никитина А.В. Русская традиционная культура. Москва: Флинта. 2013
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 Mājas un sadzīves kultūra. Rīga: Latvijas valsts izdevniecība. 1958.
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 Гісторыя Беларусі. Ч. 1,2. Минск, 2000.

Further Reading List

- Zilgalvis J., Plešs G. u.c. Dunties muiža un barons Minhauzens
 Arheologu pētījumi Latvijā 2006. un 2007. gadā / Sast. Antonija Viļcāne. - Rīga: Zinātne, 2009
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 Nowak B, Women In Poland: Society, Education, Politics, and Culture Journal of Women's History. 2001
 Crowley D., S.E.Reid Socialist Sites of Everyday Life in the Eastern Block. Oxford, New York. 2002
 Короткова М.В. Путешествие в историю русского быта. М., 2003. Лебедева Н.И. Народный быт в верховьях Десны и верховьях Оки. М., 1997

Periodicals and Other Sources

- Latvijas tradicionālā kultūra www.makslasstudija.com/latvijas%20tradicionālā%20kultūra/
 Everyday Life in Premodern Europe <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook04.html>
 Материальная культура населения Беларуси в исторической перспективе
http://www.ehu.lt/studies/bachelor/catalogue/history_of_belarus_and_cultural_/0005704/Культура_Беларуси_в_контексте_мировой_культуры http://literature.agrodelo.com/ru/science_literature/other/4889/4954/4976/ «Женщины Беларуси: история в повседневности» http://gender-e.hu.org/798_2

Notes

The course is intended for the academic Bachelor study program "Eastern culture and business communication" 2nd year students.