



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

1HI430 Det kalla kriget: politik, säkerhet och kultur, 7,5
högskolepoäng

The Cold War: politics, security and culture, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

History

Subject Group

History

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

GIN

Date of Ratification

Approved by Organisational Committee 2009-11-02

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2010

Prerequisites

General entry requirements.

Expected learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge about history concerning the Cold War,
- demonstrate knowledge about specific elements of the Cold War,
 - analyze and interpret source material relevant to the Cold War,
- discuss and analyse, verbally and in writing, the themes focused on during the course.

Content

The course deals with the Cold War. The course comprises conflict relationships between super-powers and their respective allies, relating this to the after-effects the confrontation had on the world as a whole.

Since the Cold War's rivalries took place in different ways and in different arenas where ideological convictions, political relations and considerations for security were central, the course addresses the role played by ideologies, political and military alliances, arms races, and local and regional conflicts and wars. The course also covers how the Cold War was treated and how it was reflected in cultural contexts such as

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of lectures, group work and seminars. Participation in seminars

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examination forms are written assignments and active participation during seminars. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the expected learning outcomes must be achieved.

For students who fail to earn a Pass grade at the first examination opportunity, a maximum of four additional examination opportunities will be provided.

Students at Linnaeus University are entitled to have the course grade translated into the 7-teacher at the start of the course.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a written course evaluation is performed and compiled into a report. The evaluation report is available to students and is filed and stored according to departmental regulations. The results and eventual measures taken will be communicated to the course coordinator and presented to the students at the next course.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Course literature

Required reading

Gaddis, John Lewis, *The Cold War. A new history*. London: Penguin books, 2007, ISBN 1-59420-062-9, pp. 1–266.

(Also available in Swedish: John Lewis. Gaddis, *Det kalla kriget: pakterna, spionerna, lögnerna, sanningen*. Stockholm: Weyler, 2008, ISBN 978-91-85849-03-1.)

Martin McCauley, *Russia, American and the Cold War, 1941-1991* (Pearson Education, 2008, revised second edition), 154 pages

Vladislav M. Zubok, *A failed empire. The Soviet Union in the Cold War from Stalin to Gorbachev* (University of North Carolina Press, 2009), 344 pages

Other material, newspaper articles and primary sources, ca 100 pages

A book or article (chosen from the list provided) about a specific element of the Cold War, ca 250 pages