



## 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 the Board of the School of Cultural Sciences 2009-06-16

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2012

### **Prerequisites**

General entry requirements and Civics A, English B or Civics 1b / 1a1 +1a2.

## Objectives

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 feature films and fiction.

Attendance at seminars is obligatory.

### Type of Instruction

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

If the course is offered in the form of distance tuition, suitable means of distribution will be selected by the teacher.

### 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. A resit is offered within six weeks (within the framework of regular terms) and the number of resits is limited to five (in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance 6 chap. 21§).

### 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

Gaddis, John Lewis, *The Cold War. A new history*. London: Penguin books, latest edition.

(The book is also available in Swedish: John Lewis Gaddis, *Det kalla kriget: pakterna, spionerna, lögnerna, sanningen*. Stockholm: Weyler, latest edition.

Harper, John Lamberton, *The Cold War*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Latest edition.

Additional reading, newspaper articles and primary sources, approx. 150 pages.

Individually chosen book or articles pertaining a specific part of the Cold War, approx. 250 pages.