



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Cultural Sciences

1HI430 Det kalla kriget: politik, säkerhet och kultur, 7.5 credits
The Cold War: politics, security and culture

Main field of study

History

Subject Group

History

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2009-06-16

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2023

Prerequisites

General entry requirements + History 1b alt History 1a1+1a2 and Civics 1b alt. Civics 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.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is in the form of lectures, group work and seminars. When the course is offered as a distance course, the teaching takes place via a digital learning platform.

Examination

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

Examination forms are written assignments and seminar assignments. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction will be specified when the course starts.

Repeat examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University. If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give a customised exam or to have the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

During the implementation of the course or in close conjunction with the course, a course evaluation is to be carried out. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are to be promptly presented as feedback to the students who have completed the course. Students who participate during the next course instance receive feedback at the start of the course. The course evaluation is to be carried out anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Gaddis, John Lewis, *The Cold War. A new history*. London: Penguin books, latest edition, 333 pages. The book is also available in Swedish: John Lewis Gaddis, *Det kalla kriget: pakterna, spionerna, lögnerna, sanningen*. Stockholm: Weyler, latest edition, 411 pages.

Reynolds, David, *One world divisible: a global history since 1945*, latest edition, 859 p.

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.