



## Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences  
School of Social Sciences

1SK197 Östra/ västra Europa och Ryssland, 7,5 högskolepoäng  
Eastern/Western Europe and Russia, 7.5 credits

**Main field of study**  
Political Science

**Subject Group**  
Political Science

**Level of classification**  
First Level

**Progression**  
G1N

**Date of Ratification**  
Approved by the Board of the School of Social Sciences 2009-12-04  
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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2011

**Prerequisites**  
NO VALUE DEFINED

### Expected learning outcomes

After the completion of the course, the students shall be able to:

- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for different political systems in Europe;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for different political cultures in which political systems are developed and consolidated;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for how the political system in different European states are organized regarding the distribution of power;
- show solid knowledge of and comprehension for how political culture and political actors outside the political system influence and interacts with the political system and its powerful branches.

## Content

Eastern/Western Europe and Russia explores the nature of European states, politics and relations in the contemporary European order. The primary purpose of this course is to equip students with a good knowledge of our contemporary European countries; from the UK in west to Russia in the east. The focus is on political and economic systems, domestic and foreign policies, popular attitudes and on the nature of eastern and western European societies. It also draws attention to the ongoing European integration process and explores the new European map of the post-Cold War order. The 'Eastern Enlargements' of these organizations have transformed the overall European political landscape. This course is designed to increase students' awareness of what constitutes Europe in contemporary politics.

## Type of Instruction

The teaching methods consist of lectures, seminars and/or other assignments. The course is taught in English. At some moments of the course, attendance may be required.

## Examination

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

The course is assessed by a written and/or oral exam, which may be accompanied by a seminar session. The grades are transferred to the following ECTS grades: A, B, C, D, E, F or Fx.

## Course Evaluation

At the end of the course an oral or written evaluation is carried out. The results will be communicated to the students.

## Other

A very good command of the English language is required.

## Required Reading and Additional Study Material

### Required reading

Morjé Howard, Marc (Latest edition) *The Weakness of Civil Society in Post-Communist Europe*.

Putnam, Robert (Latest edition) *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*.

Material from Internet or provided by teacher (200 pages).