

### COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
POL3017	C	4	01 06 2011	01 06 2013	

Course type (compulsory or optional)	optional
Course level (study cycle)	undergraduate
Semester the course is delivered	Spring
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	face-to-face

#### Course title in Lithuanian

RUSIJOS VIDAUS IR UŽSIENIO POLITIKA

#### Course title in English

RUSSIA' S INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLICY

#### Short course annotation in English

The main aim of this course is to study national and foreign policy of Russia. During the course the following topics are covered: The Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev. The collapse of the Soviet Empire. The Boris Yeltsin phenomenon. The Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Yegor Gaidar's reforms. Privatization and other economic reforms. The first joint-stock companies and exchanges, reorganization of banks. "The end of the Republic" (1993), the increase of presidential power, the revival of the Communist Party. Vladimir Putin's coming to power. Russian politics regarding the NATO and the European Union. Russia's relations with the Baltic States, Ukraine, and Byelorussia. The role of Russia in the international organizations. Russia's national and regional politics.

#### Prerequisites for entering the course

Political Systems, International Relations and Governance.

#### Course aim

Prepare students to analyze, evaluate and foresee domestic and foreign policy in Russia.

#### Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
Compare socio-political processes in developing countries and regions	To able to evaluate political tradition in Russia and relate it with a present situation.	Ability to evaluate political tradition in Russia and relate it with a present situation.
	To be able to analyze contemporary political system in Russia and to compare it with political systems in other countries.	Ability to analyze contemporary political system in Russia and to compare it with political systems in other countries.
	To be able to analyze contemporary economical situation in Russia and foresee future economic development	Ability to analyze contemporary economical situation in Russia and foresee future economic development.

#### Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
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To be able to evaluate political tradition in Russia and relate it with a present situation.	Political tradition and historical features of political thought in Russia. Last years of the Soviet Union and collapse ( 1985-1991)
To be able to analyze contemporary political system in Russia and to compare it with political systems in other countries.	„August Republic“ 1991-1993. J. Gaidars' economical reforms. The Boris Yeltsin phenomenon. Main norms of 1993 constitution. Way to strong presidentialism and contemporary political system. The biggest political parties in Russia.
To be able to analyze contemporary economical situation in Russia and foresee future economic development	National and regional policy in the Russian Federation. Role of Kaliningrad in Russia's security policy and economics.  Main features of Russia's economic development. Oil and gas industries. Energy resources and foreign policy of Russia.  Role of Russia in the international politics. Western vector of Russian Federation foreign policy.  Active role of Russia in postsoviet area.  Asian vector of Russia's foreign policy: unique role of China, obstacles to establish closer partnership with Japan, interest of Russia in the Near East, challenges for partnership with India.

#### **Study (teaching and learning) methods**

Lectures, paper writing, discussion, practical tasks.

#### **Methods of learning achievement assessment**

Testing, course papers reading and evaluation

#### **Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)**

Lectures - 30 hours, paper work – 15 hours, work in groups – 15 hours, individual work -75 hours

#### **Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts**

Midterm exam (30 proc.), paper (20 proc.), egzam (50 proc.).

#### **Recommended reference materials**

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No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
Basic materials						
1.	2004	J. Bugajski, <i>Cold Peace: Russia's New Imperialism</i>	Praeger		1	
2.	2010.	<i>Institutions, Ideas and Leadership in Russian Politics</i> , ed. by J. Newton and W.Tompson.	Palgrave Macmillan.		1	
3.	2010.	A.P. Tsygankov, <i>Russia's Foreign Policy: Change and Continuity in National Identity</i>	Rowman & Littlefield Publishers		1	
4.	2005.	Б. А. Исаев, <i>Геополитика</i>	Питер		1	

5.	2008.	R.Sakwa. <i>Russian politics and society.</i>	Routledge.		1	
6.	2007.	<i>Transformation of Putin's regime: why transitology is not applicable to Post-Soviet Russia?</i> / ed. board: A. Jančauskas, R. Lopata, G. Vitkus.	Vilniaus university	1		
7.	2006.	Д. Тренин <i>Интеграция и идентичность. Россия как "новый Запад"</i> .	Московский Центр Корнеги		1.	

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