

STUDY SUBJECTS' PROGRAMME

Subject code	Subject group	Credits	Subject certified	Subject certification valid until	Reg. No.
BRS5004	C	6	2011 06 01	2013 06 01	

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

Title

RUSIJA, BALTIJOS ŠALYS IR VAKARŲ EUROPA: ISTORINĖ DIMENSIJA IR GEOPOLITINĖS PERSPEKTYVOS

Title in English

RUSSIA, BALTIC COUNTRIES AND WESTERN EUROPE: HISTORICAL CONFINES AND GEOPOLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

Subject annotation in English

Baltic countries in the 13th-16th centuries: the emergence of German and Slavic influences. Political and cultural development in the Baltic countries in the 16th-18th centuries. Lithuania in the Republic of Two Nations in the 16th-18th centuries: cultural and political changes. Polish-Lithuanian state on the crossroads between Russia and Western Europe. Russian occupation in the Baltic countries: cultural and political changes. National rebirth in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Form of studies– discussions, presentations, work in groups, individual work, seminars.

The aim of the course is to overview the most important historical developments, periods and tendencies in the Baltic countries in the 16th-19th centuries. To analyse Russian and Western European influences on the Baltic countries and raise students awareness of the historical literature to analyse the development of the Baltic region in the European context.

Necessary background knowledge for the study of the subject

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Study outcomes (up to 600 symbols)

After completing the course students will be able:

- Understand the historical importance of the Baltic region to European development.
- Evaluate and compare the complexity of the various ethnic groups of the region and be able to differentiate between these.
- Analyse how changing attitudes both in the North – Western peripheries and in the imperial metropolis influenced the process of nation-making.
- Develop a better understanding of the relationship between ideology, policy and social processes in the Baltic societies and Eastern Europe.
- Analyse the various theories of historical development and be able to apply the concepts of state and society, the collective and the individual, ethnicity, gender and identity.
- Think critically and imaginatively about the subject matter.
- Identify and address key problems in the history of the Baltic region including the extent to which it was affected by modern ideologies, social change, revolution, warfare and displacement.
- Analyse the political, social, economic and cultural heritage of the Baltics with a view to understanding the particular nature of systemic change and development, demonstrate the comparative skills necessary for cross cultural analysis.
- Construct coherent and independent historical arguments of their own.

Subject contents (up to 1200 symbols)

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Study hours

Lectures 30 hours, seminars 15 hours, team work 15 hours, individual work 100 hours.

Evaluation of study results

Seminars 20 %, individual work 10%, midterm 20%, exam 50%.

Literature

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9. Norman Davis, *Europe: a History*, Oxford University Press 1996
10. David Kirby, Šiaurės Europa ankstyvaisiais naujaisiais amžiais: Baltijos šalys 1492-1772 metais, ALK Mintis 2000
11. The History of the Baltic Countries, Tallinn 1999

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