

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
TVP3018	C	4	2012 06 01	2015 06 01	

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

Course title in Lithuanian

BALTARUSIJOS, MOLDOVOS IR UKRAINOS VIDAUS IR UŽSIENIO POLITIKA

Course title in English

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY OF BELARUS, MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

Short course annotation in English

The main aim of this course: to study domestic and foreign policy of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine.

Course Contents:

Evolution of Communist parties, national democratic movements and post-Communist parties. Economic and social reforms, international relations in a transitional period. Pro-Western and Pro-Eastern orientations of Ukraine. Evolution of regions: Commonwealth of Independent States; Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia; relations between Romania and Moldova. Prospects for post-Communist countries: democratization and authoritarianism. Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and the European Union Neighbourhood Policy.

Prerequisites for entering the course

Completed the following courses:

Introduction to Political System, International Relations and Policy (6 credits).

Course aim

Prepare students to analyze, evaluate and foresee domestic and foreign policy in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova

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 analyze and compare the political tradition in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, postsocialist transformation processes and relate it with a present situation.	Ability to recognize, name, explain, question, and critically analyze the processes in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.
	To be able to analyze, evaluate and foresee the change of political systems and foreign policy in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.	Ability to analyze, evaluate and foresee the change of political systems and foreign policy in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.
	To be able to present the nature of national conflicts, to perform international and economical crisis' analysis and suggest its' solutions.	Ability to present the nature of national conflicts, to perform international and economical crisis' analysis and suggest its' solutions.

	To be able to prognose EU Eastern neighbourhood policy and further enlargement process.	Ability to prognose EU Eastern neighbourhood policy and further enlargement process.
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Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
To be able to analyze and compare the political tradition, in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, postsocialist transformation processes and relate it with a present situation.	Statehood traditions, historical features of the political thought in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova; contemporary concepts of state and nation Belovezh Accords and collapse of Soviet Union. Differences of postsocialist transformations in other Central and Eastern European countries.
To be able to analyze, evaluate and foresee the change of political systems and foreign policy in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.	Stability of Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova foreign policy vectors and change in 1991-2012. Involvement and participation in Commonwealth of Independent States and other economic organizations (GUAM; Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia ect). Relations with NATO. Circumstances of Alexander Lukashenko coming into power and main features of his regime. Characteristics of opposition in Belarus.
To be able to present the nature of national conflicts, to perform international and economical crisis' analysis and suggest its' solutions.	Political system in Ukraine. Political elite and main political parties. Interconnection of business and political parties. Policy of historical memory. Main regions of Ukraine and multiculturalism there. Territorial integrity question in Moldova. Problem of Gagauzia autonomy. Role of Transnistria in stability of Moldova. Political system of Moldova, political elite and main political parties. Role of Romania in democratisation and consolidation processes.
To be able to prognose EU Eastern neighbourhood policy and further enlargement process.	State of economics in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova. Main export and import partners. Main challenges for energy security. Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova involvement in the realisation of European Union Neighbourhood Policy. Achievement and obstacles in europeanisation processes

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 and consultations- 30 hours, paper work – 15 hours, independent 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

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries

<i>Basic materials</i>						
1.	2009	F. Bafoil, <i>Central and Eastern Europe. Europeanization and Social Change.</i>	Palgrave Macmillan.		1	
2.	2010	D. Bochsler, <i>Territory and Electoral Rules in Post-Communist Democracies.</i>	Palgrave Macmillan		1	
3.	2002	J. Bugajski. <i>Political parties of Eastern Europe: a guide to politics in the Post-Communist era.</i>	Armonk Sharpe,		1	
4.	2010	<i>The European Neighbourhood Policy in Perspective. Context, Implementation and Impact</i> , ed. by R. G. Whitman and S. Wolff	Palgrave Macmillan.		1	
5.	2009	<i>Post-Communist Welfare Pathways. Theorizing Social Policy Transformations in Central and Eastren Europe</i> , ed. by A. Cerami and P. Vanhuyse	Palgrave Macmillan		1	

<i>Supplementary materials</i>						
1.	2010	N. Benko, J. Sivec, G. Maksakov, <i>Prospects of Belarus-Ukraine Relations at the Inter-Regional, Bilateral and Multirateral Levels.</i>	Homel, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies,		1	
2.	2006-2011	<i>Journal of Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe</i>	Flensburg, European Centre for Minority Issues.		1	
3.	2011	<i>Пути европеизации Беларуси. Между политикой и конструированием идентичности 1991 - 2010</i> , под. ред. О. Шпараги,	Минск, И. П. Логвинов.		1	

Course programme designed by

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