

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
POL3017	c	4	2013 06 01	2018 06 01	

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

RUSIJOS VIDAUS IR UŽSIENIO POLITIKA

Course title in English

RUSSIA' S INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLICY

Short course annotation in Lithuanian (up to 500 characters)

Dalyko pagrindiniu tikslu yra suteikti studentams žinių visumą plačiai apimančią Rusijos Federacijos vidaus ir užsienio politiką. Išklause šį kursą studentai gebės vertinti ir prognozuoti Rusijos vidaus santvarkos raidą, demokratijos padėtį ir pavojus bei ekonomines permainas. Įgyta kompetencija leis taip pat analizuoti šios šalies santykius su kitomis valstybėmis, visų pirma – su Jungtinių Amerikos Valstijomis, Vakarų ir Vidurio-Rytų Europos šalimis, Kinija ir Japonija. Studentai gebės nustatyti Rusijos politinius ir ekonominius interesus Nepriklausomų Valstybių Sąjungos erdvėje, apibrėžti Lietuvos ir kitų Baltijos šalių santykių su Rusija ateities scenarijus.

Short course annotation in English (up to 500 characters)

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 end of the "August 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

Completed the following courses:

Introduction to Political Science (6 credits), Introduction to International Relations (6 credits).

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
Ability to conduct the comparative analysis of political processes and phenomena.	<p>To able to evaluate political tradition in Russia and relate it with a present situation.</p> <p>To be able to analyze contemporary political system in Russia and to compare it with political systems in other countries.</p>	<p>Ability to recognize, name, explain, question, and critically analyze the processes in Russia.</p> <p>Ability to compare political system in Russia with political systems in other countries.</p>
Acquisition of skills required for the research of peculiar features of activities of various political entities and their interrelations.	To be able to analyze contemporary economical situation in Russia and foresee future economic development.	Ability to analyze economical situation in Russia.
	To be able to analyze the role of Russia as international actor.	Ability to analyze foreign policy of Russia, relations with other countries.

Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
To able to evaluate political tradition in Russia and relate it with a present situation.	<p>Political tradition and historical features of political thought in Russia.</p> <p>Last years of the Soviet Union and collapse (1985-1991)</p>
To be able to analyze contemporary political system in Russia and to compare it with political systems in other countries.	<p>„August Republic“ 1991-1993 and J. Gaidars‘ economical reforms. The Boris Yeltsin phenomenon.</p> <p>Main norms of 1993 constitution. Way to strong presidentialism and contemporary political system. The biggest political parties in Russia.</p> <p>Spiritual vectors Religies in Russia, special role of the Orthodox Church</p>

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 district in Russias' security policy and economics. Main features of Russias' economic development. Oil and gas industries. Energy resources and foreign policy of Russia.
To be able to analyze the role of Russia as international actor.	<p>Role of Russia in the international politics. Western vector of Russian Federation foreign policy, relations with EU, NATO</p> <p>Active role of Russia in postsoviet area.</p> <p>Asian vector of Russias' foreign policy: unique role of China, obstacles to establish closer partnership with Japan, interest of Russia in the Middle East, challenges for partnership with India.</p>

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- 45 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
Basic materials						
1.	2006	J. Bugajski, <i>Šaltoji taika: naujasis Rusijos imperializmas</i> . Vilnius, 2006.	Artlora	1		
2.	2010	<i>Institutions, Ideas and Leadership in Russian Politics</i> , ed. by J. Newton and W.Tompson.	Palgrave Macmillan.		1	
3.	2007	D. Jakniūnaitė, <i>Kur prasideda ir baigiasi Rusija: kaimynystė tarptautinėje politikoje</i> .	Vilniaus university	1		
4.	2006.	E. Motieka, V. Sirutavičius, J. Daniliauskas, A. Molis, <i>Politinių procesų ir struktūrų apžvalga Kaliningrado</i>	Klaipėda university	1		

