

COURSE PROFILE

Course Name	Code	Semester	Term	Theory+PS+Lab (hour/week)	Local Credits	ECTS
Central Asia and Caucasus in World Politics	POLS 431	Fall	7	3+0+0	3	6

Prerequisites	None
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Course Language	English
Course Type	Elective
Course Lecturer	Staff
Course Assistant	Hakan Mehmetcik
Course Objectives	<p>This course analyzes the history and politics of Central Asia and Caucasia. A series of introductory lectures shall focus on the historical background and strategic significance of the region for world politics. The revival of political Islam in the post-Soviet period, energy security and contemporary conflicts between the actors of the region with their diverging dimensions shall be amongst the main topics that are to be dealt within the framework of this course.</p>
Course Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a broad understanding of international conflicts and follow the post-conflict process. • Explain the ethnic, political and cultural conditions of the Central Asian and Caucasian societies. • Differentiate the politics of the states during the USSR period and after the dissolution. • Compare and contrast the differences between Central Asia and the Caucasus. • Point out the contemporary problems of the region and prospective solutions.
Course Content	<p>The Russian invasion to Caucasus and Central Asia; ethnic identity and national delimitations; the end of Tsarist Russia and revolutions; the emergence of USSR and its political design; Stalin period in Central Asia and Caucasus; the effects of Russo-Sino relations in Central Asia and Caucasus; the independence of Central Asian states; and its political implications.</p>

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Subjects	Related
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Course Textbook	Emilian Kavalski. (2010), <i>The New Central Asia The regional impact of International Actors</i> . New Jersey: World Scientific Pub.
Recommended References	

Semester Requirements	Number	Percentage of Grade
Attendance/Participation		20
Laboratory		
Application		
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)		
Quizzes/Studio Critics		
Homework Assignments	6	30
Presentation		
Project		
Seminar/Workshop		
Midterms/Oral Exams		
Final/Resit Exam	1	50
Total	7	100

Percentage of Semester Work	6	50
Percentage of Final Work	1	50
Total	7	100

COURSE'S CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM

#	Program Qualifications / Outcomes	Level of Contribution *				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR 1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events				x	
IR 2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					x
IR 3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					x
IR 4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					
IR 5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					x
IR 6	Understand the international legal framework					
IR 7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS 1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS 2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS 3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS 4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
PS	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that					

5	shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS 6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS 7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically					
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					x
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					x
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public				x	
16	Understand, read, and write in English					x
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report				x	
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy			x		

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

**ECTS ALLOCATED BASED ON STUDENT WORKLOAD BY THE COURSE
DESCRIPTION**

Activities	Number	Duration (Hours)	Total Workload
Course Hours (Including Exams)			38
Tutorials			
Laboratory			
Application			
Special Course Internship (Work Placement)			
Field Work			
Study Hours Out of Class			
Presentations / Seminar	5	1	5
Project			
Preparatory reading			71
Homework Assignments	6	5	30
Quizzes			
Midterm Exams			
Final / Resit Exam			6
Total Workload			150

COURSE CATEGORY

ISCED GENERAL AREA CODES	GENERAL AREAS	ISCED BASIC AREA CODES	BASIC EDUCATIONAL AREAS	
1	Education	14	Teacher training and education science	0
2	Humanities and Arts	21	Arts	0
		22	Humanities	0
3	Social sciences, Business and Law	31	Social and behavioural science	100
		32	Journalism and information	0
		34	Business and administration	0
		38	Law	0
4	Science, Mathematics and Computing	42	Life science	0
		44	Physical science	0
		46	Mathematics and statistics	0
		48	Computing	0
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction	52	Engineering and Engineering Trades	0
		54	Manufacturing and processing	0
		58	Architecture and building	0
6	Agriculture and Veterinary	62	Agriculture, forestry and fishery	0
		64	Veterinary	0
7	Health and Welfare	72	Health	0
		76	Social services	0
8	Services	81	Personal services	0

		84	Transport services	0
		85	Environmental protection	0
		86	Security services	0