

## COURSE DETAIL

### COLD WAR CONFRONTATION 1941-1989

**Country**

Czech Republic

**Host Institution**

CIEE, Prague

**Program(s)**

Central European Studies

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science History

**UCEAP Course Number**

105

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

COLD WAR CONFRONTATION 1941-1989

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

COLD WAR 1941-1989

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This course traces the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union, from the beginnings of their tense wartime alliance until the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe in 1989. The early part of the course concentrates predominantly on the Soviet-US confrontation in Europe following the establishment and consolidation of Communist regimes in Eastern and Central Europe from 1944-48. Particular attention is paid to the events of February 1948 in Czechoslovakia and to the Berlin Airlift crisis of 1949. The period of the relaxation of East-West tensions which followed Stalin's death in 1953 is examined through a focus on negotiations over the fate of Austria and Germany, and the upheavals in Poland and Hungary in 1956. From its European beginnings, the course branches out to consider the Cold War in its global context, especially in its relationship to Third World nationalism, non-alignment, and anti-imperialism. The final weeks examine the crushing of the Prague Spring, the period of Détente, and the sudden and largely unanticipated end to the conflict in the 1980s, with a particular emphasis on the revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe in 1989.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

HIST 3006 PRAG/POLI

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

CIEE Prague

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

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