

## COURSE DETAIL

### POWER AND POWERLESSNESS: A HISTORY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 1918-1993

**Country**

Czech Republic

**Host Institution**

Charles University

**Program(s)**

Central European Studies

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

History

**UCEAP Course Number**

155

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

POWER AND POWERLESSNESS: A HISTORY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 1918-1993

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CZECHOSLOVAKIA HIST

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

**Course Description**

This course approaches Czechoslovak history both chronologically and thematically, tracing some of the most important current directions in modern European historiography. The course combines social, cultural, and political approaches to examine the limits of understanding history as a purely top-down process. Students review significant recent scholarship from the Czech and Slovak Republics and elsewhere, including literature, film, photography, and official documents. The course discusses topics including the chronological approach to studying history, using conventional periodization to analyze Czechoslovak history, whether the European continent was characterized by a Cold War divide and how Czechoslovakia might shed light on this, debates surrounding the use of a totalitarian paradigm, and the actors and drivers of historical change.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

CUFA HIST 335

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**Host Institution Course Details****Host Institution Campus**

Faculty of Arts

**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

East and Central European Studies

## Course Last Reviewed

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