COURSE DETAIL

RUSSIAN DIPLOMACY TODAY
Country France
Host Institution Sciences Po Reims
Program(s) Sciences Po Reims
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 125
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title RUSSIAN DIPLOMACY TODAY
UCEAP Transcript Title RUSSIAN DIPLOMACY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course covers Russian diplomacy after the collapse and breakup of the Soviet Union. The following topics are covered: the failed attempts of Russia to approach with the West during the Yeltsin presidency and the first years of the Putin presidency; Putin's ambitious and robust foreign policy and reestablishment of the tradition of a proud, strong, and powerful country; reaffirmation of the military power and thirst of recognition; path to becoming an indispensable partner in the major international questions (disarmament, Eastern Europe, Middle-East, Iran); recovering of its exclusive influence in the former USSR countries (Ukraine, Caucasus); reorientation of its attention towards the Asia-Pacific region, especially with China; access to the Mediterranean and the Pacific; containing of the role of the OSCE and limitation of the influence of the EU in Eastern Europe. The means of action that led this ambitious foreign policy are ideological and political, diplomatic and multilateral, economic, security, software and influence. The use of these means, which are always well coordinated, is guided by the Russian national interests, legacy of USSR or even the Russian Empire. More than obeying to a predetermined strategy, they react often to internal or external political impulses or simply depend on the president's will. The limitations of financial and economic resources of the country, due to the fall of the gas and oil prices, the world economic crises and Western sanctions, never concerned the budget and human resources of the Russian diplomacy.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
DAFF 27A03

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