COURSE DETAIL

REGIONAL TRENDS: CONTEMPORARY RUSSIAN POLITICS AND SECURITY

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Leiden University College

Program(s)
Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
102

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
REGIONAL TRENDS: CONTEMPORARY RUSSIAN POLITICS AND SECURITY

UCEAP Transcript Title
RUSS POL & SECURITY

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description
This course introduces students to the history, politics, and government of the Russian Federation. It is divided into four parts. It begins with an introduction to history of Russia but focuses more specifically on the origins, structure and development of the USSR. It also examines the reasons behind its collapse, particularly the impact of Gorbachev's perestroika. This part of the course is designed to increase students' knowledge about the ideas, influences, and forces that have shaped contemporary Russia politics and foreign policy specifically. In the second part, the focus turns towards contemporary Russian politics. It examines how the state works i.e. party systems, civil society and human rights, democratization in theory and practice, the media as well as the nature of post communism, political culture and Russian nationalism. The third part of the course provides an overview of Russia‘s foreign policy and examines the way Russia manages the current insecurity and instability in the Russian and post-Soviet space, with reference to the North Caucasus and Chechnya, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan. Finally, the course explores Russia's role in the international system including its relations with other global actors such as the US, EU, China and the BRICS in general as well as Russia‘s role in international crises, among them the Arab Spring, Syria, and Iran.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
8003WP56Y

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Leiden University College, The Hague

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
World Politics

Course Last Reviewed

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