

## 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**

**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

**Host Institution Course Title**

REGIONAL TRENDS: CONTEMPORARY RUSSIAN POLITICS AND SECURITY

**Host Institution Campus**

Leiden University College, The Hague

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

## **Host Institution Department**

World Politics

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