

COURSE DETAIL

CONTEMPORARY RUSSIA'S DOMESTIC POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Slavic Studies Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

179

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

CONTEMPORARY RUSSIA'S DOMESTIC POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY

UCEAP Transcript Title

CONTEMP RUSSIA POL

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the evolutions of domestic politics and foreign policy in Russia since the collapse of the USSR. After a brief introduction to the nature of the Soviet political system, the course is divided into three parts. The first part deals with the period of political transition following the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the genesis of the political system in contemporary Russia. Contrary to hopes of liberalization, Russian society was plunged into a financial, economic, political and social crisis, which favored a rapid return to authoritarianism. The second part looks at the genesis of Putinism and how the ruling elite came to dominate society. Finally, the third part focuses on post-Soviet Russia's foreign policy and the implementation of its ambitions on the international stage.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Seminar

Host Institution Department

International Relations

Course Last Reviewed

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