Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

Ukraine: Historiography, Language, Nation-Building (A005066)

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
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Teaching languages
Russian

Keywords
History, linguistics, identity, Ukraine, Russia

Position of the course
This is an advanced course which aims to give students a deeper insight into the key issues of the Ukrainian historiography, language situation and identity. History and current situation of Ukrainian nationalism will receive special attention.

Contents
The course will during 3 seminars try to give answers to the following questions:
1. Is Ukraine, seen from a historical point of view, another country than Russia (many Russians do not think so and call Kiev "the mother of Russian cities")?
2. Is the Ukrainian language another language than Russian (many Russians do not think so and consider Ukrainian rather as a southern dialect of Russian)?
3. Are Ukrainians another people than Russians (many Russians do not think so and consider that (Great) Russians, Belarusians and Ukrainians are three tribes of a Russian nation)?
4. Is Ukrainian nationalism a patriotic pro-Western democratic liberation movement (like most Ukrainians believe) or it is an extreme right-wing russophobic movement with a collaborationist past (like many Russians believe)?

After introductory tutorials, students read and summarize primary sources and scientific literature related to the themes of seminars and they prepare for their participation in the discussions. The students should orally present the contents of the texts they read and formulate their own position. The discussion opinions are later issued as papers. Active participation in the seminars is required to succeed.

Initial competences
Students have successfully obtained a Bachelor's degree in East-European Languages and Cultures or have at least successfully completed most of the courses of the Bachelor of Slavonic and East European Studies.

Final competences
1. To understand the contemporary problems and interpretations of historical, political, linguistic and cultural phenomena connected with Ukraine.
2. To understand and interpret scientific (historiographical, linguistic and other) texts in
3 To understand and judge back through time social assumptions of scientific publications in the field of Ukrainian studies.
4 To understand the dynamics between politics, society, language and culture in Ukraine in diachronic and synchronic perspective.
5 To be able to find information in scientific literature and use it in a discussion.
6 To report and present orally or in written form on own research.

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract
This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods
Guided self-study, microteaching, seminar, self-reliant study activities

Learning materials and price
Own teaching materials.

References

Course content-related study coaching
Guidance both individually and in group, interactive support through Minerva, consulting teacher via email and during office hours. The lecturer is available for individual coaching during the consulting-hours (Tuesday from 11.00 a.m - 12.00) or by appointment.

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Oral examination, participation, assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods
Non-periodical evaluation: an oral presentation on a chosen topic or one given by the lecturer which represents one of the existing positions on the discussion of each seminar.

Calculation of the examination mark
Non-periodical: paper (30%), presentation (60%).
Periodical: oral examination (10%).
The marks for the presentation will be transferred to the second examination period. If a student does not participate in the evaluation of one or more parts, he/she can no longer pass the entire course. If the average final score is a grade of ten or more out of twenty, this will be reduced to the highest unsuccessful grade (= 9/20).

Facilities for Working Students
1 Possible exemption from presence during the courses compensated by an alternative task after consultation with the teacher.
2. No possibility of examination at a different time in the same academic year.
3 Feedback can be given by email or during an appointment during office hours.