

Code: HIST-03/B **Credits: 8**

Subject: History of East Europe

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

Teaching Staff

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Prerequisites

Attendance at the Course requires basic knowledge of the history of international events during the twentieth and at the beginning of the twenty-first century.

Objectives

The Degree Course in the History of Eastern Europe aims to deepen the knowledge of the historical, political, economic, and social evolution of the nations of Eastern Europe – excluding Russia and its area – starting from some references related to the medieval and modern ages and with greater emphasis concerning events and issues of the 19th and especially 20th centuries, with particular reference to the formation of the “New” Eastern Europe after the First World War, the developments before, during, and after the Second World War, and the period of “real socialism” and totalitarianism, up to the return of democratic institutions in Eastern European countries.

Competencies:

The student will have to demonstrate: - Knowledge and understanding of the discipline
- Ability to apply knowledge and understanding in terms of skills - Autonomy of judgment
- Communication skills - Learning ability. The desired learning outcome, in fact, is to obtain from the student – during attendance in face-to-face and online lessons and in the oral or written exam – the ability to know, learn, and evaluate in depth the knowledge of the historical, political, economic, and social evolution of the nations of Eastern Europe regarding events and issues of the 19th and 20th centuries, with particular reference to the formation of the New Eastern Europe after the First World War, the developments before, during, and after the Second World War, and the period of 'real socialism' and totalitarianism, up to the return of democratic institutions in Eastern European countries.



Syllabus

Programme:

Topic 1. __Eastern Europe Countries after the World War I_and the Paris Peace Conference, 1919-20_____

Topic 2. _Eastern Europe Countries during the 1920-1939 Years_____

Topic 3. Eastern Europe Countries in the Cold War Years, 1945-1990

Topic 4. Eastern Europe Countries after the Collapse of the Communist Era

Evaluation system and criteria

The examination normally consists of a written test held at the Rome headquarters, aimed at ascertaining the ability to analyse and rework the concepts acquired, and with a prior booking by the student.

Study materials (available in both Italian and English) will be available in the University library.

The examination will be aimed at:

- ascertaining the knowledge and comprehension of the student;
- ascertaining the ability to apply that knowledge to analyze current trends and events in international relations;
- ascertaining the mastery of the specific language concerning the international relations.

Bibliography and resources

1. Materials to consult:

Robert Bideleux – Ian Jeffries, *A History of Eastern Europe. Crisis and Change*, London-New York, Routledge, 1998 (Book available in the Cusano University Library)

Choose to study **ONLY ONE** of these two parts:

Part 1

Cap. 13: The aftermath of the First World War, pp. 422-434

Cap. 16: The failure of democracy, pp. 458-466

Cap. 17: The lure of fascism, pp. 467-496

or

Part 2

Cap. 19: The Second World War and the expansion of communism power in East Central and South-eastern Europe, pp. 524-544

Cap. 21: From the crisis of 1968 to the Revolution of 1989, pp. 562-589

Cap. 22: Eastern Europe since 1989: the “triple transition”, pp. 590-607



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