
New York University is a Global Network University (NYU-GNU) with courses and programs offered at 14 academic centres on six continents. NYU in London is an undergraduate study abroad program of exceptional quality with teaching strengths across the curriculum. Our UK faculty, drawn mainly from local universities, has an excellent record in teaching and research. Classes are held at the NYU London centre at 4-6 Bedford Square, WC1.

COURSE DESCRIPTION & DESIRED OUTCOMES

This course examines politics and governments in the East European region since the end of the Cold War against the background of wars, revolution, state building and collapse throughout the previous century. It surveys a broad sweep of countries – from Russia to the Czech Republic, and from the Baltic states to former Yugoslavia. It highlights the challenges of development faced by their peoples, how these challenges were met by governments and societies in the new states created after the First World War, under Communism in the Soviet Union and its satellite states, before and after the collapse of the Soviet bloc.

Upon successful completion of the course students should be able to:

- Identify the distinct features of East European development during the period up until 1945
- Assess the competing forces of integration into the Soviet bloc and resistance to it among the Central and South-Eastern European states.
- Explain how the communist system functioned and identify the weaknesses that led to its ultimate collapse
- Understand how the issues of democratization, state preservation, and economic reforms arose during the transition from Communism
- Compare and contrast the distinct state-economy-society complexes that have emerged in the region since the end of Communism
- Understand the roles of elections, parties, and social movements in post-Communist politics

TEACHING & LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

The instructor will combine his or her own lectures (based on common readings) with classroom discussions that he or she will facilitate. Small-group research exercises and student presentations can be encouraged, as appropriate. All student work is to be marked and commented upon by the instructor.

EXPECTATION OF HOURS

The semester is 14 weeks and classes typically meet once a week for 2.5 hours (Day & Time TBD), with an additional 15th session added to one of the weeks. In addition to the time required for course preparation, classroom instruction, and marking, the instructor is required to hold a minimum of one set
60-minute “office hour” at NYU London per week, during which time she or he will be available to meet with students.

FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants should have a PhD in an appropriate field. It is expected that the post-holder will have a minimum of 2 to 3 years teaching at the university level. Experience teaching American undergraduates is helpful.

APPLICATIONS

Terms and conditions will be discussed with the successful applicant. The successful candidate should have the right to live and work in the UK prior to appointment. Applications, in the form of a C.V. and letter of interest should arrive no later than 18 April 2016 by e-mail to Luke Harper at luke.harper@nyu.ac.uk. Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Amy Rowe at amy.rowe@nyu.ac.uk. We regret we are unable to individually notify unsuccessful candidates.