

STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ

DID YOU KNOW THAT...!?



...your university has an agreement with the University of Hradec Králové?

Yes, our university is cooperating with yours. In fact, it is really easy for you to study in the Czech Republic. Just visit your international office to fill in your application!

...the Czech Republic is rated as one of the safest countries in the world?

It's true! The Czech Republic is placed in the top 10 safest countries in the world every year. Just try and google it yourself!

...the Czech Republic has a beautiful nature?

Marvellous mountains, charming rivers, calming forests and remarkable plains. Every nature enthusiast will fall in love with 25 protected areas and 4 natural parks that our country has to offer.

...the University of Hradec Králové has a huge international community?

We have many partner universities abroad, not just in Europe but also in Latin America, Africa and Asia, so around 1000 international students are studying at our university each year!

...there are many places worth to see around Hradec Králové itself?

Hradec Králové is surrounded by beautiful nature full of lakes and woods. There are also many historical sites such as castles, palaces, and many more just around the corner!

...Hradec Králové is a very cheap city to live in?

Although Hradec Králové is not the capital, it can provide you with the same services, but at the same time, it's much cheaper! On average, Prague can be up to 20% more expensive than Hradec Králové. So it is not a problem to keep your expenses around 350 euros per month.

...there are many foreign teachers visiting UHK?

We have close relations with many universities worldwide, so to get a wide range of courses, we have a lot of foreign professors visiting us every semester!

...Hradec Králové is really close to Prague?

You heard how wonderful Prague is and you want to see it? No problem! It's just a 1,5 hour train ride from Hradec Králové, so you can travel there anytime you want. Plus you can use a huge student discount for transport provided by the state!

...our university provides accommodation for its students?

Yes, it is true. Our university provides foreigners with a place at our dormitory because we understand how hard it might be to find a place to stay in a foreign country. It is pretty affordable as well; the rent is around 125 euros per month.



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Filozofická fakulta UHK



Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové



LIST OF COURSES FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2021/2022



University of
Hradec Králové
Philosophical
Faculty

FAQ

How do I sign in?

The students are nominated by their home universities. Once the nomination is accepted, the student will receive an invitation to our online system for students, called [IS STAG](#)

How are the online courses being taught?

The course might be either asynchronous or synchronous. While synchronous courses are direct online lessons with the teacher, during asynchronous courses the students are learning from materials that were prepared in advance, such as academic texts or pre-recorded video lessons. The form of each subject will be announced at the beginning of the summer term 2020/2021.

What grading system does UHK use?

Our grading system is related to the ECTS credit system. To put it shortly - students can receive grades from A to F with A being the highest score and F being the lowest. In order to pass the student must receive a grade from A to E.

Grade	Definiton
A	Outstanding performance without errors
B	Above the average standard but with minor errors
C	Generally sound work with some errors
D	Fair but with significant shortcomings
E	Performance meets the minimum criteria
F	Fail – considerable further work is required

What are ECTS credits?

Our university uses the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) which is a workload-based system for measuring and comparing study results. The student is awarded a certain number of ECTS credits for each course, which reflects the workload necessary to successfully complete a course. One ECTS credit point can equal on average between 25 and 30 actual study hours. To learn more about the ECTS, please see the [ECTS Users' guide](#)



When do the courses start?

Winter semester:

Classes period: September 20th - December 19th

Exam period: January 3rd - January 27th

Summer semester:

Classes period: February 7th - May 7th

Exam period: May 9th - June 30th

How can I tell which courses are from which department?

Every department has its code which is included in the course code as well.

Code:	Department
ARCH	Department of Archaeology
CJP	Centre of Foreign Languages
HIU	Institute of History
KFSV	Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences
KP	Department of Political Science
KPVHA	Department of Auxiliary Sciences of History and Archival Studies
KSOC	Department of Sociology
USP	The institute of Social Work

NOTICE:

You **MUST** choose at least 75% of total amount of chosen credits (i.e. credits from all courses chosen by you) from the Philosophical Faculty UHK! It means you can choose courses from other UHK faculties, but total amount of credit valuation of them can be 25% maximum of total number of credits. For example: you've chosen 5 or 6 courses with total amount of 32 ECTS credits - in this case, **MINIMUM** of 24 credits should be assigned to courses chosen from the Philosophical Faculty's offer, **MAXIMUM** of 8 credits could be assigned to courses from other faculty/faculties.

Having more questions?

We will be glad to answer them. You can always contact us via e-mail: ff.internationaloffice@uhk.cz





WINTER SEMESTER
September 20th – January 27th

A History of the Book

KPVHA/MPHOB

Credits: 3 ECTS

The seminar aims to provide a general introduction to the various types of sources extant in the libraries of the Czech Republic. In concrete present the short history of libraries, forms of the preserved sources, the typology of the script, ornamentation, bindings, and fragments. Furthermore, acquaint with the individual types of texts, i.e. genres of the medieval literature.

A History of the Book (online)

KPVHA/MKHOB

Credits: 3 ECTS

An online version of the course A History of the Book. You can find the annotation of the course above.

Please, choose only one version of the course, if interested.

Ancient and Medieval

Political Thought

KP/AMPT

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course is an introduction to the development of Western political thought since the period of Archaic Greece until approximately early 16th century. Throughout this course, we will deal with the key figures in ancient and medieval political thought, because many concepts these thinkers discovered, analyzed and practically applied (democracy, monarchy, absolutism, idea of the empire, sovereignty of the people etc.) form the basis of political philosophy for ages to come.

Central European Politics

HIU/ECEPO

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course deals with political systems of Central European countries after World War II. It is based on theories of non-democratic regimes, theories of transition, consolidation and theories of democracy which are used for analysis of development and a current state of political systems. The course is primarily focused on the countries of so-called Visegrad Four, i.e. the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia

Arabic Language 1

CJP/ARB1

Credits: 3 ECTS

The student will be able to write and read Arabic words, understand simple sentences and perform simple conversation (greetings, simple expressions, etc.) in the classical language. The main topics are: 1-Arabic alphabet which showcases the main 28 Arabic letters and their forms, three secondary letters and their forms, -the usage in words, sounds, usage of short and long voices, usage in written form, 2- reading of words and some simple sentences, 3-listening, 4- conversation, 5-simple grammar: short and long voices, separate pronouns, connected pronouns, past tense, present tense, preposition, demonstratives.

Central European Social Systems

in Comparative Perspective

HIU/ESYST

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course analyses historical context of the emergence of the welfare state and its further development in the 20th century. The end of the 20th century is described as the so-called "crisis of the welfare state". This topic is followed by an analysis of the causes and context of the crisis and the reforms made in the European welfare states since the 1980s. There is a space reserved for such terms as mixed economy, quasi-market, convergence of various models of the welfare state. The topic of convergence is naturally preceded by an analysis of the basic typologies of welfare states and the basic models of welfare states included in them. Special focus is on central European model of social policy and its eclectic approach to social welfare.

Discourse Theory in Social Work

USP/PADIS

Credits: 3 ECTS

Note: This course is supposed ONLY for students of Social Work and closely related study fields!

The course is focused on getting acquainted with the sociological approach, emphasizing the influence of language in the formation of the identity of individual and its socio-political conditionality. The student will gain an overview of the historical development of approaches to the conditionality of identity by culture and language, and their current application in matters of freedom of discussion, possibilities of mutual cooperation in the formation of society and waves of feminism.



Conceptualization of Totalitarian Regime

KSOC/ECTR

Credits: 4 ECTS

The aim of the course is to explain the nature of totalitarianism and other nondemocratic regimes, e.g. insufficient division of powers among executive, judicial and legislative branches. Special attention will be attributed to the most important features of totalitarian regimes: lack of economic, social and political pluralism, monopoly of the dominant political party, the importance of teleological ideology, compulsory participation in state organizations. Various conceptualizations of democratic and nondemocratic regimes will be clarified by critical assessment of selected authors; Hannah Arendt, Raymond Aron, Robert Alan Dahl, Juan Linz, George Orwell, Alfred Stepan, Václav Havel, etc. The distinct theoretical reflections on nondemocratic regimes will be applied to various cases of past and current nondemocratic political regimes all around the globe

Czech for International Students 1

CJP/CJ1

Credits: 6 ECTS

The seminar focuses on teaching the Czech language to foreign students. The aim of the course is to introduce students to the Czech language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. Great attention will be paid to conversational exercises. The first semester is focused on the beginner's studies and ability in grasping and grappling with the Czech Language.

Czech for International Students 2

CJP/CJ2

Credits: 6 ECTS

The seminar focuses on teaching the Czech language to foreign students. The aim of the course is to continue introducing students to the Czech language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. Great attention will be paid to conversational exercises. The second semester builds on the lessons of the first semester

Conversation in English

CJP/COENG

Credits: 3 ECTS

To prepare students for internship at foreign universities. Serious interest in employing acquired skills and knowledge for internship at foreign universities.

Regular attendance at seminars

Carry out all duties

Pass credit examination

- internship arrangements
- professional CV
- application letter for mobility
- interview based on personal motivation
- application filling
- travelling
- booking tickets
- booking flights
- searching for accommodation
- proper stay at university campus
- Academic English
- Academic reading
- Resumé

Dissent in Communist Central Europe

HIU/EDISS

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of the course is to introduce to students the nature and political role of dissent movements in communist Central Europe. The first part of the course will focus on different nature of totalitarian/authoritarian communist regimes in the region, which profoundly influenced many aspects of early illegal political groups, movements, and their leaders. The second part will be devoted to an analysis of the dissent movements in the CEE. Last part of the course will deal with the role of dissent in the 1989 fall of the communist regimes and their influence on the first years of political life in the post-communist environment.

European History 1789–1918

KP/HISE1

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course aims to develop an understanding of the major trends in the political development of the European states and societies in the period from the 1789 to the 1918.



Ethical Theories in Social Work

USP/PAETI

Credits: 5 ECTS

Note: This course is supposed ONLY for students of Social Work and closely related study fields!

The aim of the subject is to extend and deepen knowledge in the area of ethics, with an emphasis on their application use in social work. The course is designed to strengthen the morally-analytical and reflexively-argumentative skills of students.

1. The importance of ethical theories for social work
2. Ethical concept of man
3. Deontology - I. Kant
4. Freedom and responsibility
5. Social ethics
6. Classic and phenomenological theory of values. Values and social work.
7. Human relationship in the context of ethics
8. Theory of fairness in the context of ethics
9. Ethics of concern
10. Models of ethical decision making
11. Bohemian ethics
12. Ecology - ethics - social work

Active work in a group - discussion, solving of assigned tasks

Composing and presentation of an essay on a given topic

The Politics of Language

KP/POLA

Credits: 5 ECTS

This module introduces students to major scholarship on the politics of language which includes historical, cultural and linguistic issues. We will consider a broad inter- and transdisciplinary body of research from a global perspective. The relationship between language and culture, identity politics, as well as power dynamics of inclusion and exclusion, social class stratification, ethnicity, race, and gender will be considered. We focus on the politics of English as a global language and academic lingua franca and its ambiguous role in the ex-British colonies. Theories and methodologies of language planning and policy will be examined, and students will have a chance to develop critical thinking skills. Some texts will focus on theoretical aspects while others will be rich in empirical data or cultural content. One of the primary goals of this course is to encourage students to engage in analytical thinking, to personally reflect on their individual language histories and challenges and to work on an empirical research question of value for their postgraduate studies.

Gender and Society

KSOC/EGES

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course introduces students to core concepts of gender studies. Special attention is focused on the dichotomy of sex and gender, gender stereotypes in various fields (in education, science, media, labor market, etc.), gender roles and socialization, and different types of femininities and masculinities. After passing the course, students will also be familiar with the history of feminist movement and with the current feminist epistemology.

German for International Students 1

CJP/INJ1

Credits: 3 ECTS

The seminar offers the German language for beginners. The aim of the course is to introduce students to the German language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. The course will equally develop the basic language skills: speaking, writing, listening and reading with comprehension as well as introduce the students into grammar on the level A1. The students will use during the lessons textbook and workbook Menschen A1/1.1. The fee for students is 2 500 CZK (approx. 100 EUR). 50% of the fee will be returned to the student in case of 80% participation in the course (2 absences allowed). For payment instructions please visit the International Office.

Theories and History of European

Integration

KP/THEI

Credits: 4 ECTS

This course aims to provide the necessary basic overview of the historical development of European integration along with the theories of European integration. The first part of the course focuses on individual historical milestones in the European integration process and current events in the EU. The second part of the course will focus on selected theories of European integration. The course will try to reflect the evolution of integration, institutions and the dynamics of intergovernmental with respect to the specific context of European integration. The second part of the course should prepare the students for debating and exploring European integration process, including the application of some fundamental theoretical concepts of contemporary international relations to the practice of international politics.



Integration Processes and Politics in Central Europe

HIU/EINPP

Credits: 5 ECTS

This course will focus on several themes connected to the changes brought by the integration of Central European states into Europe-wide integration processes. First, the course will deal with the comparative assessment of differences and similarities of the post-1989 political, social, and economic transition. In the next part of the course, we will focus on both regional (Visegrad 4, CEFTA) integration and the preparation for entry in the EU. Last part of the course will be devoted to the consequences of the entry of the CEE states to NATO since late 1990s

Introduction to Archaeometallurgy

ARCH/QJKIA

Credits: 5 ECTS

This course introduces the origins and evolution of metallurgy up to the medieval times. It covers the archaeologically most important metals (gold, silver, copper, bronze, tin, lead, iron, steel) and addresses extractive metallurgy, production and manufacturing techniques, from the mine to the finished artefact. Part of this course will be focused on explanation of analytical techniques and methods used in study of archaeological metals, including basic and trace elements composition analysis, isotopes analysis, metallographic methods, etc. Case studies are presented from research projects of the lecturer, integrating metallurgy within wider social and economic contexts and archaeological questions.

The aims of this course are to give students a fundamental understanding of the development and spread of mining and metallurgy within their geological and archaeological contexts from the beginning up to the medieval times. Through selected case studies, students will be acquainted with the methodology of archaeometallurgical research and currently used analytical methods, their principles and possibilities of their application in studying archaeological metals.

Medieval European History

HIU/AAMEH

Credits: 6 ECTS

The lecture is focused on selected aspects of Medieval Europe. Each lecture focuses on a specific topic from political, economic, social and cultural history.

Introduction to History of the Czech Lands from the Middle Ages to the 1st half of the 19th Century

KPVHA/IHCLM

Credits: 6 ECTS

The course is determined especially for students who have only basic information about history of the Czech Lands from the Early Middle Ages to the 1st half of the 19th century. Each lecture is focused on some part of Czech history: its political, economic, and cultural development. We'll aim our attention to the eminent personages of Czech history (e.g. rulers, thinkers, writers, architects, painters, scientists), too.

Introduction to International Relations

KP/IIR

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course aims to provide basic introduction into a history of International Relation (IR) as a scientific discipline, and to describe key terms, approaches and theories of IR with an additional focus to European integration. Moreover, course also focuses on an issue of security and Security Studies, armament and disarmament, or on international organizations with a particular emphasis on UN.

Philosophy and Natural Sciences

KFSV/KPHIN

Credits: 6 ECTS

1. Biology, Science and Philosophy. A schism between science and humanities.
2. Charles Darwin: a biologist and a natural philosopher. Evolutionary theory. Natural and sexual selection.
3. Neo-Darwinism: a current (but overthrown) theory about the origin and purpose of living creatures.
4. Aesthetics of living nature: a main challenge for neo-Darwinism.
5. Problematics of colouration, mimicry and aesthetical structures. Darwin, Hingston and Portmann.
6. The history of biological theories and their testability.
7. A birth of modern science. Galileo and Descartes.
8. Goethean natural science. Are we capable of thinking into animals?
9. Adolf Portmann and his Czech followers.
10. Umwelt, classical ethology and biosemiotics.



Introduction to Political Science

KP/IPP

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course is designed to provide an overview of political science and help students to understand the basic mechanisms of the political process, its actors and the institutional framework. Moreover, they will learn about the issues and questions studied by political science. Participating on the course will help the students to get the idea of the background of current political debates. They will also learn about changing trends that are challenging today's policy processes. The above should lead to students being able to orientate in political discussions on various policy issues.

Introduction Seminar to Political Science

KP/PSSEM

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the very basics of scientific work related to the discipline of political science. The course focuses mainly on the acquisition of basic knowledge and skills necessary for writing an academic text and presenting various papers thematically related to political science. The seminars emphasize active involvement of the students. Students submit regular assignments, take active part in the course and discuss compulsory readings.

Labour Relations and Discrimination

KSOC/ELRD

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course provides an introduction to labour relations and discrimination issues. Students will gain an understanding of protection against discrimination afforded by the British law as well as by the relevant legal regulations from other European countries. More specifically, it will focus on issues relating to the law on wages, working time, issues of collective representation and collective bargaining, arguments against worker participation and in favour of worker participation, freedom of association and rights of employers, discrimination against trade unionists, compulsory trade union membership, etc. Special attention will be paid to arguments against legal intervention into employment issues and arguments which might support the importance of laws for antidiscrimination mechanisms at the labour market.

Latin American Politics

KP/LATAP

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course is designed as a comprehensive introduction to the analysis of Latin American political, social, and economic processes and institutions. The main objective of this course is to foster a greater understanding of the region's realities with emphasis on Andean states such as Peru and Bolivia. Thus, the course aims at providing students with the historical and contemporary information required for understanding of the evolution and current features of the development in Latin America.

Migration: The refugee in Sub-Saharan Africa

KP/MIRAF

Credits: 6 ECTS

The course is a comprehensive introduction to Migration and refugee problems in Sub-Saharan Africa. The aim of the course is to understand the dynamics, causes, and effects of refugee migration in the Sub-Saharan Africa. The thematic objectives of this courses are stratigraphically structured on the expositions of: the current dynamics of refugee's and rethinking a durable solution of curbing refugee migrations problems in Sub-Saharan Africa. In the end, students should have good knowledge and analytical abilities in contextualizing and proffering solutions to sub-Sharan refugee migration problems.

Political System of the Czech Republic

HIU/EPSCR

Credits: 6 ECTS

The course is structured as an introduction to modern Czech politics. In its first half, the course covers the cultural roots of Czech politics in the Middle Ages, the Early Modern Period, and the Enlightenment Era. It moves on to describe the birth of mass politics during the Habsburg Empire and the transformations of Czech and Czechoslovak politics during the 20th century. The second half is focused on the contemporary era and the politics of the independent Czech Republic. The course will be closed with an excursion to Czech government offices in Prague. Apart from reading the literature, students are required to attend all four lessons in Hradec Králové; attendance of the December excursion to Prague is non-compulsory. The final examination is oral and conducted in small groups of students (colloquium).



Modern History of Central Europe

1781–1914

HIU/ECEH1

Credits: 6 ECTS

The basic aim of the course is to analyze modern Czech history in the wider context of the history of Central Europe. The proposed course will guide the students through several processes of modernity (industrialization, urbanization, liberalism, civil society, and nationalism; modernity here basically equaling the traditional sociological definition of classical and "high" modernity (Giddens, 1990; or Bauman 1989)). Many themes (like early Czech nationalism and liberalism) will be closer to cultural or (in the case of modernization and emigration) social history. As a result, the course should help students to understand specific problems of Czech history national mythology and memory-making, the problem of elites and emigration, the main problem of Czechoslovakia and its existence, or relationship to Czech neighbors.

Nationalism in the Central Europe

HIU/ENATC

Credits: 5 ECTS

This course addresses the interrelationship between philosophy and history. We will study the cultural and philosophical tradition of the Central Europe that underlies ways of generating different political and cultural movements. Processes of political argumentation, theoretical critique, and the influence of other cultural divisions on the creation of modern nations are examined in relationship to contemporary philosophical approaches. Conceptualization of nation and national states will be explored through comparing and contrasting paradigms

Nonprofit Sector Law

USP/PANEZ

Credits: 3 ECTS

Students will deepen their knowledge about the development and situation of the nonprofit sector in the Czech Republic. They will obtain an orientation in the applied terminology, acquire the analytical work with sources and information about nonprofit sector, and practise the procedure of establishing a non-governmental nonprofit organization (NGO) as a part of the managerial competencies of a social worker.

Philosophy of Social Science

KFSV/FILSE

Credits: 6 ECTS

General Information: This course will be a survey of issues in the philosophy of the social sciences, with a focus on questions of reductionism, rational choice and game theory, causal modeling, evolution, and case studies.

Political History of Czechoslovakia

1918–1945

KP/PHC1

Credits: 4 ECTS

The aim of the course is the analysis of key events and accompanying political, socio-economic and cultural phenomena associated with the existence of Czechoslovakia in 1918-1939 and the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia in 1939-1945. Preference will be given to the analysis of problematic moments that differed from the development in the then Central Europe or are comparable with the present.

Political Parties and Party Systems

KP/PPPS

Credits: 7 ECTS

The course provides the students with basic orientation in the theory of political parties and party systems. First, the course focuses on political parties as individual institutions, with specific structure and hierarchy and involved in various processes. Following lectures focuses on explaining the emergence and formation of political parties in Europe in relation to various cleavages (social conflicts) with special attention to the transformation of these cleavages in the 20th and 21st century. Besides this, the course aims at introduction to diverse typologies of political parties as well as to typologies of party systems.

Political Systems of Central and East

Europe

KP/PSCEE

Credits: 6 ECTS

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the functioning of political systems in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The course is based on comparative politics



Political Systems of the USA and West European Countries 1

KP/PSWE1

Credits: 6 ECTS

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the functioning of democratic political systems in the countries of Western Europe and the USA and to focus on the main themes associated with Western European politics and American politics. In the beginning the course presents selected key aspects of political systems in a comparative perspective, incl. relevant classifications and typologies. Then the course focuses on the political systems of selected countries (USA, UK, France, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland - other countries will be covered by the course in next semester).

Portuguese for International Students 1

CJP/IPJ1

Credits: 3 ECTS

The seminar offers the European Portuguese language for beginners. The students will be able to understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases - introducing and describing themselves and others, speaking about daily routines, family and house. They will get to know the basic information about Portuguese speaking countries. The fee for students is 2 500 CZK (approx. 100 EUR). 50% of the fee will be returned to the student in case of 80% participation in the course (2 absences allowed). For payment instructions please visit the International Office.

Social Economy

USP/PASEK

Credits: 5 ECTS

Students are going to acquire orientation in economic issues at macro and micro level. They will learn the basic principles of economic way of thinking, which will help them to understand the economic and social processes that are going on in society. They will understand the importance and potential position of social entrepreneurship in the processes of public benefit organizations (state-funded and non-profit). They will get to know the examples of social companies abroad and in the Czech Republic. They will learn to make and evaluate a business plan.

Pottery Technology for the Archaeologist

ARCH/QPOTE

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course maps basic variability of technological sequences of pottery manufacture in preindustrial societies. The overview is based on ethnographic, ethnoarchaeological, and archaeological evidence. All the basic steps in pottery manufacture are exposed: techniques of prospection of ceramic raw materials, preparation of pottery pastes, forming, surface treatments and decoration, drying and firing, and post-firing treatments. The course is intended for students of archaeology, thus special attention is paid to the possible archaeological evidence for pottery technology and to the methodology for identification of pottery technology based on archaeological ceramics. The introduction to the methodology covers all types of analytical techniques: macroscopic analysis, optical and other types of microscopy, instrumental techniques and experimental approach to study of pottery technology.

Research Methods in Political Science

KP/PSRM

Credits: 4 ECTS

Realization of a research should be preceded by a detailed proposal in which the researcher specifies what the research is about, what questions he/she is trying to answer, how he/she will proceed and why the research is relevant. In the course we will deal with basic philosophical and epistemological issues of the research in political science, the role of theory and literature in the research and the selection of research methods. Students will also learn about what the research project is, what its essentials are, what it serves and how and what specific research methods to choose. The theory will be demonstrated on practical examples so the students can see how each step is translated into the research process.

World Politics

KP/WOP

Credits: 6 ECTS

Course World Politics focuses mostly on actual issues in international politics and relations, especially in Non-European areas (i.e. Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Asia)



Society and Belonging in Africa

KP/SOBA

Credits: 5 ECTS

The seminar discusses the social and anthropological study of belonging and identities in Africa from a historical and (post)-colonial perspective and with a focus on South Africa. We primarily draw upon ethnographic methodologies and social science theories about African societies. Students will read about current social and class structures, gender relations and micro and macro politics. Our leading questions for the course are: what characterizes the relationships between current cultural practices, ethnicity and identity politics in Africa and how are social and linguistic identities entangled in the life of African people? We also examine how socio-economic, political and religious dynamics impact onto the construction of identities and social life in Africa more general. Throughout this course, students will learn theoretical concepts and methods to analyse how dynamics of belonging in Africa are constituted. Through extensive readings drawn from classic as well as contemporary scholarship, we will examine the entanglements of language, culture, territory and identity in studies of belonging.

Theory of Welfare State

USP/PATWS

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course starts with an analysis of the theoretical interpretations of the emergence and development of welfare state - the so called supply-side and demand-side theories. The subject examines the historical context of the emergence of welfare state from the perspective of major (political) ideologies of welfare. The contemporary relevant ideologies of welfare (social welfare) will be examined on the basis of the previously defined main characteristics of the ideology and the criteria of the ideology's significance. The teacher will go through traditional ideologies of welfare - liberalism, Marxism, and also late-modern ideologies of welfare - feminism, ideology of the Greens, and contemporary ideology of social democracy. All ideologies will be mentioned with regard to the interpretation of the emergence and current development of welfare state. Great attention will also be paid to the current situation of welfare state, i.e. the process of its modernization, flexibilization of labour, and other current development tendencies (recalibration, recomodification,?). All this is on the basis of the previous more thorough studies of the mutual relation between the market, State, and civil sector within the so-called triangle of affluence.

Sociology of Religion

KSOC/ASORE

Credits: 4 ECTS

What is religion and how can we study it? Is there a general decline in religiosity or is religious life in contemporary societies on its rise? The course provides an overview of possible answers to these questions from a sociological perspective. The students will be introduced to the historical context in which the discipline was established and its development. We shall discuss classic theories of the relationship between religion and society as well as new trends in the study of religions.

Film Seminar

KP/FILSE

Credits: 3 ECTS

Lectures on the history of sub-Saharan francophone cinematography. The course is divided into two parts: (1) European colonial short movies, which present the presence of colonizers in Africa in a positive light, short movies from European authors on the reality of colonized territories in Africa and the first sub-Saharan short movies about the cultural alienation caused by the presence of Europeans in Africa. (2) The focus shifts on sub-Saharan feature films and how do they reflect the African postcolonial reality. The main objective of the course is to understand core issues of this production (a contrast between tradition and modernity, rural and urban areas, a history of the Senegalese Tirailleurs, or a position of women in African societies). The course is organized as a seminar; each projection is thus followed by a section for comments and discussions.

Historical and Political Development of Modern China

KP/HIPOD

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course along with the students trace main paths of political, social and legal development of Chinese society from the start of the last Chinese dynasty in 1644 until the 2010s. Emphasis will be put on the detailed historical development of three consecutive eras. First, we will look at the dynastic era, where many structural features of today's China were firmly set in place. Then the focus of the course will move to the turbulent years of the Chinese republic (1912-1949). The last and most comprehensive part of the course will cover the rule of the Communist Party of China since 1949.



A woman with blonde hair, seen from behind, stands in a vast field of sunflowers. She is wearing a wide-brimmed straw hat with a large sunflower flower attached to the side. Her dress is sleeveless and features a vibrant, colorful pattern of sunflowers and other floral motifs in shades of red, orange, and yellow. She has her right hand raised to the top of her hat. The field of sunflowers stretches to the horizon under a bright, slightly cloudy sky. The overall mood is warm and summery.

SUMMER SEMESTER

February 7th – June 30th

Ancient Geek Democracy and its Legacy

KFSV/AGDAL

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course is focused on one of the most frequently evoked legacies of the Greek world - democratic form of political organization. What does it mean with respect to ancient Athens and how the Athenian form of political organization differs from modern democratic governments? Are we allowed to talk about the democracy if we consider the exclusion of women, foreigners and slaves? Are there any apparent analogies between ancient and modern democracy, e.g. slavery, exclusion of women etc.? These questions and similar ones are going to be both raised and answered in this course.

Arabic Language 2

CJP/ARB2

Credits: 3 ECTS

Students will become acquainted with five basic language skills, such as (listening-reading-writing academic vocabulary and grammar all in level 2.

GRAMMAR: The imperative, The simple present tense with all pronouns, The simple past tense with all pronouns, The subject, The object, The actual sentences, The noun phrases, The conjunctions

Conceptualization of Totalitarian Regime

KSOC/ECTR

Credits: 4 ECTS

The aim of the course is to explain the nature of totalitarianism and other nondemocratic regimes, e.g. insufficient division of powers among executive, judicial and legislative branches. Special attention will be attributed to the most important features of totalitarian regimes: lack of economic, social and political pluralism, monopoly of the dominant political party, the importance of teleological ideology, compulsory participation in state organizations. Various conceptualizations of democratic and nondemocratic regimes will be clarified by critical assessment of selected authors; Hannah Arendt, Raymond Aron, Robert Alan Dahl, Juan Linz, George Orwell, Alfred Stepan, Václav Havel, etc. The distinct theoretical reflections on nondemocratic regimes will be applied to various cases of past and current nondemocratic political regimes all around the globe.

Central European Cultural History

HIU/ECULH

Credits: 5 ECTS

The subject encompasses an overview of Central European cultural history since the late-18th century. The main attention is paid to architecture and the fine-arts as conveyors of the general concepts as well as in literature, philosophy, music. Problems are demonstrated at the background of the sociopolitical situation, chiefly linked to the ideology of the particular period.

Central European History since 1918

HIU/ECEH2

Credits: 7 ECTS

Students will be introduced to the history of Central Europe after 1918, presented in the context of historical developments in a number of Central European countries. The structure of lectures is oriented towards the internal developments of various regimes, as reflected in political, economic and social history. Special attention will be given to totalitarian ideologies such as nazism, fascism and communism, and their conflict with mainstream politics. Social and cultural history of the region will be emphasized as well.

Conversation in English

CJP/COENG

Credits: 3 ECTS

To prepare students for internship at foreign universities. Serious interest in employing acquired skills and knowledge for internship at foreign universities.

Regular attendance at seminars

Carry out all duties

Pass credit examination

- intership arrangements
- professional CV
- application letter for mobility
- interview based on personal motivation
- application filling
- travelling
- booking tickets
- booking flights
- searching for accommodation
- proper stay at university campus
- Academic English
- Academic reading
- Resumé

Czech for International Students I

CJP/CJ1

Credits: 6 ECTS

The seminar focuses on teaching the Czech language to foreign students. The aim of the course is to introduce students to the Czech language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. Great attention will be paid to conversational exercises. The first semester is focused on the beginner's studies and ability in grasping and grappling with the Czech Language.

Czech for International Students II

CJP/CJ2

Credits: 6 ECTS

The seminar focuses on teaching the Czech language to foreign students. The aim of the course is to continue introducing students to the Czech language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. Great attention will be paid to conversational exercises. The second semester builds on the lessons of the first semester.

Ethnicity and Race in Africa

(and beyond)

KP/ERAF

Credits: 5 ECTS

This interdisciplinary module leads students to explore the colonial processes through which human populations have been categorized as ethnic and racial groups, and the political, historical, social, linguistic and cultural effects of this constitution. Students develop critical and comparative thinking skills about the ways in which ethnicity and race are constructed in and beyond Africa. Against the background of the 'Scramble for Africa' students are trained to develop critical perspectives of the colonial construction of the "native". The course will expose students to classic and contemporary readings and focus on the lived reality of African people in diverse countries on the continent and in the diaspora. The relationship between power, ethnic and racial identity politics, and the construction of boundaries in the creation of difference between social groups is a focus of the course. Decolonisation, both in its historical and contemporary meaning will be discussed. We will question assumptions about Africa as a site of primordial ethnicity and students will learn how recent scholarship on race is reshaping the research field of African Studies.

Czechoslovak Political

History after 1945

KP/PHC2

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course focuses on the analysis of key events and accompanying political, socio-economic and cultural phenomena associated with the existence of Czechoslovakia in 1945-1993. Preference will be given to the analysis of problematic moments that differed from the developments in the then Soviet bloc. Emphasis will be placed on illuminating the nature of the communist manor in its individual phases.

Economic Transformation of the Central

Europe

HIU/ETOCE

Credits: 5 ECTS

This subject deals with an issue of economic transformation of the Central European countries that means of the countries of the Visegrad Four. Specifically, these countries are Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary. The first part of this subject is focused on the necessary economic background, where the students will learn basic economic terms and indicators (unemployment, inflation, GDP etc.). Next part of the subject is focused on characteristics of the transformation process in abovementioned countries; followed by the analysis of the economic analysis of the countries aforementioned.. This analysis contains the development of basic economic indicators in these countries before the transformation and after the transformation.

International Relations

KP/INRE

Credits: 6 ECTS

Basic goal of the course is to present key periods and turning points in the development of international relations. The goal is not only to describe the unfolding of international relations events, but also to utilize previously acquired knowledge of international relations theory. Historical development of international relations will therefore serve as an empirical basis for showing key theoretical concepts in international relations, such as power politics, alliance theory, working of balance of power, asymmetrical interdependence, economic globalization etc



Elections and Electoral Systems

KP/EES

Credits: 7 ECTS

The course focuses on the issue of electoral systems and its analysis. Apart from theoretical aspects, the participant of the course will also learn methods of analysis of electoral systems, their classifications, the impact of electoral systems on the electorate and on the party system. The workshop part of the course is dedicated to hands-on analyses of selected electoral systems carried out by course participants.

Experimental Archaeology

ARCH/QEXAR

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course is aimed at understanding the basic principles of experimental methods and defining their specifics when applied within archeology. The principles of designing experimental projects will be explained in detail. Students will then prepare their own proposals of experimental projects and present them during the seminars.

Institutions and Politics of EU

KP/EUIP

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of this course is to provide basic information on the institutional framework of the European Union and selected policies. The first part of the course will focus on the EU institutional framework, different theories and conceptualizations of the European Union as a political system and on the basic institutions (such as Commission, EU Parliament) that make up the European Union. The second part of the course focuses on selected EU policies (e.g. foreign and security policy, single market, economic and monetary policy, etc.). For each policy we will focus on their emergence, development and current state, including related current policy discussions. Completing this course, students should gain insight into the functioning of the European Union, including topics and agendas falling within the EU's sphere of competence.

European History After 1918

KP/HISE2

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course aims to develop an understanding of the major trends in the political development of the European states and societies in the period since the 1918.

Introduction to Post-Colonial Theories and Literatures – Francophone

Perspectives

KP/FRAPE

Credits: 3 ECTS

"Post" in the term post-colonial represents both the period after the colonization and the opportunities for resistance against the colonialism, its policy and ideology, as well as the contemporary forms of supremacy and subjugation. The aim of this course is to explain the political, cultural and language problems stirred up by the European colonization and its legacy. The course deals with theoretical work of authors, who represent the post-colonial theory (Césaire, Fanon, Saíd, Spivak, Mbembe, Bhabha, Thiong'o or Jameson) and analysis of French and francophone literature (mostly from African and Caribbean authors). It helps the students to see the literature from the perspective of power relations among individuals, languages and cultures, and to highlight the stylistic and thematic characteristics of novels written by authors from former French colonies or overseas departments (relation to French language, exclusion/inclusion, feeling of affilia...).

Just War

KFSV/FJUST

Credits: 6 ECTS

Despite all the horrors of warfare in the history, most of us believe, that there is such a thing as a morally justified war. This course will develop this belief by studying ethical issues connected with the philosophical concept of the Just War Tradition. We will begin by examining two important schools of thought which object to the very idea of just war: pacifism and realism. In following sessions, we will consider the thoughts of various thinkers through the ages and examine their answers to the question "can war ever be just"? Given that in recent years the Just War Tradition has been facing new challenges we will also discuss current issues and ethical dilemmas that are associated to it (terrorism, humanitarian intervention etc.).



John Rawls and Theory of Welfare

State

USP/PARAW

Credits: 3 ECTS

The aim of the course is to approach the concept of welfare state in the work of John Rawls, to present the connection between his concept of justice with the development of social contract theories (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau) and the critique that Rawls's concept evoked (communitarianism vs liberalism).

Management in Social Work

USP/PAMAN

Credits: 5 ECTS

The subject provides students with better orientation in the area of management of the non-profit organizations that deal with social work. It deals with the characteristics of non-profit sector's individual entities, personnel management of manager's personality, provided services, obtaining of financial resources, marketing, and also modern trends in management. It's based on the knowledge of human resources, psychology, law, economics, and other subjects.

The Politics of Language

KP/POLA

Credits: 5 ECTS

This module introduces students to major scholarship on the politics of language which includes historical, cultural and linguistic issues. We will consider a broad inter- and transdisciplinary body of research from a global perspective. The relationship between language and culture, identity politics, as well as power dynamics of inclusion and exclusion, social class stratification, ethnicity, race, and gender will be considered. We focus on the politics of English as a global language and academic lingua franca and its ambiguous role in the ex-British colonies. Theories and methodologies of language planning and policy will be examined, and students will have a chance to develop critical thinking skills. Some texts will focus on theoretical aspects while others will be rich in empirical data or cultural content. One of the primary goals of this course is to encourage students to engage in analytical thinking, to personally reflect on their individual language histories and challenges and to work on an empirical research question of value for their postgraduate studies.

Mediation

USP/PAMED

Credits: 3 ECTS

Note: This course is supposed ONLY for students of Social Work and closely related study fields!

1. Conflicts and disputes
2. Mediation
3. Principles of mediation
4. Stages of mediation
5. Principles of constructive negotiations, ways of dealing with clients
6. Family mediation
7. Mediation in criminal law
8. Approaches in mediation, mediation styles
9. Practice of model situations focused on acquiring the basic skills of a mediator

Political Geography of Central Europe

HIU/EPOGC

Credits: 5 ECTS

Note: Students of this course cannot be enrolled to the course Political Geography (KP/POGE) at the same time.

This course provides an understanding of the theory, basic concepts, methods and practices of political geography and their application to the region of Central Europe. This course focuses on the geographical factors that fundamentally influence political processes in the given area and introduces students to the regional and international relations of Central Europe. The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the close relationship between territoriality and politics, the specifics of the historical and political development of Central European countries, definitions and geographical characteristics of the Central European area. Students should be able to analyze geopolitical position of the region and its changes in the context of the international situation and to discuss current issues of international affairs in their Central European dimension (e. g. integration, migration, demographic trends etc.).

German for International Students 2

CJP/INJ2

Credits: 3 ECTS

This course is a continuation of German for International Students 1 from winter semester. Detailed annotation tba



Methodological Aspects of Research in Central Europe

HIU/EMETH

Credits: 5 ECTS

Central Europe is a very specific concept that has been variously changed in the course of European history. The course is based on the explanation of different methodological approaches to Central Europe. It will be also focused on important concepts, ideas and phenomena that formed the region and its self-determination as nationalism, political ideologies, visions of the future commemoration etc. The main goal of the course is to show the complementarity of different methodological approaches as well as to provide a historical introduction to the concept of Central Europe

Methods in Comparative Politics

KP/MCPO

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of the course is to introduce the main research methods in comparative political science. The course is divided into three logically interconnected parts. The first part presents the main concepts necessary to master the research process and generally deals with the issue of methodology in political science. The second part of the course deals with selected methods of qualitative research (case studies, comparative methods). In the last part, students will be introduced to the basic operations of descriptive statistical analysis.

Modern Quantitative Methods and Shape Analysis in Archaeology

ARCH/QJWMM

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of the course is to apprehend to quantitatively express and process the information about the shape of archaeological artefacts. Students will be familiarised with the traditional and modern geometric morphometrics methods (2D/3D landmark analysis, analyses of open or closed contours, etc.). An essential part of the course will be devoted to the recent shape acquisition techniques (3D scanning, photogrammetry, etc.), followed the statistical treatment of the morphometric data. At the end of the course, students should be able to choose an appropriate method to solve variety of archaeological questions concerning various artefact productions (stone, ceramic, metal), dated to diverse chronological periods.

Movimientos sociales en América Latina

KP/MSOLA

Credits: 6 ECTS

Este curso aborda el tema de los movimientos sociales en América Latina y consiste en dos partes básicas. La primera parte presentará diferentes perspectivas teóricas respecto a los movimientos sociales y su definición. En la segunda parte se expondrán los casos empíricos de los movimientos sociales en América Latina. En este sentido se analizará su trayectoria mediante los conceptos introducidos en la primera parte. La parte integral del curso será el tema de la protesta callejera (política y social) como la estrategia primordial, aunque no única, de los movimientos sociales. En este conjunto se presentarán varios ejemplos de las movilizaciones sociales, los reclamos principales de los movimientos y sobre todo resultados de sus actividades con el fin de llegar a entender mejor las condiciones que facilitan o al contrario obstaculizan no sólo los cambios fundamentales aspirados por el movimiento sino también su mantenimiento y supervivencia en el tiempo.

Post-Classical Archaeology 5th–8th Centuries

ARCH/QPGPC

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course aims at providing the students with an overview of the material traces of the deep cultural and socio-economic transformations occurred in Western European landscapes between the disarticulation of the Roman empire and the rising of the Carolingian one. In order to do so, selected examples of archaeological remains from public and private, religious and secular spaces and buildings in France, Italy, Spain and the neighboring regions will be presented and discussed. Special attention will be devoted to overarching topics, supra-regional phenomena and to the connections between the Mediterranean basin and Central Europe.

By the end of the course, students are expected to be familiar with the main archaeological sites and features of the 5th-8th centuries, to have a good knowledge of the current research problems and to be aware of a number of transdisciplinary approaches to complex issues.



Modern and Contemporary Political Thought

KP/MCPT

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course is an introduction to the development of Western political thought since early modern times. After elucidating the importance of renaissance political theory and the impact of reformation, we will deal the key thinkers in the most important philosophical traditions, such as liberalism, socialism, conservatism, democratic theory etc. Through the analysis of thinkers like Kant, Hobbes, Locke, De Tocqueville, Marx or Rawls, we will cover the most important normative debates related to politics.

Non-State Armed Groups in Africa

KP/AGRAF

Credits: 6 ECTS

The course will enhance the understanding of Non-state armed groups in Africa. It is structured to explore themes such as, the factors responsible for self-help by groups, Ethnic insurgencies & militancy (case studies), Demobilization Disarmament rehabilitation and reintegration (DDR) and Negotiating peace agreements. The course will be part lecture and seminar. Participant are expected to explore a number of topic assigned to them through readings, classroom discussions and lectures. The overview of cause and consequences of non-state armed group will be critically examined based on historical and current dynamics.

Political Ideologies and Central Europe

HIU/EPOLI

Credits: 6 ECTS

Lectures on Political Ideologies and Central Europe focus on the history of political ideologies while the seminar lectures concentrate on the transition from the system of one party and its ideology (MarxismLeninism) to a competitive environment of democratic pluralism and the reconstitution of this environment. The special character of the transitional and post-transitional period challenges ordinary people with their mental framework as well as political scientists. Currently, we observe a certain inclination to authoritarianism in Central European States which has many intrinsic causes and some external ones. These inclinations are naturally accompanied by a proliferation of ideologies, on which we will also concentrate

Political Geography

KP/POGE

Credits: 5 ECTS

Note: Students of this course cannot be enrolled to the course Political Geography of Central Europe (HIU/EPOGC) at the same time. This course provides an understanding of the theory, basic concepts, methods and practices of political geography and their application to the selected regions. This course focuses on the geographical factors that fundamentally influence political processes in the given areas and introduces students to the regional and international geopolitics. The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the close relationship between territoriality and politics. Students should be able to analyze geopolitical position of the selected regions and its changes in the context of the international situation and to discuss current issues of international affairs related to geography (e. g. integration, migration, demographic trends, conflicts etc.).

Theory of Public Policy

USP/PATEV

Credits: 3 ECTS

The emphasis is placed on the processual side of the public policy dynamics (with a focus on the fields of Welfare State and social policies). The subject focuses on the processes of decision-making and implementation of public policy (social programs, or social policies), and on the approaches towards their analysis. The trends towards the so-called New Public Management and the changes in the ways of governing (governance) will also be mentioned. As to the analysis of the creation and implementation of policy, the subject focuses on the rationalism and incrementalism in the formation of public policy and on the vertical and horizontal dimensions of policy making - it mentions the approaches towards the creation and analysis of the top-down policy and the bottom-up policy.

Political Systems of the USA and West European Countries 2

KP/PSWE2

Credits: 6 ECTS

The course immediately follows the pre-requisite course KP/PSWE1, which takes place in the winter semester. It therefore has similar goals. It deals with the political and party systems of those countries that were not included in the previous semester.

Political System of the Czech Republic

KP/PSCZ

Credits: 5 ECTS

Students will learn the basic information and characteristics of the Czech political system, including the political systems in the territory of today's Czech Republic, which preceded the present system. The course is divided into three parts. The first will focus on the political systems of Czechoslovakia from 1918 to 1989, the transition to democracy in Czechoslovakia, the political situation in the 1992 elections and the causes and mechanism of the division of Czechoslovakia. The second part focuses on the interpretation of the constitutional system, the issue of the division and control of power and the institutional anchoring of the system. In the third part the students will get acquainted with the selected public policies of the Czech Republic, the development of the party system and the main political events of the Czech policy of the 1990s and the development of civil society in the Czech Republic.

Portuguese for International

Students 2

CJP/IPJ2

Credits: 3 ECTS

The seminar offers the European Portuguese language for beginners 2. The students will be able to understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases - introducing and describing themselves and others, speaking about daily routines, family and house. They will get to know the basic information about Portuguese speaking countries. The fee for students is 2 500 CZK (approx. 100 EUR). 50% of the fee will be returned to the student in case of 80% participation in the course (2 absences allowed). For payment instructions please visit the International Office.

Sociology of Religion

KSOC/ASORE

Credits: 4 ECTS

What is religion and how can we study it? Is there a general decline in religiosity or is religious life in contemporary societies on its rise? The course provides an overview of possible answers to these questions from a sociological perspective. The students will be introduced to the historical context in which the discipline was established and its development. We shall discuss classic theories of the relationship between religion and society as well as new trends in the study of religions

Reflections on Totalitarianism

KFSV/REFTO

Credits: 6 ECTS

Nazism and Stalinism represent the most tragic period of modern European history. This course is devoted to the philosophical and literary reflection of these two historical phenomena. How was total dominion over the human enabled? What was the experience of those living under totalitarian or posttotalitarian rule? Were there any differences between Nazi and Stalinist regimes? We will seek the answers to these and similar questions together with great thinkers and authors such as Hannah Arendt, Timothy Snyder, Václav Havel and Milan Kundera. 80 % attendance to the seminary and a 4-8 page paper are mandatory requirements for receiving course credit.

The Hussite Bohemia in the European Context

HIU/AAHUS

Credits: 6 ECTS

The course focuses on the Hussite period, which is perceived not only as one of the key periods of Czech history, but as a European uniqueness, as a reformation before the Reformation and the revolution before the Revolutions. The topic is presented in the form of discussions on the professional texts of Czech and foreign historians from the religious, social, economic, political and cultural levels. Bohemia is continuously compared with the situation in other European countries. The interpretation is further complemented by pictorial demonstrations, map work and the introduction of key sources translated into English language.

Theories of Political Science

KP/POLTH

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course provides an understanding of the basic concepts and theories in political science. It focuses on the fundamental theories such as Systems Analysis, Pluralism, Polyarchy, Corporativism, Consensus Democracy, theories of Democratic Transition and Hybrid Regimes etc.

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the core of the given theories and their application to practice. Students should be able to understand real political processes in the context of the theoretical framework and to discuss current issues of international politics.



The Role of Women in Resistance to Totalitarian and Post–Totalitarian Regimes in East and Central Europe

KSOC/ERWR

Credits: 4 ECTS

A deeper and more thorough understanding of anti-regime resistance in the former East and Central European totalitarian and post-totalitarian regimes is gained by highlighting participation of women in individual national systems. At the start, the forms of gender stereotyping characteristic to teleological communist ideology will be compared to everyday practices of real socialist systems. Subsequently, national variations of women's role in cultural and political protest will be presented in the form of individual case studies of prominent intellectuals and activists: e.g. the Soviet case through the contributions of human rights activist Yelena Bonner, the Romanian case through the activities of human rights activist Doina Cornea, or the Czech case by the experiences of human rights activist Anna Šabatová.

United States from Revolution to the Civil War

HIU/AAUSA

Credits: 6 ECTS

The goal of this course is to make students understand the evolution of the United States from the early republic to a deeply divided nation and the back to (mental as well as political) reunification. To follow this goal, the course will generally focus on three main areas of concern: the growing rift in American society as well as national identity leading to war; the war itself, war experience, and possible interpretations of the outcome in later historical writings; and, finally, on the immediate (the Lost Cause) as well as long-term (?Modern War?) memory of the war analyzed on some of its specific aspects. To reach this goal, students are required to be prepared for each class through required readings. All the texts will be, with certain exceptions, available online.